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### Learn Italian

**I don't speak Italian.**  
*Non parlo italiano.*  
*non par-lo-ee-ta-ly-a-no*

**Do you speak English?**  
*Parla/Parli inglese? (formal/inf.)*  
*par-la/par-lee een-gle-ze*

**Can I take a photograph?**  
*Posso fare una foto?*  
*po-so fa-re oo-na fo-to*

**Where is the bathroom?**  
*Dov'è il bagno?*  
*do-vay eel ban-yo*

## Chief of staff cites Russia as No. 1 threat

By **J.D. Leipold**  
 Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** -- Russia should be considered the No. 1 threat to the United States for two reasons, its capability and its intent, said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley.

"In terms of capability, Russia is the only country on earth that has the capability to destroy the United States of America," Milley said here at the Defense One Summit, Nov. 2.

"It's an existential threat by definition because of their nuclear capabilities. Other countries have nuclear weapons, but none as many as Russia and none have the capability to literally destroy the United States."

Milley noted that while neither he nor anyone else knows what Russia's true intent is, his best guess at intent is based on behavior over the last few years-- a re-organized military, increased capabilities and aggressive foreign policy.

"The situation with Russia is serious and growing more serious," he said. "I see Russia as aggressive, not just assertive."

"I would say, Russia's recent behavior is adversarial to the interest of the United States," Milley said, adding that the United States and its allies have to approach Russia with a strength and balance approach.

"So, we want on the one hand to maintain strength in order to deter further Russian aggression and we need to stand firm where that aggression manifests it-



U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley and FOX News national security correspondent Jennifer Griffin engage in a discussion about setting Army priorities to manage ground threats during the Defense One Summit in Washington, D.C., Nov. 2. (U.S. Army photo)

self, hence things like sanctions and what NATO is doing right now," he said.

"On the flip side, you don't want to shut them off completely, so we have our hands outreached where you have common interests ... so it's not a zero and one calculation ... there's more nuance than that."

U.S. Army Europe Commander Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges said that he, too, would like to see the Russians back at the bargaining table and in the international community.

Meanwhile, the United States and the European Union continue to demonstrate the collective security of NATO through ongoing military exercises called Opera-

tion Atlantic Resolve, which began when Russia went into Ukraine. Hodges said the objective is deterrence. Units participate for about three months in the non-stop Atlantic Resolve rotations, which are multinational in scope.

Last week, Milley returned to Europe and met with the chiefs of the European armies and followed up with a trip to Ukraine.

"The Ukrainian desires continued military support by the United States and continued political and economic support," Milley said. "They're a proud people; they've been sovereign for 25 years

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## Ederle public works prunes trees to ensure safety of community

By **Laura Kreider**  
 USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**VICENZA** -- The fall season is usually considered appropriate for all the operations involving pruning and trimming trees and plants.

Taking advantage of the beginning of the dormant season, all pine trees were pruned on Caserma Ederle's Olson Avenue, and the project wraps up today.

The project may have caused a few inconveniences for road traffic and parking accessibility but was necessary to prevent future weather-related issues. In fact, starting in fall, but especially during wintertime, natural agents such as wind, heavy rain or, eventually, snow may cause damage to the trees.

"During this past summer, in central Italy, thousands of this type of tree had issues even when the wind storms were not as strong as tornados," said Roberto Segato, chief of Building and Grounds of the Directorate of Public Works.

"The shape of pine trees as 'umbrella inside out' exposes them easily to the ravages of the snow and wind sail effect. The pine trees live in sandy ground and their roots are not as deep as other types of trees, and make them vulnerable," he continued.

Because of safety, the decision was made to start pruning at the beginning of

November. Nine employees worked on the 64 trees that flank Olson Avenue for approximately two weeks.

The last time DPW accomplished this operation was nine years ago, said Segato.

"The cleaning and trimming preserves them also from plant diseases that may put at risk the tree itself," added Segato.

Employees of the DPW Environmental and Entomology section helped with the big project.

"It was a cooperative effort; we all worked together to achieve a good result," DPW entomologist Davide Donà said, while checking one of trees along with his co-worker Giacomo Toniolo.

"Working on this operation had several goals. One was to prevent that probable snowing could break branches that were already broken and, potentially, the falling of the tree," said Franco Lidron, DPW entomologist. "It also helped reduce tree volume and unwanted branches that give to the plant a wrong shape," he continued.

By removing some lower branches and crown's reduction pruning, the trees will benefit and look well proportioned.

Additionally, the reduced quantity of dry branches is a long-term goal because during summertime it will reduce issues of fire hazard, said Lidron.

## Postal centers switch to online customs forms

By **Aaron P. Talley**  
 USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**VICENZA** -- The United States Postal Service is implementing a new online-only customs form for mailing packages that will soon replace the handwritten form customers are currently using, according to the Vicenza Post Office.

Vicenza Postmaster Lonnie L. Heuer says the change will speed up the process for all packages mailed from Italy postal service centers.

"The new customs form allows faster processing at the Postal Finance Counter and mitigates addressing mistakes through verification by USPS," Heuer said.

Customers can continue to use the older forms, but are encouraged to start using the new forms now. Heuer says the date for the change-over hasn't been set yet, but it's good for customers to get used to the new process.

The new online form can be found on the USPS website.

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## Garrison commander: Maintain vigilance

**VICENZA** -- On the night of November 13 and early the next morning, terrorists attacked groups of civilians in multiple locations in Paris. As our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the people of France, I want to reiterate to community members to be extra vigilant as you are out and about in Italy, whether it's traveling to other countries or just going to the local mall or outdoor market.

Although U.S. citizens were not specifically targeted in the terrorist attacks in France, travelers should remain vigilant.

Immediately report unattended packages observed in public places, or any other suspicious activities, to law enforcement authorities. Authorities are proactive and will respond immediately.

If there is a security incident or suspicious package, do not linger in the area to observe.

We strongly recommend that U.S. cit-

izens travelling or residing in Italy enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

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**118**

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National Native American Heritage Month 2015

"Growing Native Leaders: Enhancing Seven Generations"

November 2015

Throughout the Army's 240 year history, Native Americans have served valiantly and with distinction in times of peace and war, while fighting for the right to be an equal part of our Nation. During Native American Heritage Month, we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of this country's original inhabitants, explorers and settlers.

Native Americans have a distinguished legacy of service in the Army. From the early days of the Revolutionary War to today, thousands have served in critical positions, including as guides with the Lewis and Clark expedition, as Scouts with the U.S. Cavalry and as Code Talkers in World War II. Notably, 27 Native Americans have earned the Medal of Honor for their courage and devotion to our Nation. This legacy of distinguished service continues today as Native Americans serve with honor and distinction around the world.

The Army is proud of the lasting contributions Native Americans continue to make as Soldiers, Civilians, Veterans and Family members in professions that will benefit the Nation and the Army for many years to come. Army Strong!

Daniel A. Dailey  
Sergeant Major of the Army

Mark A. Milley  
General, United States Army  
Chief of Staff

John M. McHugh  
Secretary of the Army

## Like to sing in the shower? US Army Europe chorus is looking for you

Join the chorus! The U.S. Army Europe Soldiers' Chorus is looking for extraordinarily talented soldiers with the ability to sing and dance, or play a musical instrument, to join this exciting group.

During this two-year special duty assignment, Soldiers will travel throughout Europe as a musical ambassador to thousands of Soldiers as well as civilians.

The chorus is looking for vocalists; instrumentalists (guitar, bass, keyboard and drums); and sound technicians. Ten support-personnel positions are also available. Support personnel will be assigned from their

specified primary MOS as follows:

- Motor transport operator (88M): These Soldiers will operate commercial-style buses in many countries. They must possess a commercial driver's license (classes A, B, and C, with a passenger endorsement), international driver's license, and certificate of completion for the USAREUR Bus Driver Course. Soldiers must be at least 21 years old to obtain these licenses.

- Unit supply specialist (92Y)

- Human resource specialist (42A): two personnel, one staff sergeant and one specialist or above.

- Training noncommissioned officer
- Information management/security specialist (25B/D)

The United States Army Europe Soldiers' Chorus, under the direction of Cpt. Aaron Morris, is stationed at Sembach, Germany, and performs more than 150 times each year.

Soldiers (staff sergeant and below) on permanent assignment in Europe may schedule an audition with the chorus at DSN 549-9906 or from Facebook page [www.facebook.com/USAREURsoldierschorus](http://www.facebook.com/USAREURsoldierschorus).

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## Speak Out

### What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

By Laura Kreider & Chiara Mattiolo



**Nancy DeCaro**

Vicenza Elementary School

"Every year we go with our dear friends to stay at a farmhouse in Tuscany. This is our Italian-American Thanksgiving."



**Pvt. Rocco Pickerin**

Co. A, 173rd BEB

"I love to have dinner with my family and have prizes for kids."



**Robin Sampson**

Family member

"My favorite is having 'Asti' with dinner, as well as all the dishes such as green bean casserole that I don't normally make."



**Iban Gutierrez**

DES, Fire Department

"All families getting together. Grandma's house is traditionally where the feast is conducted, and the whole family gathers there."



**Marco Barcenas**

DeCA Livorno

"Eating and spending quality time with the family."



**Staff Sgt. Arthur Ricks**

Livorno Health Clinic

"Spending time with family, and loved ones eating together."

# Voices heard

## Soldiers allowed to wear black socks with PT uniform

WASHINGTON -- Soldiers are now authorized to wear either black or white socks with their Army physical fitness uniform.

Effective immediately, black socks can be worn with either the gray-black PT uniform or the new gold and black uniform.

Like white socks, the black socks must be plain with no logos. The socks can be calf-length or ankle-length, but must at least cover the entire anklebone, according to Sgt. Maj. Eva M. Commons, Army uniform policy sergeant major with G-1.

The new policy comes as a result of Soldiers requesting the change over the last several months, Commons said.

"The senior Army leaders will go out to various installations and receive questions from the field," Commons said. "... One of the ones brought back was the request to be authorized to wear black socks."

Army staff then examined the request, she said. The black



Black socks are now authorized for wear with both the Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (black and gold) and the traditional gray APFU. Here both uniforms can be seen in a U.S. Army Alaska formation as Soldiers participate in an Army Birthday Run on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, June 2015. (U.S. Army photo)

sock question was also placed into a uniform item survey completed in August by 18,588 Soldiers. Almost 67 percent of respondents, or 12,408, said black socks should be authorized.

Since black socks will be optional, there was no production requirement, no cost associated, and the logistical aspect was minimal. So this change was able to go through an abbrevi-

ated board process, Commons said, but added that all of the steps of the Uniform Board process were still completed before the change was considered by the Army chief of staff.

"We were able to get through all of the steps much more quickly and get it approved and get it implemented so Soldiers can start operating under this new guidance," she said.

The new guidance outlined in an Exception to Policy memorandum signed by Lt. Gen. James McConville, Army G-1, dated Nov. 5, 2015. That memo will serve as the authorization for Soldiers to wear black PT socks until DA Pam 670-1 is updated in a few months, Commons said.

Another change to the new DA Pam 670-1 will be the elimination of all reference to the dress green Army Service Uniform. Sept. 30, 2015, was the wear-out date for the green Class A jacket, she explained. All Soldiers should now have the blue ASU.

Other items in the recent uniform survey must go before the Uniform Board at Department of the Army before they can be implemented, Commons explained. The survey included questions about a wind-proof blue Eisenhower jacket, a single-style "campaign hat" for all drill sergeants, and a single-style ASU cap for all Soldiers.

A majority of Soldiers voted for the optional wind-proof Eisenhower jacket meant to be worn in the workplace. A total of 11,613 Soldiers, or 62.5 percent of respondents, were in favor of authorizing the Ike jacket to be worn in addition to the current black windbreaker.

In addition, 10,313 respondents, 55.4 percent, wanted the blue service cap to be the required headgear with ASUs for senior NCOs, officers and warrant officers, instead of the beret.

A representative sample of active-duty, National Guard and Army Reserve troops were asked to complete the survey.

## Civil Relief Act caps interest on pre-service debt

Interested in saving money on credit card or loan payments? Some Soldiers making payments on debt incurred before entering active-duty service may be entitled to a significant interest rate reduction.

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act sets a six percent interest rate limitation (including any fees or service charges) on debt a Soldier incurred, either individually or jointly with his/her spouse, prior to entering active duty.

The interest rate cap applies to all debts incurred prior to entry into active-duty service, including student loans, credit cards, mortgages and car loans, and remains in effect for the duration of a service member's active-duty service.

Interest in excess of six percent must be forgiven, not just merely postponed, and the amount of the monthly payment must be reduced to reflect the lower interest rate. In appreciation of military service, some lenders may go above and beyond SCRA requirements, volun-

tarily reducing interest rates below the six percent.

As an example of how much a person could save, consider a \$10,000 car loan at 18 percent interest payable over 60 months. The monthly payment on this loan would be \$253.93. If the interest rate were reduced to six percent, the monthly payment on the loan would drop to \$193.33, a savings of \$60.60 per month and \$3,636.00 over the course of the loan. As another example, consider \$75,000 in student loan debt payable over 20 years. The monthly payment on this loan at nine percent interest would be \$674.79, but at six percent would be \$537.32. This is a savings of \$33,000 over the life of the loan.

The SCRA does provide some recourse for creditors. If a Soldier's ability to pay an interest rate above six percent is not "materially affected" by the service obligation, the creditor can seek a waiver of the limitation. However, few creditors are willing to incur the necessary legal expenses to secure court approval of the

higher rate.

In order to take advantage of the interest rate reduction, service members must provide written notice to the creditor and a copy of the military orders bringing the Soldier on active duty. A letter containing the following information is sufficient: 1) account number, 2) start date of active-duty service, 3) a request for a reduction in interest rate pursuant to the SCRA, and 4) a copy of active-duty orders.

Anyone interested in pursuing this can also pick up a template for the letter at the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office. Once Soldiers provide proper notice, the creditor must retroactively reduce the interest rate to six percent for the entire period of active service.

For more information, contact the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office in Building 241 on Caserma Ederle at DSN 634-7041 or civilian 0444-71-7041.

(Legal Assistance Office)

### Happy birthday, USMC!



(Photo by Aaron P. Talley, USAG Italy PAO)

Retired Marine Brie Lehew cuts the ceremonial cake Nov. 10 on Caserma Ederle in commemoration of the United States Marine Corps 240th birthday. Tracy Bell, also retired from the USMC, organized the event. During the ceremony, the oldest and youngest Marines shared a piece of cake, and a special memorial to the "Missing Man" was observed.

### RUSSIA

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and they're determined to remain a free and independent country."

Turning to the Middle East, the chief said the issues were strategic and that the radical terrorism in its current form of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, doesn't lend itself to easy solutions and will probably be there for a while.

"The president has given us charge to go ahead and degrade, then destroy ISIS, and we're doing that," he said. "We're adjusting our strategies ... adjusting our tactical and operational approaches to achieve the strategic end state. The Middle East, specifically ISIS, is a problem that we're coming to grips with right now."

The chief summed up his thoughts saying that his main concern was Army readiness.

"None of us can see the future, so the readiness of the military is a fundamental concern and the greatest sin that I or any other general can commit is to send a Soldier, sailor, airman and Marine into combat and harm's way who is not well equipped, trained and ready," he said. "And, we want over-match ... we do not want a level playing field or a fair fight; we want it all in our favor."

#### Need military police assistance?

Call the Vicenza MP desk toll free, from anywhere in Italy.

0800-064-077

# Garrison welcomes Vietnam veterans, residents to special commemoration

VICENZA -- U.S. Army Garrison Italy will honor the duty and sacrifice of Vietnam War veterans in an upcoming special commemoration ceremony here.

The ceremony will take place Dec. 11, 2 p.m., at the post theater, and all members of the community are invited.

Part of a Presidential initiative, the event is designed to "welcome home" all Vietnam veterans around the world. USAG Italy's event will include any Vietnam veterans living in the area. There will be a speech, acknowledgment of participating veterans, and refreshments.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of U.S. servicemen and women returning from Vietnam. Because many American citizens opposed the war, the veterans did not receive such honors and glory from the American public that Soldiers enjoy today.

All Vietnam War veterans living in the area are specially invited and asked to spread the word about this event to other veterans who may not be affiliated with the military installation.

For more information, contact Willie Chandler, USAG Italy Retirement Services Officer, 0444-61-7491, or the USAG Italy Retiree Assistance Office, 0444-71-6459.



Maj. Dennis F. Williams and Master Sgt. Terry Gordon (second row, middle), Department of Plans, Transportation, Mobility and Security, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, joined local civilian and military officials at a ceremony marking Italian Armed Forces and Memorial Day in Vicenza Nov. 4. Italian Armed Forces Day is a day of national unity to commemorate the allied victory in World War I and to pay tribute to the Italian military, past and present.

(Photo by Anna Ciccotti, USAG Italy)

# CID warns of blackmail scams

QUANTICO, Va. -- For many, the words extortion and blackmail bring forth images of Hollywood movies, celebrities having illicit affairs and corporations trying to hide a wrongdoing. In today's world of Internet communications, Internet dating, and social networking, extortion and blackmail can happen to anyone who discusses, admits or posts a lapse in judgment or their personal or financial issues over the Internet.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command warns the Army community to be aware of Internet extortion and blackmail scams and report any instance where a Soldier, Army dependent, or Army civilian is or has been faced with threats involving the payment of money or other valuables.

Extortion and blackmail are crimes that have grave consequences for its victims, to include financial loss.

"In many instances, the situation begins when an unknowing victim is befriended by someone on the Internet, often as part of an online dating or social media site," said Daniel Andrews, director of CID's Computer Crime Investigative Unit.

CID officials said the best thing Soldiers, civilians and their family members can do is to try to prevent it from ever taking place. All are encouraged to be cautious with their online presence and what information they give to people they have met online or via email, and be vigilant when receiving calls from individuals posing as legitimate businesses.

If you receive a phone call or email you believe to be an extortion attempt, take the following measures:

- If the safety or wellbeing of someone is in imminent danger, contact local law enforcement immediately
- Do not reply to the email, click on any links, or open any attachments
- Report the email to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov)
- Report the email to your email and Internet service provider
- Move the email to your SPAM folder
- If contacted through social media, report the contact to the social media provider

Soldiers, Army civilians, and their family members who have been threatened with extortion should contact the installation Military Police or CID office.



The U.S. Army Garrison Italy honored an invitation from Mayor of Isola Vicentina Francesco Gonzo to mark the celebration of Italian Armed Forces Day and National Unity event Nov. 7. Cpt. Harrison Zabell, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison Italy, and 1st Sgt. Brad Lowrance, Directorate of Emergency Services, participated in commemorative ceremonies at the monuments of the Fallen Soldiers in four locations beginning at Isola Vicentina and concluding at Torreselle.

(Photo by Angelo Sibilla, USAG Italy)

# Conference addresses key issues

CASERMA EDERLE -- Voices were heard and issues addressed at the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Army Family Action Plan's fiscal year 2016 conference.

The conference, which took place at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle in late October, hosted 46 delegates, more than 15 observers, approximately 20 volunteers, and a wide range of subject-matter experts.

Twenty-seven community issues affecting quality of life for military families were submitted prior to the conference. At the conference, volunteers prioritized the issues, local issues were handled there, and Department of the Army issues were forwarded to the next level.

Three work groups were created: teen issues, force support, and family support.

The top two issues in the teen work group were the quality and price of haircuts and on-post medical care for Department of the Army civilians overseas. The top



Delegates and observers from Camp Darby tackle the issues at the Army Family Action Plan conference. (Courtesy photo)

two issues for the force support work group were financial support for OCONUS spouses and Behavioral Health staffing at the health clinic not meeting increasing need for services. The family support work group issues were lack of awareness of relocation resources and space-available travel for Gold Star dependents on AMC flights

to and from CONUS.

Both the Darby and Vicenza military communities were involved in the delegate body and volunteer staffing team.

Issues were out briefed and addressed at the November Info-X at the Arena.

Anyone interested in learning more can watch the recording of the live stream feed on the garrison website, [www.us-agvicenza.army.mil](http://www.us-agvicenza.army.mil).

(Army Community Service)

# Italian base command at Darby changes hands

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

**CAMP DARBY** -- The Darby Military Community, representatives of Vicenza Military Community, and major military and civilian authorities of Pisa and Livorno were on hand at the post gym here as Col. Pietro Ribezzo relinquished command of the Italian Base Command to Lt. Col. Renato Vaira Nov. 10.

Ribezzo is not only relinquishing command of the Livorno IBC after two years of service, but is also concluding his military career. Following a brief invocation from Maj. Samuel Cabrera, Camp Darby chaplain, Ribezzo shared his thoughts.

"Today's ceremony not only marks the relinquishing of the Darby command to Lt. Col. Vaira, it also signifies my exit from the scene of this amazing and challenging life adventure that began 38 years ago on Oct. 8, 1977, when I was accepted into the Military Academy in Modena," said Ribezzo. "I spent 31 years with the Folgore Brigade. This has been a long, beautiful and intense time, as well as an unforgettable and unrepeatable experience that truly welcomed me into a special brotherhood that will stay with me always."

Ribezzo expressed his thankfulness to the Darby community for accepting and welcoming him from the very beginning of his assignment as IBC commander. He concluded his speech with a thought to Vaira.

"To Lt. Col. Renato Vaira, my best wishes for success. I am sure this position will be a rewarding and satisfying command for him."

Gen. Giuseppe Adami, vice territory commander, also shared a few words. "Your presence at today's change of command ceremony gives solemnity to this



Col. Pietro Ribezzo, outgoing Italian base commander, pins the command grades on Lt. Col. Renato Vaira during the change of command ceremony held Nov. 10 at the Darby Military Community post gymnasium. In the Italian army, command grades are a special designation for a particular rank when an officer takes command, similar to a sergeant major in the U.S. Army versus a command sergeant major.

event and it is a tangible expression of the very good relationship of friendship and cooperation that exists here. It is founded on the mutual esteem, trust and respect that Col. Ribezzo has been able to create and nurture through his skillful and quality leadership of the Camp Darby Italian Base Command," Adami said.

The incoming commander attended 107th Officer

Cadet course at the Infantry School in Cesano di Roma, and started his career as commander of units within the 5th Paratroops Battalion "El Alamein" in Siena. Later, he held various positions within the Folgore Brigade and took part in multinational missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Timor Est, Kosovo and Bosnia. His previous assignment was as G6 with Folgore Brigade.

## Kicks for the community

Col. Steve Marks, U.S. Army Garrison Italy commander (foreground, in blue), played for the Vicenza Prefect's office team in a round-robin soccer tournament against representatives of the Vicenza Tribunal and Italian National Soccer Players Association Oct. 31. The event took place at the Vicenza stadium and supported the Pediatric Oncology department of local San Bortolo Hospital.

(Photo by Anna Ciccotti, USAG Italy)



## CUSTOMS

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Customers will enter all information about the package being mailed online and then print out the form to bring with them to the mailroom, Heuer said.

The new system will allow postal employees to scan the form, and all of the customer's information will automatically be entered into the system, Heuer added.

Heuer also recommends residents use the new system as they prepare to mail packages for the holidays. Mailing deadlines for 2015 are listed at the end of this article.

As for mistakes to look out for, Heuer says the biggest issues he sees are customers using incorrect addresses or using boxes with old labels that haven't been properly covered up. He says it's important to double-check your packages before you bring them in.

Finally, as packages from the states start arriving, he says it's important for residents to pick them up as soon as possible, to insure the CMR has room for the next day's shipment.

Even though the holidays can be a busy time, Heuer wants Vicenza residents

to know that every employee at the mail room is dedicated to getting all packages delivered as quickly as possible.

"Knowing that parcels delivered may contain a present from loved ones that will brighten their holiday makes it all worthwhile," Heuer said.

### 2015 Holiday Mailing Deadlines Europe to CONUS

SAM Parcels - Mail out no later than Nov. 25.

PAL Parcels - Mail out no later than Dec. 3.

Priority Parcels and First-Class letters - Mail out no later than Dec. 10.

The Italy postal service centers will have extended hours at the following locations to help get those packages and letters to you before Christmas:

**Caserma Ederle** - Saturdays from Nov. 28 to Dec. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 19 will be pick-up only.

**Del Din** - Dec. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., pick-up only.

**Camp Darby** - Dec. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., pick-up only.

**Tickets are on sale now for the annual Soldiers' Theatre holiday show!  
Call the box office today to reserve your seats: 634-7281.**

# Vicenza wins IMCOM-European soccer tourney

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

**VICENZA** -- It took only four games and eight players for the Vicenza CYSS soccer team to win the annual IMCOM-European Junior 7 vs. 7 Soccer Tournament.

Five teams including Ansbach, Aviano, Grafenwoehr, Hohenfels, and Vicenza participated in the two-day event held at the Villaggio Sport Complex Nov. 7-8.

"Despite having only eight players competing against teams with 12-14 players, our players persevered against all odds, played with all their heart and soul and grew stronger as a team with every match played," said Vicenza Head Coach Mark Jackson.

With the memory of last year's inclement weather and heavy rain for the whole tournament, it seemed like a dream for the five teams participating in the event to be able to compete under a blue sky and summery temperatures.

Vicenza played three games on Saturday against Hohenfels, Grafenwoehr and Aviano and won respectively 1-0; 2-0 and 5-1.

"We have good chances to win the tournament," said Vicenza defense player Matthew Jackson after scoring in the first two games.

The second day, Vicenza played only one game against Grafenwoehr that won the first semifinal



Cole Keck of the Vicenza soccer team scores one of the five goals during the game played against Aviano Nov. 7. The Vicenza CYSS soccer team won the annual IMCOM-European Junior 7 vs. 7 Soccer Tournament playing only four games in the two-day event.

against Aviano.

Since the Vicenza team won all games in the first day and won against Grafenwoehr 4-2, on the second day, it took first place in the tournament.

After the victory, Cole Keck, one of the leaders for the Vicenza team, said, "The team's hard work all season and dedication to practice leading up to the tournament helped us to win the tournament."

## 5K March-a-thon helps raise funds for VHS marching band



Members of the VHS Marching Band perform 'mini concerts' during the 5K March-a-thon held on Caserma Ederle's Football field and track Oct. 24. The purpose of the March-a-thon was to raise money for the marching band to be able to travel to away football games, uniforms and end-of-year recognition for the students.

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

**VICENZA** -- Vicenza High School's marching band has been a significant presence supporting the Cougars during the past football season, including at homecoming and some away games.

In addition to preparing and participating in these events, the band took time to raise funds, making these trips possible, thanks to some fund-raising events.

One of them was a 5K March-a-thon held on Caserma Ederle's Football field and track Oct. 24.

"The purpose of the March-a-thon was to raise money for the marching band to be able to travel to away football games, uniforms and end-of-year recognition for the students," said Cheryl Brown, one event coordinator.

The VHS Marching Band is an all-volunteer organization that meets after school twice a week for rehearsal. The band members and some volunteers started coordinating the March-a-thon last year.

"Last year we got a late start and we had it in December. So, the students

played Christmas carols while marching. This year, we were more prepared, so we were able to schedule it at the end of our marching season," said Brown.

She also explained that in the states the March-A-Thon is a 10K march, which goes through neighborhoods and the band stops to do 'mini concerts' at the homes.

"It is something we did in the states, and our goal here is to eventually be able to march through Villaggio and do mini concerts at the homes of our Soldiers while marching through the community.

"We usually have about 10 parents volunteering and several younger siblings eager to help pass out candies and collect donations. The donations collected at the event are what we call the 'icing on the cake,' so we really appreciate the support from the community and the student really enjoy stopping to do the mini concerts," said Brown.

For the second year in a row, Marcus Brown was one of the members of the band and a participant in the March-a-thon.

"I loved the event. We were bigger

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### PTSA carnival



Jacob Fletcher, 5, enjoys Plinko, one of the 20 fun activities offered during the PTSA Fall Carnival at the Villaggio multipurpose room Nov. 13. Hundreds of Vicenza Military Community members attended the event with the participation of about 100 volunteers including Soldiers, family members, teachers and Vicenza High School students.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy PAO)

# Darby marks Veterans Day with on-post, off-post events

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

**FLORENCE/LIVORNO** -- On Nov. 11 at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, a ceremony took place to honor those who have fallen in the defense of freedom.

Airmen of the 731st Munitions Squadron from Camp Darbyhere provided military support for the event.

"It is a great honor for me to be able to pay tribute to all of our service members of all branches," said Airman First Class Alexander Dalton, 731st Munitions Squadron.

"In the United States, Veterans Day is a big occurrence, (but) here it is even more important to come together for our veterans as a sign of respect, and it is also important to come together as a unit," said Dalton.

The Florence American Cemetery is the final resting place for 4,402 military service members who fought after the capture of Rome in June 1944, and some casualties of battles in the Apennines before the enemy troops in northern Italy surrendered in 1945.

"This is my first time out here," said Dalton. "I was expecting it to be pretty but absolutely not this beautiful and so big, I feel proud of what these fallen people accomplished fighting in this area."

Several Darby Military Community members drove to Florence to attend the ceremony.

"I have been an Army careerist for 35 years and I am here to show respect to the military and what they served. Today I am here with my wife (to commemorate) all those Americans who fought and died for this specific piece of land," said David Spavin.

The cemetery was not the only place veterans were honored in respect to Veterans Day. The Camp Darby Military Community recognized its veterans in a ceremony held at the Livorno Commissary Nov.13.

"We are here today to honor and respect those who served to grant that freedom that we enjoy today," said David Leinberger, deputy garrison manager. "My special thanks to all the participants and to the (Defense Commissary Agency) which, as usual, provided a class A support."

All veterans in attendance enjoyed refreshments offered by the Livorno Commissary.



On left: Lt. Col. Mark Ashman, commander, 731st Munitions Squadron; Scott Stemberg, Consul of the United States of America in Florence; and Robert Shackelford from the Harding University of Florence pay respect to veterans as they offer a wreath to their memory at Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, Nov. 11.



Camp Darby Military Community recognized its veterans in a ceremony held at the Livorno Commissary Nov. 13. Veterans enjoyed fresh fruit, juice and a cake offered by the Livorno Commissary.

## Tots playgroup brings together children, parents

**CAMP DARBY** -- The first years of a child's life are full of learning, excitement, challenges and expectations—for both the child and the parent. From the time a baby is born, every new thing arouses curiosity and a desire to learn.

The Tuscan Tots playgroup at Camp Darby is a place to encourage and stimulate that desire to learn.

According to Evelyn Watkins, Family Advocacy Program specialist, Army Community Service, the playgroup is a place for children to explore that classroom around them. It is more than play; it is a resiliency camp for parents and children.

Watkins encourages families with young children to look into the program and perhaps give it a try.

"Children's first teachers are their parents," Watkins said. "And most of their learning happens through play. Tuscan Tots gives parents a chance to meet other parents in the community, to discuss ideas, problems, joys and frustrations of life parenting.

"Playgroups help infants and young children learn to play and get along with other children while providing an invaluable support system for parents and caregivers."



The Tuscan Tots playgroup meets every Thursday on Camp Darby. (Courtesy photo)

The results of children attending the playgroup are real and visible, Watkins said. There are crafts, songs, storytime and much more. The children enjoy food crafts provided by Karolina Gutierrez, storytime sessions of books the children select, and animated sing-

ing. The playgroup meets every Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Building 428. Call ACS at DSN 633-7084 for more details.

(DMC Army Community Service)

## MARCH-A-THON

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this year. Currently, we are about 30 members in the band and today there were at least 23 students," he said.

Twelfth-grader Charlene Caldwell

participated in the event as well.

At the end of the March-a-thon she said, "I love learning new routines and making the audience go 'Wow.' That was so cool."

A key role for making the event hap-

pen was also the support of Vicenza High School Music Director Gary Marvel and Ronda Metzger, flag instructor.

"We can't thank enough Mr. Marvel and Mrs. Metzger for all the volunteering time to this club. They did an excellent

job working with our students. We are so proud of our students and we are working to build our music family proud and strong," said Cheryl Brown.

# News briefs

## Thanksgiving meal at Del Din

Dine at the Del Din dining facility during the Carnival Thanksgiving celebration, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The meal will include roasted turkey, baked ham, roast beef, sweet potatoes, cornbread dressing and many other traditional favorites. Appetizers, soup, salad and dessert are also included in the \$9.05 per person meal. Meal-card holders eat free.

## CIF closes for inventory

The 405th LRC Italy Central Issue Facility is closed for inventory until Nov. 25 and will reopen with normal operating hours on Nov. 27.

## Changes in service

The Soldier For Life-Transition Assistance Program (SFL-TAP) located in Building 126 is installing a new air conditioning system, causing center services to relocate in an effort to continue to assist customers. Until Dec. 4, SFL-TAP counselors can be found at Bldg. 28 (near the Military Personnel Division entrance), and Veterans Administration benefits advisers may be found at Bldg. 108, Rooms 22/23 (Army Community Service building).

## Legal office holiday hours

The Legal Assistance and Claims office hours and services will vary during the holidays. The office closes for Thanksgiving on Nov. 25 at noon and will re-open Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m. Legal assistance services will be limited to administrative actions such as powers of attorney, affidavits and notary services Dec. 21-24 and closed Dec. 25. Normal operating hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. The office closes at 4 p.m. on training holidays.

## Package pickup, holiday deadlines

With the holiday mailing season in full swing, the postal service centers remind customers to pick up packages as soon there is a notice in the post office box. Postal centers will have the following extended hours:

**Ederle:** Saturdays; Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (\*Dec. 19 is parcel pickup only)

**Del Din:** Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (parcel pickup only)

**Darby:** Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (parcel pickup only)

To ensure packages addressed to locations in the United States are delivered before Christmas, be sure to mail them by the following dates: SAM parcels, Nov. 25; PAL parcels, Dec. 3; Priority parcels, Dec. 10; first-class letters, Dec. 10.

## School requests guest speakers

The Advancement Via Individual Determination program at Vicenza High School is looking for guest speakers from professionals within the Vicenza community. The AVID program seeks to give additional assistance to students who come from traditionally under-represented segments of the university population, encouraging them through the attainment of skills and knowledge to be academically successful and go on to obtain a college degree. Of special interest to the students are professionals working in the following fields: medical, marketing/communications, science/engineering, business management, and legal. Anyone interested in volunteering to speak to AVID students, contact Angela West at [angela.west@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:angela.west@eu.dodea.edu) or Gene Tramm at [gene.tramm@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:gene.tramm@eu.dodea.edu)

*Soldiers' Theatre Presents*  
*We Need a Little Christmas*  
*Soldiers' Theatre Annual Holiday Show*

**December 4-13**  
**Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m.**

**Featuring**

Bruce Atlin	Elna Brown	Jason Brown
Ryan Butler	Jeremy Cates	Whitney Cates
Isabella Caudel	John Cohen	Maggie Craft
Luigi Dalla Vecchia	Myreta Davis	Maddy Duncan
Daniela Frigiola	Josh Galvin	Sarah Galvin
Ryles Galvin	Brenna Holland	Harper Howell
Shea Jackson	Denise McCollaum	Nicole McCollaum
Paul McCollaum	Rachel McCollaum	David Paulin
Anna Ramos	Lucy Reardon	Julia Ridgley
Amber Schabo	John Seward	Susan Swinchart
Aaron Talley	Angela Wilson	Landyn Wilson
Pat Wilson	Patricia Wilson	Sam Wilson
Sarah Wilson		Addie Wilson

**Director:** Jerry Brees  
**Musical Director:** Ciriaco Colella  
**Vocal Director:** Aaron Talley

**Tickets:** \$15 Adults, \$12 Youth  
**Box Office:** 634-7281 | [www.italy.army.MWR.com](http://www.italy.army.MWR.com)

[tramm@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:tramm@eu.dodea.edu).

## Facebook town hall meeting

The Department of Defense Educational Activity Europe director will host a Facebook town hall meeting Dec. 3, 6-7 p.m. on the DoDEA-Europe Facebook site, [facebook.com/dodeaeurope](http://facebook.com/dodeaeurope). The focus of the meeting will be college and career readiness standards. The director, along with key staff members, will be on hand to answer any questions parents or students have regarding that topic. Towards the end of the town hall the discussion will open to allow for questions on various topics that most interest the audience. Community members may submit questions for the director early by emailing the question(s) to [feedback@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:feedback@eu.dodea.edu).

## Vietnam commemoration

The Vicenza Military Community will commemorate the duty and sacrifice of Vietnam War Veterans at the post theater on Caserma Ederle, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. All community members are welcome to attend. Anyone who knows a Vietnam veteran in the area is encouraged to pass along this information and have him/her call retirement services. For more information, contact Willie Chandler, USAG Italy Retirement Services Officer, 0444-61-7491, or USAG Italy Retiree Assistance Office, 0444-71-6459.

## Info line

An information line is available with recorded information concerning the Vicenza Military Community. Call DSN 637-8888 or commercial 0444-61-8888 for information regarding off-post road conditions, base/school closures or delays, road closures, and other information important to the community. The recording is updated every day at 5 a.m.

and as required throughout the day.

## 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).

## Bus shuttle to/from airport

There is a free shuttle bus to and from Marco Polo Airport-Venice for Vicenza Military Community members. Priority is given to individuals on official travel (PCS/ETS, TDY, and emergency leave), but those on leisure travel are allowed on a space-available basis.

Pets are allowed on the bus; however, they must be inside a pet carrier and the carrier must be able to fit on or between the bus seats. To access the shuttle schedule, visit the garrison webpage at [www.usagvicenza.army.mil/sites/local/newcomers.asp](http://www.usagvicenza.army.mil/sites/local/newcomers.asp). Log in with your CAC card to view the schedule.

For more information about the schedule, call the Central Processing Facility at DSN 637-7141 or comm. 0444-61-7141/7142.

## Tax Center needs volunteers

The Vicenza Tax Center is getting ready for tax season, which begins early February 2016. The center prepares and e-files federal and state tax returns for Vicenza community members, and services are free. The tax center will provide training and certification for anyone who volunteers. Volunteers can gain/maintain valuable skills that transfer easily to resumes and the job mar-

ket. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Cpt. Emily Moy at [emily.k.moy.mil@mail.mil](mailto:emily.k.moy.mil@mail.mil) or at comm. 0444-71-7432.

## USO operating hours

To better serve the public, USO Vicenza has changed operating hours to the following: Closed on Mondays and open Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. The USO is located in Building 9A (between 3rd and 4th street) and offers free food, drinks, movies, activities, Internet and phones to call the United States.

For more information, call 0444-71-7156. Customers/visitors are encouraged to "like" the Vicenza USO on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/vicenzauso](http://www.facebook.com/vicenzauso).

## US consul visits Darby

Starting this month, the United States consul from Florence will pay a monthly visit to Camp Darby to provide several services, to include official and no-fee passports for active-duty service members, DoD civilians and their family members, tourist passports, social security numbers, reports of birth abroad and notarial services.

Consul services will take place at the Family Affairs office on a first-come, first-served basis, and the monthly visits will be announced in advance. This is an additional service to the one already provided by the Family Affairs office on a daily basis. Applicants also have the option to go to the Consulate in Florence for their government official passports instead of driving to Vicenza.

It is essential to contact the Family Affairs office to check required documents and fees before the consul visit, as the officer will accept only complete applications and packages. For minor passports and reports of birth (under age 16), physical presence of both parents and child is mandatory.

The only accepted means of payment will be a money order that can be purchased at the post office on base, at the Credit Union or at Community Bank. Only original documents will be examined by the consul who will return them to the applicant the same day; no photocopies will be accepted.

Anyone with questions should call the Family Affairs office at DSN 633-7371 or email [michela.ferrara3.ln@mail.mil](mailto:michela.ferrara3.ln@mail.mil).

## Chapel holiday schedule

USAG Italy Religious Support Operations announces the following special worship opportunities for the Vicenza Military Community. The location for each service is Caserma Ederle Chapel near Gate 2.

**Nov. 24,** 9 a.m.-noon, Ecumenical Hanging of the Greens

**Nov. 26,** 9 a.m., Thanksgiving Day Mass

**Dec. 5,** 10 a.m.-noon, Family Nativity/ Crèche Making Workshop

**Dec. 8,** noon & 5 p.m., Immaculate Conception Mass

**Dec. 14,** 5 p.m., Advent Penance Service

**Dec. 24,** 5 p.m., Children's Mass

**Dec. 24,** 7 p.m., Protestant Candlelight Service

**Dec. 25,** 9 a.m., Christmas Mass

**Dec. 31,** 5 p.m., New Year's Vigil Mass

**Dec. 31,** 11 p.m.-1 a.m., Protestant Watch Night Service

Anyone with questions may contact DSN (314) 637-7575, comm. 0444-61-7575, or [james.j.foster.mil@mail.mil](mailto:james.j.foster.mil@mail.mil).

# 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 Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2

In the conclusion of the global phenomenon Hunger Games film series, Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) stakes her claim as the leader of District 13 and leads the revolution against the brutal dictatorship of President Snow (Donald Sutherland) and the Capitol. Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Elizabeth Banks, Jena Malone, and Julianne Moore all return to reprise their roles and close out the adventure series, with Francis Lawrence continuing his directorial duties.

Nov. 20	7 p.m.	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Mockingjay Part 2 (PG-13)
Nov. 21	3 p.m.	Mockingjay Part 2 (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The Night Before (PG-13)
Nov. 22	3 p.m.	Mockingjay Part 2 (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The Night Before (PG-13)
Nov. 25	7 p.m.	Creed (NR)
Nov. 26	1 p.m.	The Good Dinosaur in 3D (NR)
Nov. 27	7 p.m.	The Good Dinosaur (NR)
	10 p.m.	Victor Frankenstein (PG-13)
Nov. 28	3 p.m.	The Peanuts Movie (PG)
	6 p.m.	The Night Before (NR)
Nov. 29	3 p.m.	Mockingjay Part 2 (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Creed (NR)
Dec. 2	7 p.m.	Victor Frankenstein (PG-13)
Dec. 3	7 p.m.	The 33 (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).

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

**NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

The community is invited to celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month Tuesday, Nov. 24, 3:30 p.m., in the Lions Den (upstairs in the Arena), Caserma Ederle.

Growing Native Leaders: Enhancing Our Seven Generations  
NOVEMBER 2015

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## VENETO



Festa della Madonna della salute, Venice

### Festa de La Cincionela co' la rava Sausage with turnip festival

Nov. 20-22, in Chiampo, Piazza Papa Giovanni XIII, about 16 miles west of Vicenza. The Cincionela co' la rava is a local sausage specialty, one of the typical products related to the culinary traditions of the Veneto region. Food booths open at 6 p.m.; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; live music.

### La Festa della Salute Good Health Festival

Nov. 21, in Venice. This event recalls one of the most virulent plague epidemics in the area from 1630-31, and how the Doge, when all remedies failed, made a solemn vow to build a church dedicated to the Virgin Mary. When the plague diminished, construction began on the church that is on a little island on the Grand Canal. Every year, beginning in the morning, people walk over a temporary, floating votive bridge, which links the Grand Canal to the Church of the Madonna, to light a candle and give thanks and pray to the Virgin Mary for good health. Food booths feature sweets and fried snacks.

<http://dreamdiscoveritalia.com/2014/11/21/celebrating-the-festa-della-madonna-della-salute-november-21st-venice/>

### Fiera dei Santi All Saints Festival

Nov. 21-22, in Arzignano, Corso Garibaldi, Piazza Libert , Piazza Marconi, about 16 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths feature local specialties and wines; carnival rides, shows, performances, sports and live music; Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. and Nov. 22 at 9 p.m.; interregional archery tournament. Downtown stores will be open on Sunday.

<http://www.inarzignano.it/2015/10/fiera-dei-santi-2015-tutto-il-programma/>

### Radioamatore 2 Amateur Radio Fair

Nov. 21, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Nov. 22, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Pordenone, Viale Treviso 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. National exhibit of radio-equipment, Hi-Fi, electronics and information technologies. Ticket: €8,50; reduced €7 for children ages 13-18; free for children under 13. <http://2.radioamatorepordenone.it/visitare/>

### Veronafil Collectors exhibit

Stamps, coins, postcards, old prints, books, and antique exhibit. Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Nov. 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Free entrance. <http://www.veronafil.it/manifestazioni.aspx>

### Festival dell'Oriente Orient Festival

Nov. 27-29, Dec. 5-8 and Dec. 11-13, 11 a.m. to midnight, in Padova, Exhibit Center, Via Niccol  Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Oriental contemporary and antique traditions; ceremonies,

folklore, shows, health and wellness, spirituality, holistic disciplines; fine fabrics, ancient jewels, candles, essential oils, spices, kimonos, biological products and much more; typical oriental food and cuisine. Entrance fee: €12; reduced €8 for children ages 5-10. <http://festivaldelloriente.net/>

### Verona Mineral Show

Nov. 27-29, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. An incredible variety of minerals, fossils, jewelry and fashion accessories; entrance fee: €10; reduced €5 for children ages 6-14 and senior citizens older than 65. Free workshops. <http://www.veronamineralshow.com/geoshop.html>

### 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 Art Exhibit

Through Jan. 31, in Verona, Palazzo Forti, Via Masalongo 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, daily 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Verona, Palazzo della Gran Guardia, Piazza Br  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, in Vicenza, Palladio Museum, Palazzo Barbarano, Contr  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>

### Jazz d'Autunno Autumn Jazz

Nov. 26, 10 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Borsa, Piazza dei Signori 26. Free jazz concert. <http://www.barborsa.com/eventi/>

## MERCATINI DI NATALE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

### I Giardini di Natale Christmas market

In Asiago, Piazza Carli and surrounding streets. Food booths featuring local specialties and typical Christmas sweets and crafts.

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. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, and Dec. 23-Jan. 6, open 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; closed 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/)

### Bassano del Grappa

Nov. 22-Dec. 28

In Piazza Libert  and Piazza Garibaldi; Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; closed on Monday morning; Saturday and Thursday morning, booths in Piazza Grande will be open.

Dec. 29-Jan. 6

Mercatino della \*Befana - Befana's market, in Piazza Garibaldi, daily 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

\*The Befana is a kind, ugly and old hunchback witch. She is dressed in rags and travels straddling a flying broomstick, carrying a self-replenishing sack full of presents for children.

<http://www.mercatini-natale.com/bassano-del-grappa-mercantini-di-natale/>

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

### VENETO

**Belluno:** Nov. 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza (about 50 vendors)

**Dolo (Venice):** Nov. 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

**Malo:** Nov. 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., downtown, <http://www.pedemontanavicentina.com/it/events/2015/09/08/mostra-mercato-dellanti-quariato-e-del-collezionismo-malo-1.html>

**Spresiano (Treviso):** Nov. 22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

**Treviso:** Nov. 22, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

**Cerea:** Nov. 29, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

**Piazzola sul Brenta:** Nov. 29, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)



Mercatino di Natale, Asiago

### Bolzano

Nov. 26 – Jan 6; Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday and Italian holidays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed Dec. 24-25; Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Jan. 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Walther. More than 80 stallholders in their typical little huts offer traditional seasonal gifts (handmade wooden, glass and ceramic products along with Christmas tree decorations, delicious seasonal pastries and many original gifts), plenty of food specialties available plus mulled wine. Children's Christmas market where kids can take an active part baking Christmas cookies and make small Christmas decorations and presents.

<http://www.mercatini-di-natale.bz.it/it/mercatino-di-natale-bolzano-alto-adige.aspx>

### Ferrara

Nov. 21-Jan. 10; in Piazza Trento Trieste. Christmas Village with entertainment for children.

<http://www.ferraterraeacqua.it/it/ferrara/eventi/manifestazioni-e-iniziative/eventi-multipli/natale-in-centro-a-ferrara-2014-15>

### Levico Terme

Nov. 21-22, Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4, Dec. 8-11, and Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 5-7, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Dec. 26-Jan. 6, 2-7 p.m.; about 74 miles north of Vicenza. Christmas caroling, Santa Claus, horse-drawn carriage tours. Fireworks on Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec. 12 at 9:30 p.m.

<http://www.tuttomercatinidinatale.it/mercatini-natale-levico-terme.html>

### Merano

Nov. 27 – Jan. 6, 2016, Monday-Thursday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday and Italian holidays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Dec. 25; Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Piazza del Duomo, and surrounding downtown streets, about 140 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths and entertainment.

<http://www.mercatini-di-natale.bz.it/it/mercatino-di-natale-merano-alto-adige.aspx>

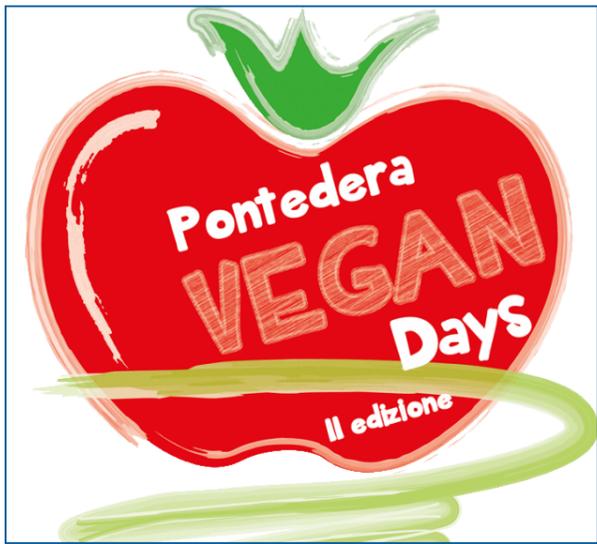
## Rovereto

Nov. 21-Jan. 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Nov. 23, Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Dec. 28, and Jan. 4, noon-7 p.m.; closed on Dec. 25; Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Jan. 1, noon-7 p.m. Food booths open until 8 p.m.; downtown squares and street, about 85 miles northwest of Vicenza. This year, a special holiday stand features gluten-free delicious products.

<http://www.mercatinodinatalerovereto.com/en/Home.aspx>

Nov. 20-Dec. 27, Nuremberg Christmas market in Piazza dei Signori, Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, and holidays' eve: 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed Dec. 25 morning. Over 300 booths feature holiday sweets, gift ideas, toys and the traditional carousel. The square is lighted by a huge steel comet star sculpture surging from the Arena into Piazza Brà.

## TUSCANY



### Vegan Days

Nov. 21-22, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., in Pontedera (Pisa), Viale Rinaldo Piaggio 82. It features some of the best food, experts, books, clothing, and other vegan goodies; vegan cooking workshops. Free entrance.

<http://vegandayspontedera.weebly.com/programma.html>

### Sagra del Cinghiale Wild Boar Festival

Nov. 29, Dec. 6-8, in Suvereto (Livorno). Besides wild boar specialties, you'll find other products from the area including wine, olive oil and honey. Medieval pageants and medieval competitions; on Dec. 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception); a historical medieval commemoration takes place. <https://www.facebook.com/entevalsuvereto#!/entevalsuvereto/photos/gm.1488091911494028/744805502315397/?type=3&theater>

## MERCATINI DI NATALE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

### Chianciano (Firenze)

Through 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.; bounce houses and entertainment for children. <http://www.natale-mercantini.it/mercantini-di-natale-della-toscana/>

### Firenze

Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception market, Piazza S.S. Annunziata, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Dec. 8-Jan. 6, Santa Claus Village, Largo Pietro Annigoni  
Dec. 2-20, Weihnachtsmarkt – German Christmas market, in Piazza Santa Croce, daily, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception market, Piazza S.S. Annunziata, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Dec. 20, Fieroculina, in Piazza Santo Spirito, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
<http://www.tuttomercatinidinatale.it/mercantini-natale-fi-renze.html>

### Montepulciano (Siena)

Nov. 21-22; Nov. 28-29; Dec. 4-8; Dec. 11-13; Dec. 18- Jan 6, 2016, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Visit the Christmas Village in Piazza Grande, Piazzetta Danesi and Via San Donato. Games, workshops, food booths, and entertainment for children. <http://www.natale-mercantini.it/>

### Montecatini Terme (Pistoia)

Nov. 20-22, Nov. 27-29, Dec. 4-8, Dec. 12-13, Dec. 18-Jan 6, 2016, La Casa di Babbo Natale - Santa Claus Village, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; 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-mercantini.it/mercantini-di-natale-della-toscana/>

### Porciano (Lamporecchio, Pistoia)

Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., old trades show; 2-6 p.m., horse-drawn carriage tours downtown Porciano; 3-5 p.m., Santa Claus village, where children can write their letters to Santa Claus and receive a small present; 3-6 p.m., 3-6 p.m. bagpipers play traditional Christmas music.

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

### 32nd Florence marathon

Nov. 29, in Florence. It is one of the top 20 international marathons, which stages men and women events, as well as a non-competitive 10 km fun run and a special mini-run for children. Half of the course winds through the historical center, starting at Piazzale Michelangelo going over and past places like the Ponte Vecchio, the Cascine Monument and the National Park. The marathon ends at Piazza Santa Croce. Runners come from all over the world to compete; in 2014, there were more than 6,000 foreign professional runners in the marathon. For detailed info and enrollment in English, visit [http://firenzemarathon.it/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=101&Itemid=163&lang=en](http://firenzemarathon.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=101&Itemid=163&lang=en).

## CONCERTS SPORTING EVENTS

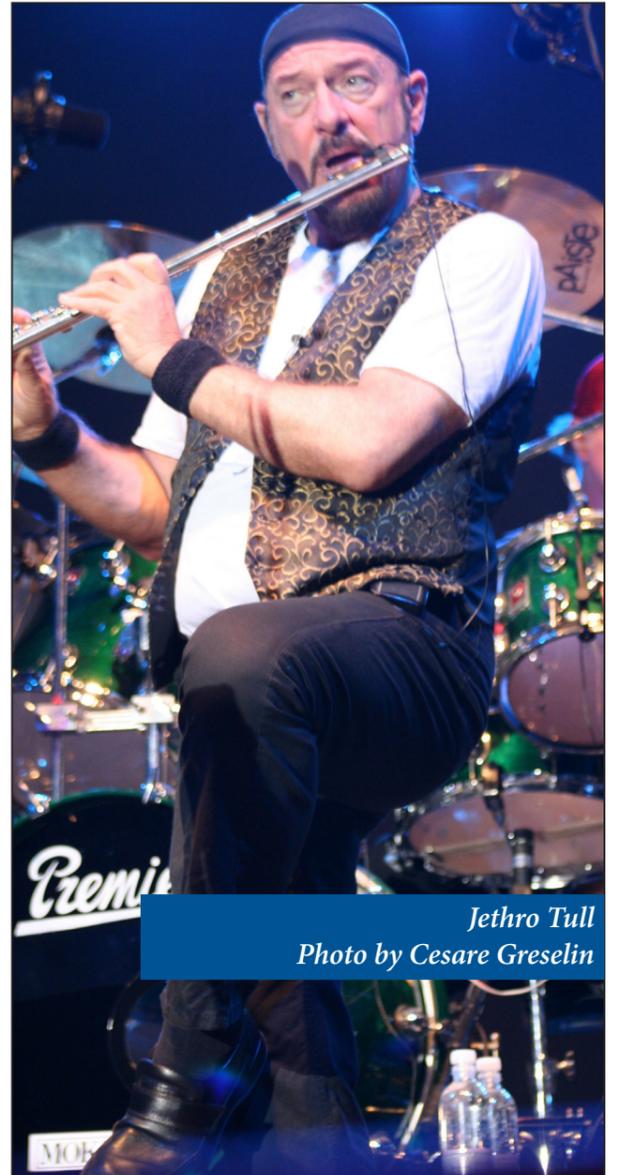
**Bob Dylan** - Nov. 21-22 in Milan  
**Madonna** - Nov. 21-22 in Torino  
**Simple Minds** - Nov. 21 in Assago (Milan)  
**John Grant** - Nov. 22 in Milan  
**Five Finger Death Punch** - Nov. 22 in Milan  
**Keith Jarrett** - Nov. 23 in Florence  
**Lamb of God and Children of Bodom** - Nov. 24 in Milan  
**Nothing More** - Nov. 27 in Milan  
**Europe** - Nov. 28 in Milan; Dec. 7 in Bologna  
**Stomp** - Nov. 27-28 in Padova  
**Kari King** - Nov. 27 in Milan; Dec. 2 in Rome  
**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  
**Eagles of Death Metal** - Dec. 3 in Roncade (Treviso); Dec. 4 in Ciampino (Rome)  
**Kendall** - Dec. 4 in Verona  
**Harlem Spirit of Gospel Choir** - Dec. 18 in Varese; Dec. 22 in Torino  
**Michael Jackson Tribute Show** - Dec. 12 in Padova; Jan. 23 in Milan  
**Romeo & Giulietta** - Dec. 18-20 in Padova  
**Halloween** - Jan. 31 in Milan  
**Slipknot** - Feb. 2 in Padova  
**Toto** - Feb. 6 in Torino, Feb. 7 in Montichiari (Brescia)  
**Motorhead** - Feb. 11 in Milan; Feb. 20 in Trieste  
**Brian May and Kerry Ellis** - Feb. 22 in Padova; Feb. 24 in Florence; Feb. 25 in Milan  
**Joe Jackson** - March 4 in Mestre (Venice); March 5 in Bologna; March 7 in Rome; March 8 in Milan  
**Dream Theater** - March 18-19 in Milan  
**Steven Wilson** - April 26 in Trieste; April 27 in Florence  
**5 Seconds of Summer** - May 13 in Verona; May 14 in Rome  
**Elvis Costello** - May 25 in Padova  
**Yes** - May 26 in Milan; May 27 in Padova, May 31 in Florence; June 1 in Rome  
**Black Sabbath** - June 13 in Verona  
**Simply Red** - July 19 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 20 in Lucca

**Monza Rally Show** - Nov. 27-29, in Monza  
**Venator 2 Fighting Championship** - Dec. 12 in Rimini

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



Sagra del Cinghiale, Suvereto



Jethro Tull  
Photo by Cesare Greselin

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

### TUSCANY

**Bientina (Pisa):** Nov. 21-22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

**Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo):** Nov. 22, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza Del Municipio

**Montevarchi (Arezzo):** Nov. 22, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini, except July and August via Poggio Bracciolini

**Prato:** Nov. 21-22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

**Cecina (Livorno):** Nov. 29, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

**Florence:** Nov. 29, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Via Comp

**Ponte an Ebola (Pisa):** Nov. 29, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rosa

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).



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## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### English as a Second Language

**Nov. 23, 2-4 p.m., Caserma Ederle**  
English as a second language introduces clients to the fundamentals of the English language. Participants can enjoy learning and speaking basic English together. Students can expect from this course: language fundamentals; a friendly learning atmosphere; and classroom setting. Join for an enjoyable introduction to the foundations of the English language and culture. Register at ACS, 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### Adult Latin Dance Workshops

**Dec. 2, 7-8 p.m., Caserma Ederle**  
Step into Latin dancing with these ongoing workshops, a great way to get in shape while learning a new skill. Workshops are structured for both partners and individuals. Workshops will focus on salsa and bachata. Register at Soldiers' Theatre, 634-7281, comm. 0444-71-7281.

### Spouse Sponsorship Training

**Dec. 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Caserma Ederle**  
Help newcomers settle in to a great experience living in Italy. Provide them with the resources needed to allow them to ease into their overseas transition. This training guides you thru the process and gives you the knowledge so you may share successfully with others the tools needed to set up life overseas. This is a fun, friendly open forum that allows for discussion, comments and questions. Register at ACS, 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### Introduction to Framing

**Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$40 Caserma Ederle**  
This class will teach you how to custom frame your art and be able to use the framing studio at your leisure. Learn how to give your pictures and art that professional custom framing touch. Bring a 5 inch by 7 inch photo or smaller with you to class to frame. All other materials are included in the class. Register at Arts & Crafts Center; 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

### Adult Resiliency Through Art

**Nov. 24, 4 free trial sessions, \$5 Caserma Ederle**  
This program focuses on the process of personal expression through art, in a small group setting. Participants will find art naturally relaxing when used in the supportive environment of the Art Center. Art can provide great relief for anyone. Art is a wonderful outlet for expression and is indeed another form of language. No prior art experience is needed or required. Register at Arts & Crafts Center; 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

### Tuscan Tots Playgroup

**Dec. 3, 10-11:30 a.m., Camp Darby**  
Make time to play! Play and craft activities for you and your child. Resources to help parents develop a healthy, loving relationship with their child. Contact 633-7084, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### Space-A Travel Briefing

**Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-noon, Caserma Ederle**  
Take some of the mystery out of Space-A. Representatives from 724 Air Mobility Squadron in Aviano will be here to explain the ins-and-outs of the program, and answer your questions. USAF personnel from Aviano deliver a 30-45 minute briefing on Space Available travel and remain to answer questions until complete. Sign up in person at ACS or call 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### Turkey Trot 5K

**Nov. 21 7:30 a.m., \$15 includes T-shirt Caserma Ederle Track and Field**  
Its time to earn that Thanksgiving dinner at the Turkey Trot 5K run/walk. Everyone is welcome to participate for a chance to win turkey, ham and Spam while burning some calories!

#### Schedule of events:

- 7:30 a.m. - Packet pick up
- 8:15 a.m. - Fun lap for EFMP Families
- 9 a.m. - 5K race begins
- 10:30 a.m. - Award ceremony

Register at 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### Taekwondo

**Nov. 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$10 per class, Caserma Ederle**  
Self defense class based upon the Tae Kwan Do techniques that will provide students the tools for self defense.

- Situational awareness
- Takedowns
- Locks
- Kicks
- Punches taught to

Contact 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

### Aqua Zumba

**Nov. 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$3 per class, Caserma Ederle**  
Aqua ZUMBA® is a great way to get a heart pumping work out in a low impact environment! Get all the fun, flair and work done in a ZUMBA® class in the pool! Contact 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

### Mission Essential Fitness

**Nov. 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$3 per class, \$25 for 10, Caserma Ederle**  
Mission Essential Fitness (M.E.F.) is high intensity functional training program that helps master core stability and focuses on power, strength, speed and agility. Contact 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

### High Intensity Interval Training

**Dec. 2, 9-10 a.m., Camp Darby**  
If you want to improve your fitness level, this class will introduce great ways to get results from your workouts. A high intensity interval training that involves body weight exercises and weight training movements. 30 second to 1 minute rounds back to back incorporating different workouts for the entire body. Get your heart rate up and sculpt your body through Circuit Training. Join us and you will leave the class feeling as if you have been challenged in every way; feeling refreshed and re-energized as your metabolism speeds up and your posture, strength and flexibility all improve. 633-

7440, comm. 050-54-7440.

## TRIPS

### Italian Wine Regions Tour:

**Lagrein & Pinot Nov. 21, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. \$95, ages 18 & up, Vicenza ODR**  
The Adige Valley in northern Italy is known worldwide for its epic Ski Resorts, but it is also known for some classic Italian wines. Among these wines are, the red Lagrein. It is a dry, dark red. It has wonderful scents of berry and spice. Along with the traditional Italian wines, you will also discover the Pinot Gris grown in this region (or Pinot Grigio, as the grape is known here). This white wine has faint lemon and peach aromas with honey and almond undertones. The Italian Pinot Gris have higher acidity and less fruit flavor than their American counterparts, so you will be tasting something new and different.

### Thanksgiving in Castle Bevilacqua

**Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$95, \$45 children 3-12 years old Vicenza ODR**  
Want a unique Thanksgiving experience? Don't miss the opportunity to taste the special meal the chefs will prepare for us on Thanksgiving! Castle Bevilacqua was built in 1336 by the knight Guglielmo Bevilacqua, and is located in the heart of the Verona plain. Step back in time in this gorgeous castle while we celebrate the hallmark of American holidays.

### Munich Express

**Dec. 5, 3 a.m. \$95, Vicenza ODR**  
Express trips allow you to see major cities with out the added cost of lodging. We will sleep on the bus on the way to and from Munich. This is a great way to see Europe without breaking the bank. Munich is home to many national and

international, universities, museums, and theaters. Its numerous architectural attractions, international sports events, exhibitions, conferences and Oktoberfest attract a wide array of tourism. Munich is one of the most prosperous and fastest growing cities in Germany. Estimated drive time: to Munich is 8 hours.

### Val Senales Ski and Snowboard Trip

**Dec. 12, 5 a.m.-8 p.m. \$40, Vicenza ODR**  
Val Senales is a glacier providing snow throughout the year and offers excellently groomed slopes up to 8 km in length and magnificent landscapes. Also known as Schnalstal, the resort regularly features slopes for all skill levels, a snow park, and good off-piste options. Lessons are dependent on the terrain in operation at the resort and instructor availability. When provided, lessons are taught by certified instructors and are free.

### Austrian Christmas Markets

**Dec. 12, 5 a.m.-11:59 p.m. \$40, Vicenza ODR**  
Get in the Christmas spirit by visiting these two beautiful Austrian Christmas markets, where the romance of the season comes alive in grand tradition!. With their charming scenic location and smells of cinnamon biscuits, vanilla cookies and gluhwein in the air. This is the perfect place to finish up that Christmas shopping or just enjoy the ambiance.

### Northern Italy Christmas Markets

**Dec. 20, 6:30 a.m. \$75, Vicenza ODR**  
On this tour we will be visiting two markets in northern Italy, Brixen and Rovereto Christmas markets. Grab those last-minute Christmas gifts or just soak in the wonderful Christmas atmosphere. The Christmas market manages to blend the bustle of activity with tranquil surroundings. Delicious mulled wine and local specialties.

**Community Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**Wednesday, December 2**  
in the Ederle Library Parking Lot  
Beginning at 4 p.m.

**Musical Performances:**  
High School Choir  
High School Band

**Family Activities:**  
Guest Appearance by Santa  
Arts & Crafts Activities

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