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Learn Italian

Merry Christmas
Buon Natale
bwon na-tal-e

I have a gift for you.
Ho un regalo per te
oh oon re-gal-o pair tay

Santa Claus
Babbo Natale
bah-bo nah-tal-e

Enjoy your holiday.
Buone Feste
bwon fest-e



By **Cheryl Pellerin**
 DoD News

WASHINGTON -- Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that beginning in January, all military occupations and positions will be open to women, without exception.

For the first time in U.S. military history, as long as they qualify and meet specific standards, the secretary said women will be able to contribute to the Defense Department mission with no barriers in their way.

"They'll be allowed to drive tanks, fire mortars and lead infantry Soldiers into combat," Carter added. "They'll be able to serve as Army Rangers and Green Berets, Navy SEALs, Marine Corps infantry, Air Force parajumpers, and every-

thing else that was previously open only to men."

Harnessing women's skills

Even more important, he said, the military services will be better able to harness the skills and perspectives that talented women have to offer.

Despite real progress in recent decades and lately, opening more than 111,000 positions to women across the services, Carter said that about 10 percent of military positions -- nearly 220,000 total -- have remained closed to women.

These included infantry, armor, reconnaissance, and some special operations units, the secretary said.

Over the past three years, he added, senior civilian and military leaders across the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps

and Special Operations Command have studied the integration of women into these positions.

"Last month I received their recommendations [and] the data, studies and surveys on which they were based regarding whether any of those remaining positions warrant a continued exemption from being opened to women," Carter said, noting that the Army, Navy, Air Force and SOCOM said none of the positions warranted exemptions.

The Marine Corps asked for a partial exemption in areas that included infantry, machine gunners, fire support reconnaissance and others, he added, "[but] we are a joint force and I have decided to make a decision which applies to the entire force."

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Here comes Santa Claus! Follow Christmas Eve journey with NORAD

PETERSON AFB, Colo. -- The North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, is celebrating the 60th anniversary of tracking Santa's yuletide journey.

The NORAD TracksSanta website, launched this year on Dec. 1, features Santa's North Pole Village, which includes a holiday countdown, games, activities, and more. The website is available in eight languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Chinese.

Official NORAD Tracks Santa apps are also available in the Windows, Apple and Google Play stores, so parents and children can count down the days until Santa's launch on their smart phones and tablets. Tracking opportunities are also offered on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google+. Santa followers just need to type "@noradsanta" into each search engine to get started.

Also new this year, the website features the NORAD Headquarters in the North Pole Village and highlights of the program throughout the past 60 years.

Starting at 12:01 a.m. MST (8:01 a.m.



CET) Dec. 24, website visitors can watch Santa make preparations for his flight. NORAD's "Santa Cams" will stream videos on the website as Santa makes his way over various locations. Then, at 4 a.m. MST (12 p.m. CET), trackers

worldwide can speak with a live phone operator to inquire as to Santa's whereabouts by dialing the toll-free number 1-877-Hi-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) or by sending an email to noradtrackssanta@outlook.com.

Windows Phone users can ask Cortana for Santa's location at any time Dec. 24, and OnStar subscribers can press the OnStar button in their vehicles to locate Santa.

NORAD Tracks Santa is truly a global experience, delighting generations of families everywhere. This is due, in large part, to the efforts and services of numerous program contributors.

Efforts began in 1955 when a local media advertisement directed children to call Santa direct-- only the number was misprinted. Instead of reaching Santa, the phone rang through to the crew commander on duty at the Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center. Thus began the tradition, which NORAD carried on since it was created in 1958.

(NORAD/USNORTHCOM and JFHQ-NCR/MDW Public Affairs)

Happy holidays!

Garrison command team offers holiday greetings

Happy Holidays! Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dennison, Deputy to the Garrison Commander Wes Leisinger and I want to take a moment to personally extend our best wishes for a very happy, enjoyable and safe holiday season.

2015 has been a very busy year, and now it's time to slow down a bit, share time with family and friends, reflect on our good fortunes and give thanks. As we count our many blessings at this time of year, I'm grateful for our team, this family that we have throughout the entire community. I am very fortunate to be associated with each and every one of you, and for the opportunity to work alongside you.

All of you are an invaluable part of the USAG Italy community, and you make a daily difference to our community and our nation. The holiday season can be quite hectic. Whether you and your family are enjoying this time here in Europe or traveling back home, please remember to keep safety in mind. Be aware of dangerous winter driving conditions, take precaution with holiday decorating and,

as always, don't drink and drive.

During this most joyous of seasons, take a moment to think of those who are deployed. May we all wish for their safe and joyful return and remember

them and their families in all our thoughts and prayers. Also, be sure to look out for service members, friends and coworkers. If you are aware of someone who is alone this holiday season, show the caring spirit our community is known for, because that's what the holidays are all about.

On behalf of the entire USAG Italy team, I hope you all are able to enjoy a meaningful holiday season with family and friends. Stay safe, and accept our best wishes for a successful New Year.



MARKS



Commemorating Vietnam veterans

The Vicenza Military Community gathered Dec. 11 at the post theater to commemorate the duty and sacrifice of Vietnam War veterans. After reading of the Presidential proclamation and honoree recognition, U.S. Army Africa Deputy Commanding General Brig. Gen. Kenneth H. Moore Jr. addressed the veterans, Soldiers, family members and civilians in attendance.

(Photos by Laura Kreider/USAG Italy PAO)



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Speak Out *If you could have one wish come true, what would it be?*

By Laura Kreider



Danny E. Brown Jr.
MWR

"To develop more Italian, American relations off post through more media coverage."



Caralyn Champa
Caserma Ederle Library

"Peace and safety for all."



Alexis Fleck
Family member

"To one day get a cockatiel (Australian bird)."

What is your favorite holiday movie?

By Chiara Mattiolo



Staff Sgt. Lance Livgren
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"Christmas Story. It's a classic."



Silvia Pardini
DMC Command Branch

"Miracle on 34th Street."



Ernest Beezley
DFMWR

"Jack Frost."

AtHoc plays crucial role in notification

By **Raymond S. Jackson**
USAG Italy Emergency Manager

VICENZA -- The United States Army Garrison Italy is responsible for warning its population of any emergency situation, whether it is an impending severe weather situation or a terrorist incident.

The most efficient means of doing this is through the AtHoc Telephonic and Network Alerting System, a key piece of the USAG Italy Mass Warning and Notification System. It can send alerts to personnel through various means such as computers pop-ups, emails, text messages, and phone calls to landline and mobile phones.

AtHoc was found to be particularly helpful in the last weeks in notifying local personnel of accountability needs and travel restrictions due to the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Currently, personnel with a Common Access Card (CAC) whose computers are connected to the EUR domain managed by 509th Signal Battalion can self-register.

Those in tenant units who do not fall under that category (USAHC, DoDDS, DECA, AAFES, USO, etc.) can

register all unit or organization personnel by contacting the USAG Italy Emergency Management Office.

The system is simple, but it relies on the end user to properly input information during the registration process, and to keep it up-to-date throughout their time in Italy. To assist with this, the emergency management office has created an AtHoc User's Guide that can be found at http://www.italy.army.mil/files/sites/atHoc_users_guide.pdf.

The goal of the Emergency Management Office is to have 100 percent of our population registered so they can be rapidly and efficiently notified of an emergency situation and properly prepare for, and respond, to it.

The Emergency Management Office is taking it a step further, too, and can allow units the capability to send emergency alert messages within their own unit to assist with personnel accountability, deployment notifications and other emergency notifications.

For any questions concerning AtHoc, contact the USAG Italy Emergency Management Office at email: usarmy.vicenza.imcom-europe.list.emergency-managers@mail.mil, or call at DSN: 637-8015, commercial: 0444-61-8015, or stop by the office on Caserma Ederle, Building 109, Room 111.

Be cautious when posting travel plans on social media

As Soldiers, civilians and their families prepare for the holidays, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command warns that posting travel plans on social media sites makes homes vulnerable to burglary.

While everyone should always be vigilant in their postings to avoid releasing sensitive information, revealing personal holiday travel information puts people --and their homes-- at risk.

"Social media is a powerful tool for Soldiers, their families and friends to stay connected, especially during the holiday season," said Daniel Andrews, director, CID Computer Crime Investigative Unit. "Unfortunately, criminals use the same social media sites to conduct surveillance and identify potential targets."

In fact, Andrews said, posting vacation plans is like announcing to criminals that your residence will be unoccupied for an extended period.

"We recommend that personnel avoid publicizing the details of holiday plans and travel arrangements, whether upcoming or in progress," Andrews said. "Wait until the vacation is over to comment on it and share photos, but still be cautious about what information you make publicly available."

It is important to take basic security measures before leaving home. Measures such as locking all doors and windows, not leaving spare keys outside, using variable light timers and keeping valuables out of sight are encouraged.

Additionally, Maj. Brian Mumfrey, director of Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, recommends that Americans do not put such items as flags or favorite team banners—anything that clearly illustrates you're not European—outside of homes.

Although American homes are not broken into any more than Italian homes are, he said, this is a good precaution. Whenever possible, park cars in the garage and use a home security or video system as a deterrent.

"Criminals are always on the lookout for opportunities to exploit. Whether driving through neighborhood streets or surfing social media sites, the criminal's goal is to identify 'soft targets' that are lucrative and present the least chance of being caught," Andrews said.

CID officials encourage Army personnel to take the following steps to reduce their risk of being targeted by crooks in the virtual world:

- Update privacy settings on social media sites before leaving for vacation.

- Do not "check in" to airports or your holiday destination on social media sites. Sites, such as Facebook, use the GPS built into a phone to allow users to "check in" to businesses and locations across the country. This information tells would-be burglars that the home is likely to be vacant until the user announces their arrival at the airport for their return flight.

- Do not post in "real-time." Posting information about your location while you are there is equivalent to telling a would-be burglar that you are not home. To minimize the risk of burglary while you are away, post information after you return home for the holidays.

- Remove GPS data from pictures. GPS data, to include location coordinates, is automatically attached to photos taken from both smart phones and many digital cameras. When posted in real-time, the GPS coordinates gives a would-be burglar your exact location, which makes a home vulnerable if residents are not there.

- Do not geotag posts or tweets. Much like the Facebook "check in" feature, geotagging or adding your exact GPS coordinates to a Tweet or post tells would-be burglars exactly how close you are to your home.

Monitor what family members post. A would-be burglar only needs one member of the family to announce that the family has left for vacation to know the house might be empty. Speak to all members of the family, especially teens, about what they are posting online.

Personnel should review CID's Computer Crime Investigative Unit crime prevention and online safety fliers at www.cid.army.mil/cciu2can.html for more ways to avoid being victimized. Those who think they have had a break-in or comes upon a break-in in progress, should call the Vicenza Military Police Desk at 0444-71-7626 or 0800-064-0777, or at Camp Darby, DSN 633-7510 or comm., 0444-71-7510. (CID and USAG Italy DES)

USAG Italy updates base parking policy

Garrison commander signs updated traffic policy in an effort to make the most of parking on the installation

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

VICENZA -- United States Army Garrison Italy has updated its reserved, designated and general parking here.

The policy takes into account much of the pre-existing Department of Defense policy and international rules of the road.

"We want to provide for a safe and secure environment throughout our community, and we want to make sure we are all being considerate and doing our part to make this a wonderful place to live and work," said Maj. Brian Mumfrey, provost marshal/director of Emergency Services.

According to the policy memorandum, the goal is to make the most effective use and control of available parking for customer service, while also designating authorized, reserved spaces. Mumfrey said the policy actually reduces many reserved spaces and tries to utilize space to the maximum extent.

"By DoD instruction, there are only two acceptable reserved parking spaces, and those are for handicapped parking and spaces for Gold Star family members," he said. "So again, we are reducing the number of spaces. We are also making the barracks parking lots around Hoekstra Field and on Olson Avenue solely for the Soldiers who reside in those barracks."

The policy outline authorized, designated and reserved parking as follows:

- Official vehicle parking. This includes military and government sedans and other vehicles with official government license plates. They will park behind a reserved parking sign assigned to the respective tenant unit or agency. Three spaces are reserved for general/flag officer-level commands; two spaces are reserved for colonel-level commands; and two spaces are reserved for lieutenant colonel-level commands.

- Disabled parking spaces are reserved for individuals with disabilities. Individuals authorized to park there must display the proper USAG Italy-issued handicap placard obtained at the Provost Marshal Office.

- Key personnel. Parking is reserved for general/flag officers and civilian equivalents and their command sergeants major; command selection list brigade and battalion commanders and their Department of the Army-appointed command sergeant major; colonel and ci-

vilian equivalents serving as agency heads; colonel-level chiefs of staff, executive officers, staff principals or civilian equivalents serving on a general officer-level command staff.

Other reserved parking provisions include spaces for expectant mothers, families of the fallen/Gold Star families, Warrior Transition Unit members, and VIP guest parking.

Other rules under the updated policy include privately owned vehicles. POVs for sale will not park overnight on any USAG Italy installation. The exception is it is parked at the family residence or properly registered to park in the re-sale lot in the rear parking lot of the Ederle Inn.

Barracks parking is specifically reserved for Soldiers who reside in those barracks. Motorcycles or moped will not park on any sidewalk and will only park in designated spaces. Drivers of motorcycles will make every attempt to park in the designated motorcycle spaces.

Vehicles are not allowed to be parked or stopped on lawns, seeded areas, on curbs or in front of a lowered curb known as a "half curb," sidewalks within five meters of an intersection or crosswalk.

Also, there is no parking on the wrong side of the road. Drivers must park on the side of the road in the direction of the traffic. This offense will be enforced with four points for failure to obey traffic instructions/signs/signals.

Offenders of the policy will see action on behalf of the authorities. First-time offenders will be issued an armed forces traffic ticket; second-time offenders will receive the ticket and will be required to meet with the USAG Italy garrison command sergeant major, and receive a warning letter from the garrison commander. Third-time offenders will have their cars booted or impounded at the owner's expense and receive a 30-day suspension of on-post driving privileges on all USAG Italy installations. Anyone with more than three parking violations within a 12-month period are subject to further penalties.

Vehicles can be impounded for safety issues as well as for being booted, Mumfrey said. If POVs are booted/impounded, they will go to a vehicle lot designated for vehicle impoundment on Caserma Ederle.

Meanwhile, there are no fines in association with the armed forces traffic ticket. Because fines can only be levied by a military magistrate and there is not one here in garrison, a points assessment and restriction of operator privileges are enforced.

Mumfrey said it's important for community members to recognize that the policy is not meant to punish, but rather to reinforce that being a good community member starts with everyone doing his part.

"I ask that we all do our part," he said. "We should be considerate of others and we will all help make our community that much more enjoyable."

Looking for something to do? Visit the [USAG Italy Pinterest page](#) for events.

Find markets, concerts and more.

www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza



Remembrance tree

A Survivor Outreach Service Remembrance Tree is now on display in the Army Community Service building on Caserma Ederle. Visitors are invited to stop by Building 108 and take a moment to view the tree, and to leave a written message in honor of a Fallen Soldier or loved one.

(Courtesy photo)

VHS teams score hoop wins



Above: VHS guard Abigail Jackson (#12), left, dribbles while Jazmen Shaw (#18) sets a pick on the first game against Sigonella Dec. 3. Vicenza dominated both games during the weekend, 55-24 and 53-18 respectively. Vicenza freshman guard Jordan Wakefield scored 20 points each game.

Below: Cougar's Early Wheeler, right, goes for a rebound during the first weekend of DoDDS-Europe basketball against Sigonella Jaguars Dec. 4. Wheeler had eight rebounds for Vicenza. VHS won 53-40. In the second game, Dec. 5, the Jaguars took the game, 48-47.

(Photos by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy PAO)

New parents must ensure proper birth registration

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

CASERMA EDERLE -- Children born in Italy to United States citizens must be registered with the local Italian community in which they were born.

Effective Dec. 1, the Military Personnel Division at Directorate of Human Resources took ownership of assisting American families in taking care of that process.

Birth registration is a big job, according to Christine Moaga, chief of Military Personnel Services here. In 2014, after the birthing center closed on base, the American Red Cross assisted with 122 birth registrations.

MPD can help families only if children were born in San Bortolo Hospital in Vicenza. If children were born in other communities, they must be registered with that commune. Most important, said Moaga, is the timeframe in which the paperwork must be completed.

"Within 10 calendar days from the day of birth, babies must be registered at the local *comune*," she said. "This is Italian law, and we must follow it. Because of

the short window, a new parent or parents must contact MPD within two business days of the birth."

From there, MPD is standing by to assist. Parents will take required documents to the office here in Building 28, complete a registration form, and schedule an appointment to obtain the child's birth registration document. This document is required for a *soggiorno*, passport, social security card, and more. Documents needed for the appointment are a copy of the sponsor's military identification card, spouse's original passport, original marriage certificate (if applicable), and the original birth statement provided by San Bortolo.

Monica Cariolato, MPD human resources assistant, assists families throughout the process. She said office personnel will verify and check each person's documents to ensure they have what is needed for the appointment downtown.

"Our personal goal is that the families come out of their appointments with the proper documents," said Cariolato. "We are with them every step of the way. They come here to fill out the birth registration form, we verify documents, and then meet for the appointment."

Appointment day is Thursday, per an agreement with the local commune. New parents meet at Building 28 and travel downtown in a van. Cariolato attends to assist with the process because of the language barrier.

"This can be an overwhelming process," she said. "I am there to reassure and assist however possible."

However, Cariolato emphasized, she is unable to assist with legal matters. In special circumstances where something more than paperwork and translation/explanation are needed, she will refer customers to the legal assistance office.

Parents should understand, too, that this can be a time-consuming process, added Moaga. It takes 25 minutes per registration at the municipal office. When traveling together in one van, it can make for a long afternoon. Customers are asked to please be patient and be prepared to wait until everyone is finished with their paperwork, as this is a critical step in starting the proper documentation for baby.

For more information or to request a birth registration form, contact MPD at 637-7469 or commercial, 0444-61-7469.

State of Residence vs. Home of Record: What does it mean?

By **Capt. Emily Moy**
Legal Assistance Attorney

VICENZA -- A state of residence is a lot more important than most people realize. It determines, for example: liability for state income taxes, eligibility for "in-state" tuition rates, eligibility for voting in state and federal elections, and where wills are probated.

Legal residence can be especially complicated when one is in the armed forces because of the transient lifestyle. When in the armed forces, the military tells you where you will work and live. Where the military sends a service member for duty is not necessarily the "legal residence" or domicile. The duty is considered temporary, whereas the legal residence is more permanent -- where you plan to hang your hat at the end of your service in the military.

Establishing legal residence

A person can change legal residence at almost any time; however, it is important to understand that legal residence is established, not chosen.

One cannot simply choose a state that is particularly friendly to military income and decide it is the legal residence; rather, citizens must first meet three requirements.

The three requirements to change your state of legal residence are: you must be physically present in the state, you must intend to remain indefinitely in the state; and you must intend to abandon your previous legal residence.

For example, if a Soldier grew up in

Maryland, but is stationed in Texas and finds that he or she likes Texas a lot more than Maryland, legal residence can be changed from Maryland to Texas. A Soldier is in Texas because of being stationed there, so he or she meets the first requirement, physical presence. The physical presence requirement is why it is virtually impossible to change legal residence while stationed overseas-- because the person lives in another country. If someone is overseas and wants to change legal residence, he or she must go back to the U.S., establish physical presence in a new state, and have the appropriate mental intent while physically present there.

Showing intent

Now, "intend to remain indefinitely" -- what does that mean? It means that, in this same scenario, you now consider Texas "home," and that if you got out of the military tomorrow, you would stay in Texas for the indefinite future with no plans to move elsewhere any time soon.

A person can show intent to remain indefinitely by the following actions:

- registering to vote and actually voting in the new state,
- obtaining a driver's license in the new state,
- registering vehicles in the new state,
- updating the most recent Last Will and Testament to reflect the new state of legal residence,
- paying taxes in the new state,
- purchasing property in the new state, and
- notifying the former state's relevant

department of revenue that legal residence has been changed.

Response to states

Who checks this? For one, the individual states -- or rather, their tax departments -- care about this significantly. You used to pay taxes to Maryland, and now you don't. Maryland may ask, "Why aren't you paying taxes to us anymore?" How can you respond? Your local Legal Assistance Office can assist in preparing a response.

For example, you may respond by showing evidence of the intent to adopt Texas as your new home state: you have a Texas driver's license, you registered your cars in Texas; you registered to vote in Texas (and you have voted in Texas); and you bought property in Texas.

Just as important, you may also include in your response the following: you no longer have a Maryland driver's license; you no longer have vehicles registered in Maryland; you no longer are registered to vote in Maryland; you own no property in Maryland.

This information is important because, in order to adopt a new state of residence, a person must abandon the previous state of residence, as a person can only have one legal residence at a time.

When changing a state of residence, a person must complete DA Form 2058 and turn it into the personnel office. Pick up a copy of the form from Finance. This form tells DFAS which state's taxes to withhold from the paycheck. Filing this form alone, however, does not change state of legal residence.

This form is filed to adjust state income tax withholding after a person has taken necessary steps to meet the requirements to change the state of residence.

A person must have a state of residence at all times, even if you aren't sure where "home" is, you've moved around a lot in the past few years, or you're now overseas. This applies to everyone, including family members, Department of Defense civilians, contractors, etc.

If you are a U.S. citizen, you have a "state of legal residence." If you are not sure what state that is, set up an appointment with the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office to ensure you are paying taxes to the right state and are not liable for back taxes, interest or penalties.

Home of Record

One last thing: "legal residence" is not the same thing as Home of Record. Home of Record is a military administrative term used to determine specific military entitlements (e.g., calculation of transportation costs when you get out of the Army). It is typically the state where a person joined the military, and can only be changed if it was done incorrectly at the time of enlistment.

Enlisted members may also change Home of Record at the time they sign a new enlistment contract. Nonetheless, Home of Record does not mean anything regarding current legal residence.

Legal Residence is a complex, but very important issue.

Anyone with questions should stop by the Legal Assistance Office to set an appointment.

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Memorandum

In a memorandum to the secretaries of all military departments and others, Carter directed the military services to open all military occupational specialties to women 30 days from today -- a waiting period required by law -- and by that date to provide updated implementation plans for integrating women into the positions now open to them.

Carter said Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work and Air Force Gen. Paul Selva, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will oversee the decision's short-term implementation, ensure there are no unintended consequences to the joint force, and periodically update Carter and Dunford.

Women will be fully integrated into combat roles deliberately and methodically, the secretary said, using seven guidelines.

Guidelines

1. Implementation will be pursued with the objective of improved force effectiveness.

2. Leaders must assign tasks and jobs throughout the force based on ability, not gender.

3. Equal opportunity likely will not mean equal participation by men and women in all specialties, and there will be no quotas.

4. Studies conducted by the services and SOCOM indicate that, on average, there are physical and other differences

between men and women, and implementation will take this into account.

5. The department will address the fact that some surveys suggest that some service members, men and women, will perceive that integration could damage combat effectiveness.

6. Particularly in the specialties that are newly open to women, survey data and the judgment of service leaders indicate that the performance of small teams is important.

7. The United States and some of its closest friends and allies are committed to having militaries that include men and women, but not all nations share this perspective.

Integrating women into all jobs

Implementation won't happen overnight, Carter said.

"Fully integrating women into all military positions will make the U.S. armed forces better and stronger, but there will be problems to fix and challenges to overcome," he said. "We shouldn't diminish that."

The military has long prided itself on being a meritocracy, where those who serve are judged only on what they have to offer to help defend the country, Carter said.

"That's why we have the finest fighting force the world has ever known," he added, "and it's one other way we will strive to ensure that the force of the future remains so, long into the future."



Holiday decorations

Above: Caralyn Champa, public services librarian, hands out some pieces to create holiday decorations to six-year-old Sophia Mejias. An ornament workshop took place at the Caserma Ederle library Dec. 9. During the workshop, more than 30 children created some Christmas tree decorations.

Left: USAG Italy Supervisory Librarian Michelle Ortiz introduces one of the creations children would make during the ornament workshop. Ortiz also read some holiday storybooks to participants.

(Photos by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy PAO)

Need military police assistance?

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

0800-064-077

414th Contracting receives accolades from higher HQ

VICENZA -- Maj. Gen. James E. Simpson, commanding general of Army Contracting Command in Huntsville, Ala., and Command Sgt. Maj. David M. Puig, ACC command sergeant major, traveled to Vicenza to meet with members of 414th Contracting Support Brigade and their customers in the Vicenza Military Community.

During the visit, the general and command sergeant major conducted a Town Hall meeting with 414th employees to update them on the future of the Army Acquisition workforce and take questions from the crowd. They also took the opportunity to recognize members of 414th and an outstanding Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) from U.S. Army Garrison Italy during an awards ceremony.

The ceremony provided ACC and 414th command teams the opportunity to recognize the outstanding work of 414th CSB members. Simpson and Puig presented a Sergeant Morales Club U.S. Army Europe Certificate of Membership and Medallion, as well as an Army Commendation Medal, to Staff Sgt. Jerri A. Taylor for her recent induction into the Sergeant Morales Club.

Simpson also presented his personal

congratulations to the Lt. Col. Brenda Perry, Director of RCO – Africa, and Jamie Reed. RCO-Africa was selected to receive the 2015 Secretary of the Army Excellence in Contracting Award for Outstanding Unit/Team in the Contingency Contracting category. Reed was the winner of the Barbara C. Heald Award for outstanding deployed civilian for her willingness to deploy to Liberia to assist in the overall U.S. government effort to stop the spread of Ebola. Her efforts directly contributed to alleviation of human suffering and promoted internal and regional stability in West Africa.

Simpson also went outside of the organization to recognize Italian local national Maximiliano Faccio. Faccio serves as the COR for the Fire Suppression Maintenance contract and alternate COR for the Garrison Custodial Contract. His engaged and proactive performance set the standard for how a COR should operate in order to ensure contractors perform to standard and that potential issues are identified and addressed as early as possible.

The command sergeant major held a separate meeting with noncommissioned officers to discuss the Sergeant Major of the Army's ongoing projects



Staff Sgt. Jerri A. Taylor receives the second of two Army Commendation medals from Maj. Gen. James E. Simpson, commanding general of the Army Contracting Command, during an awards ceremony Dec. 10 at the Arena on Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley)

and ACC-supported broadening and educational initiatives designed to enhance leadership development and increase knowledge, skills, and attributes of the 51C NCOs. The sergeant major also discussed the new NCOER and the future of the Army Acquisition Corps' contracting professionals as ACC is hit with force reduction in the coming years.

The 414th has a diverse and complex mission supporting European Command / U.S. Army Europe missions and installation-level contracting for the USAG-Italy, 173rd ABCT, as well as operational planning and expeditionary contracting for USAFRICOM, USARAF, and SO-

CAFRICA missions across the African continent. RCO-Italy provides contracting business advice and support to all customers within the Vicenza Military Community. The 414th CSB harnesses the capabilities and capacity of industry and local markets to provide commanders with critical enablers to fight and win in a complex world.

If you are a SGT/SSG or CPT with less than seven years of federal service and are interested in becoming a member of the Army Acquisition Corps, check out the Acquisition Support Center website: <http://asc.army.mil/web/career-development/>. (414th CSB)

Volunteer aids Americans with day-to-day life in Italy

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

CAMP DARBY -- Since the announcement of the Livorno health clinic closure, Sabrina Ashman, an Italian national married to an American service member, realized that many people would face some difficulty because of fewer clinic interpreters.

To help the community, she decided to offer Italian language classes at the local library, after duty hours once a week.

"I felt like I needed to share my knowledge of the language and Italian traditions with the families here," she said. "I proposed a basic class that would teach how to live and talk while on the economy, to be independent."

The class begins with alphabet study and numbers, but quickly follows a list of phrases to help solve simple daily transactions.



Sabrina Ashman talks about how to reserve a table at a restaurant during her Italian language classes held at the Darby Military Community library.

"I teach my students how to make a restaurant reservation over the phone, but also how to order a meal from the menu," explained Ashman. "[For exam-

ple], I teach how to call the doctor and I provide a list of medical phrases, but also [give them a] list of fruits and vegetables to help them while grocery shopping. At

the end of the course I hope I helped my students in their day-to-day lives."

Ashman's classes focus on her personal experiences, when she is on the economy and faces real-time situations, that is the moment when she realizes American families' needs and challenges.

"I was at the gas station the other day using gas coupons and I thought that maybe that was a potential challenge for those not knowing the language, so I prepared a list of phrases specific for gas station services," she said.

Ashman has already offered two four-week-long classes, at 1 1/2 hours each session, with more than 20 students per class. She said that in February she would like to combine students from both classes and offer an advanced Italian language class.

Anyone interested in participating in Ashman's free language class should contact the library for more information.

Annual holiday show

Children of the cast of the holiday show "We Need a Little Christmas" perform during the dress rehearsal Dec. 3. The show, featuring traditional and contemporary songs of the season, was held at Soldiers' Theatre for two weekends. The production was also performed at Teatro Cà Balbi, a local theater nearby Caserma Ederle Dec. 13. Col. Steve Marks, USAG Italy commander and Wesley Leisinger, deputy to the garrison commander, attended the holiday performance as part of Community Relations Program.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy PAO)



Bubbly Prosecco: A taste of the Veneto

Story and photo by **Beatrice Giometto**
Contributing Writer

Prosecco, the bubbly drink from Northern Italy, has outsold Champagne worldwide for the first time ever this year. In fact, Veneto, the region where we live, has produced the drink since as far back as the 1100s.

The drink is a lighter, crisper alternative to Champagne, which is produced exclusively from the Champagne region of France. But Prosecco comes at a fraction of the price.

Prosecco has even gained tremendous popularity in the United Kingdom, where it seems everyone has fallen in love with the drink. According to figures reported in the Belfast Telegraph, UK drinkers spent more on Prosecco than Champagne in supermarkets for the first time last year and doubled sales from 2013.

While Champagne's secondary flavors remind one more of biscuits, brioche and pastries, Prosecco is more about fruits: white peaches, pears, apples. In my mind, it's a more approachable style of wine. If you are planning an aperitivo (aperitif) at home, this drink is the perfect choice. It's a social drink, light like a summer dress.

You may want to learn little more about this cheerful wine because when it comes to choosing a bottle of Prosecco, there are some things you need to know:

First, on an Italian wine label, consumers should look for *Denominazione di Origine Controllata*, or DOC, and *Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita*, DOCG.

DOC wines are produced in particular regions, according to specific rules designed to preserve the traditional

winemaking practices of each individual region. The DOCG is similar to DOC but more stringent. Allowable yields are generally lower, and DOCG wines must pass an evaluation of a tasting committee before they can be bottled.

In order to carry the DOCG appellation, the wine must be made from at least 85 percent Glera grapes from the area in the hills around the towns of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene. However, the wine may contain a maximum of 15 percent of other approved grape varieties from the same area (including the indigenous varieties Verdiso, Perera and Bianchetta).

There are three sub-classifications related to sweetness. "Dry" indicates a wine with 17 to 32 grams of sugar per liter; "extra dry" has anywhere from 12 to 17 grams; and "brut" has 0 to 12 grams. While a "dry" is most always quite sweet, a well-balanced dry on the lower end of the scale could seem fairly dry. To make it

somewhat even more confusing, a brut on the higher end might come across as rather sweet. A wine from the sub-zone of Cartizze, long considered Prosecco's grand cru, is labeled Superiore di Cartizze DOCG, and most Cartizze are traditionally made in a dry (that is, fairly sweet) style.

There are also sub-categories related to bubblyness. The most common version is the most sparkling one, spumante, which is made in an autoclave (pressure chamber) at about six atmospheres of pressure. There is also a less bubbly, *frizzante*, version and even a still Prosecco, called *tranquillo* or *fermo*, which doesn't have any bubbles at all.

There are several different ways of getting the bub-



Christmas Spritz with Prosecco

Ingredients:

3 ounces well-chilled Prosecco
3 ounces well-chilled pure pomegranate juice
Lime, for garnish

In a Champagne flute, combine the Prosecco and pomegranate juice. Garnish with lime.

bles into the wine. The most common is the autoclave, but another type of fermentation can also take place in the individual bottle using the classic method (with disgorgement) or the traditional practice called *sur lie* or *col fondo*, due to the sediment which is left in the bottle.

There is also a system of subzones called *rive*, which indicates Proseccos made from grapes of one specific town or hamlet. Grapes from *rive* Proseccos must be hand-harvested and have a lower maximum yield than a *non-rive*. Finally, while a regular Prosecco may contain wine from several different years, a vintage Prosecco (also referred to as *millesimato*) is made exclusively from grapes harvested in the year indicated on the label. A Prosecco labeled as a *rive* must always be a vintage.

DOCG status has passed for Prosecco di Conegliano-Valdobbiadene and Prosecco di Montello e Colli Asolani. The DOC includes at least eight provinces: Belluno, Gorizia, Padova, Pordenone, Treviso, Trieste, Udine, Venezia and Vicenza, which used to be marketed as IGT Prosecco (*Indicazione Geografica Tipica*). This designation was created in order to accommodate growers who couldn't meet all DOC or DOCG regulations for one reason or another.

Now that you are armed with knowledge about Prosecco, it is time to get out there and try some! (See recipe for a Christmas Spritz.)

**This article is intended as regional and cultural information and entertainment. Please drink responsibly.*

Nativity scenes are essence of Italian Christmas tradition

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

Each country around the world has its own traditions, and foreigners who live in Italy may be interested to know how Christmas is celebrated here.

In Italy, lights and decorations on private residences are typically put up Dec. 8, the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception, and removed and stored for the following year after the Epiphany, Jan. 6.

As in the United States, Christmas trees are part of the holiday tradition in Italy. Another important tradition is the display of nativity scenes, due to Italy being a predominantly Catholic nation. The display of nativities is called *presepe*, where the scenes are very detailed in their representation.

Every church has a *presepe*, often found outdoors in a piazza or in public areas. Most families also have a *presepe* corner in their home. Children and adults enjoy a visit to some of the most picturesque *presepe* in the areas in which they live.

The main scenes are part of what is called "*terre di presepi*," a road that runs for 300 kilometers from Pisa to Florence, including Lucca and Siena, featuring the best artistic nativity scenes in Tuscany. According to the official *terre di presepi* website, more than 200,000 tourists visited last year.

Some local nativities worth a visit



The San Romano nativity scene is displayed in the town sanctuary cloister. Inset: The nativity scene in Cigoli (San Miniato, PI) consists of a walk-through of two rooms. Visitors are welcome daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 to 8 p.m.

are as follows:

The artistic nativity scenes in Cigoli (San Miniato, Pisa) are available for viewing from now through Jan. 10 in the Pieve di San Giovanni Battista in Cigoli. This is one of the biggest nativity scenes in Tuscany. The church is open daily

from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 2:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn more at their website, www.madrebimbicigoli.it.

Another charming nativity scene is the one in San Romano (Montopoli Valdarno), where the *presepe* occupies the en-

tire sanctuary cloister. The sanctuary is open daily from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 3 to 6:30 p.m.

In Petroio (near Vinci), the nativity scene is outside the church and occupies 80 square meters. Open every day until Jan. 11, 10 a.m.- 8.30 p.m.

Italian Saying of the Week: *Cane che abbaia non morde.* Translation: The dog that barks doesn't bite. Idiomatic meaning: His bark is worse than his bite.

News briefs

Commissary scholarships

The Scholarships for Military Children Program is now accepting applications from eligible students at commissaries worldwide. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Additional recipients will be selected based on a prorated basis, so more scholarships will be awarded at those commissaries with larger numbers of applicants. To qualify for consideration, applicants must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, a Reserve or Guard member, retiree, or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applications must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods to the commissary where the applicant's family normally shops by close of business Friday, Feb. 12, 2016. For more information, students or sponsors can visit www.militaryscholar.org. You can also call Scholarship Managers in the U.S. at (856) 616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

Note As a correction to the DeCa article printed in the Dec. 4 Outlook: Applications may NOT be submitted online.

Package pickup

Because of the influx of packages during the holidays, postal service centers remind customers to pick up packages as soon there is a notice in the post office box. The centers at Ederle, Del Din and Darby will have extended hours Dec. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for parcel pickup only.

AAFES exchange policy

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is extending its return policy for items purchased between Nov. 1 and Dec. 24. Standard policy allows returns anywhere from up to 15 to 90 days of purchase with a sales receipt. The holiday return/exchange policy extends these terms through Jan. 31. Shoppers can also return items purchased through shopmyexchange.com at their nearest brick-and-mortar Exchange. For more information about the extended refund policy, shoppers can visit customer service at the Main PX.

Legal office holiday hours

The Legal Assistance and Claims office hours and services will be limited to administrative actions such as powers of attorney, affidavits and notary services Dec. 21-24. The office is 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.

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 or Gene Tramm at gene.tramm@eu.dodea.edu.

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. 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 market. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Cpt. Emily Moy at emily.k.moy.mil@mail.mil or at comm. 0444-71-7432.

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.

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.

School needs volunteer judges

Vicenza Middle School will be hosting its 5th annual Speech and Debate Tournament, and the school seeks community volunteers to assist with judging. The event will take place Jan. 28, 2-9 p.m. (Only some judges will be needed to judge the final rounds.) No judging experience is necessary. A brief training will be provided and judges will work in teams. More than 80 students from the middle and high schools are involved this year. Anyone interested should contact Angela Wilson at angela.wilson@eu.dodea.edu.

Birth registration changes

Effective 1 December, the birth registration process, formerly overseen by the American Red Cross, will fall under the USAG Italy Military Personnel Division. New parents have 10 calendar days to register newborns with the Commune of Vicenza. To obtain your child's birth certificate, contact Military Personnel Division at 637-7469/7165 or email usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.mpd@mail.mil within two working days of your child's birth to complete a registration form and schedule

an appointment. Appointments will take place on Thursday afternoons and transportation is provided between Caserma Ederle and the Vicenza Municipality. A representative will assist new parents through the process and provide translation services. For more information, contact contact 637-7469/7165 or email usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.mpd@mail.mil.

Evaluation report training

Noncommissioned officer evaluation report training is open to all in the Vicenza Military Community. Training is focused on rated Soldiers, raters and senior raters. Two sessions (each covers same material): Jan. 6, 1:30-4 p.m. and Jan. 11, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Hall of Heroes, Caserma Ederle.

Toastmasters can help!

Worried about your next big presentation? Toastmasters can help. Toastmasters will help improve your communication skills and open doors in your professional and personal life. Learn in a self-paced atmosphere of fun and fellowship. Toastmasters is designed to help you: develop better speaking and presentation skills; learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet; build strong leadership abilities; and hone your listening skills. To participate in Toastmasters in Vicenza, contact vicenzatoastmasters2015@gmail.com; for other locations, go to www.toastmasters.org.

Sign up for marathon

Sign up now for the Rome Marathon (Jubilee Edition), Maratona di Roma 22, which takes place April 10. Cost is 70 euro until March 22. Backpack and technical tee for all participants. Email giovanni.interbartolo@gmail.com for more information. www.maratonadiroma.it

MLK Day observance

The community is invited to attend the Martin Luther King birthday observance at the Sigholtz Center on Del Din, Jan. 14 at 3:30 p.m.

FMWR holiday hours--Vicenza

Following are some holiday hours for Family & MWR services.

Army Community Service

Dec. 23 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Closed Dec. 24-25

Dec. 29 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dec. 30 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 Closed

Tax Relief Office

Dec. 24, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Dec. 25, 30-31 and Jan. 1 Closed

The Arena

Dec 24, Bowling Center 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Strike Zone 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Lion's Den 4-9 p.m.

Dec 25

Bowling Center 4 -10 p.m.

Strike Zone 4 -10 p.m.

Lion's Den 4 -10 p.m.

Dec 31

Bowling Center 11 a.m. -2 a.m.

Strike Zone 11 a.m. -2 a.m.

Lion's Den 4 p.m. -2 a.m.

Jan. 1

Bowling Center 1 -10 p.m.

Strike Zone 1 -10 p.m.

Lion's Den 5 -11 p.m.

Youth Center Villaggio

The Middle School and Teen Center

will combine operations at the Villaggio Youth Center Bldg # 702 during Winter Break, Dec. 21 -Jan. 1

Dec. 21 1 -6:30 p.m.

Dec. 24 & 25 Closed

Dec. 28-30 1-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 31 11-6:30 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

CYSS Admin Office

Dec. 21-24 8 a.m. -5 p.m.

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 28-31 8 a.m. -5 p.m.

FCC Office

Closed

Dec. 18-Jan. 5

SKIES Unlimited

Closed Dec. 19-Jan. 5

CYSS Sports and Fitness Office

Dec. 21-23 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Dec. 24-25 Closed

Dec. 28-31 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

Parent Central Services Office

Dec. 21-24 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 28-31 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

School Age Center Villaggio

Dec. 21-24 5:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 28-31 5:45 a.m.-6:15 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

Child Development Center Villaggio

Dec. 21-24 5:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 28-31 5:45 a.m.-6:15 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

CDC Bldg. 398

Dec. 21-Jan. 1

Care provided at Villaggio CDC

Arts and Crafts Center

Dec. 24 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 31 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

Auto Skills Center

Dec. 24, noon-4 p.m.

Dec 25-26, 31 and Jan. 1 Closed

Del Din Library

Dec. 24 10:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

Dec. 25 Noon -4 p.m.

Dec. 31 10:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

Ederle Library

Dec. 24 11 a.m. -5 p.m.

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 31 11 a.m. -5 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

Outdoor Recreation

Note: Open normal hours on days not indicated

Closed Dec. 24-25, 31 and Jan. 1

Ederle Fitness Center

Dec. 24 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 31 9 a.m. -7 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

Del Din Fitness Center

Dec. 24 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 31 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

Jan. 1 Closed

Note: This is not a comprehensive list. When in doubt, please contact the organization/activity directly to check hours.

A Darby Christmas



Above: Livorno Unit School music teacher Peter De Luca directs the student chorus and orchestra as they play Christmas carols at the Darby Military Community tree-lighting ceremony held that took place Dec. 4.

Right: Lights are on at Camp Darby!

*Photos by
Chiara Mattiolo,
DMC PAO*



At the movies



Star Wars: The Force Awakens

The seventh installment of the main Star Wars film series. The Force Awakens is set approximately 30 years after the events of Return of the Jedi, where the Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire have become the Resistance and the First Order, respectively.

Dec. 17	Midnight	Star Wars: The Force Awakens (PG-13)
Dec. 18	3, 6, 9 p.m.	Star Wars (PG-13)
Dec. 19	3 p.m.	Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Road Chip (PG)
	6 p.m.	Star Wars (PG-13)
Dec. 20	3 p.m.	Alvin & the Chipmunks (PG)
	6 p.m.	Star Wars in 3D (PG-13)
Dec. 24	3 p.m.	Alvin & the Chipmunks (PG)
Dec. 26	3 p.m.	Joy (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Daddy's Home (PG)
Dec. 27	7 p.m.	Joy (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Concussion (PG-13)
Dec. 30	7 p.m.	Concussion (PG-13)
Dec. 31	7 p.m.	Point Break in 3D (PG-13)

For January movie schedule, check online at <https://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Vicenza>.

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.

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



Tree-lighting ceremony

Above: The Vicenza High School Choir and Band directed by Gary Marvel, VHS music director, performs holiday carols at the tree-lighting ceremony on Caserma Ederle Dec. 2. After Santa's arrival on the fire truck, U.S. Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks and Santa turned on the Christmas tree lights. After the ceremony, children had their photo taken with Santa and one of his elves at the post library.

Right: After attending the ceremony, one family stops in front of the newly lit tree. See more photos on the USAG Italy Flickr site: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157661273292719>

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VENETO

Italian National Holidays in December and January:
Dec. 25: Christmas
Dec. 26: St. Stephen's Day, the first Christian martyr

Jan. 6: The Epiphany – it celebrates the visit of the Magi (The Wise Men) to the infant Jesus. It's also known as La Befana, who 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.

Corri Babbo Natale Corri / Run, Santa Claus, Run

The Vicenza Military Community is invited to participate in "Run, Santa Claus, Run" charity event. The 10th annual run will be held Dec. 19 in support of "Villaggio SOS Vicenza" and a local Association for Cardiopathic Children. The event is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Campo Marzo, the park near the main train station. Registration will be held at Villaggio SLS, Via G. Silvestri, Vicenza. The €8 participation fee includes a lightweight Santa running suit, hot chocolate and pandoro cake at the finish. Participants are encouraged to donate a packet of pasta for the poor of Vicenza. Individuals of all ages and groups are welcome. There will be special recognition for largest group, awards for youngest and oldest Santa Claus, and for most creative Christmas outfit. The course is under two kilometers and may be easily completed by walking. Participants may pre-register to receive their outfit before race day, or may sign up and pay the day of the event at 10 a.m. To register and/or more info, call Beatrice Giometto, 634-7901 or 0444-717901.

Magico Natale

Magical Christmas -- Holiday market

Through Jan. 6, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., wooden chalets in Corso Fogazzaro, Piazza San Lorenzo, and Piazza Castello; on weekends, entertainment with clowns, magic shows, Santa Claus, games.

Mercatino Vintage, artigianato e riciclo creativo

Vintage, craft, & creative recycled items market

Dec. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Piazza delle Erbe; entrance fee: €5, reduced: €3.50.

Meraviglie di Natale

Christmas Wonders

Dec. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Corso Palladio and Piazza delle Erbe, holiday artistic craft (lamps, candles, jewelry) exhibit and sale.

Gospel Choir

Dec. 20, 8:45 p.m., at the City Theatre, Viale Mazzini 39; ticket: €17.
<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/12/20/13132/-/fvg-gospel-choir>

Classical Music Concert

Dec. 19, 8:45 p.m., in Vicenza, City Theatre, Viale Mazzini 39; music by Copland and Bruckner; discount tickets for Vicenza Military community: €10,60 and €5,60 for people younger than 30.
<http://www.orchestraolimpicovicenza.it>

Mercatino di Natale

Christmas market

Ongoing through Dec. 20, in Bertesinella Oratory, Via B. M. Da Montegallo 2; Monday-Friday, 3-5:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sundays and Italian holidays, 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m.

Animazione itinerante

Traveling entertainment

Dec. 21-23, in the afternoon, in downtown squares and streets; games and entertainment for children.

New Generation Gospel Crew

Dec. 27, 5 p.m., in Piazza della Erbe, live gospel concert.

Bassano del Grappa

Through Dec. 28. In Piazza Libertà and Piazza Garibaldi. Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; closed Monday morning; booths in Piazza Grande will be open Saturday and Thursday morning. Dec. 29-Jan. 6, *Mercatino della *Befana* - Befana's market, in Piazza Garibaldi, daily 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

flying broomstick, carrying a self-replenishing sack full of presents for children.

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

Bolzano

Through 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 children can take an active part baking Christmas cookies and make small Christmas decorations and presents.

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

Bressanone

In Piazza Duomo, about 154 miles north of Vicenza. Through Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Dec. 25; Jan 1, noon-7 p.m.; food booths; live music, exhibits and carnival rides.

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

Insurrezione, and Via Verdi through Jan. 6, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Christmas Fair, in downtown squares and streets through Jan. 10, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Santa Claus Village, in Piazza Eremitani 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 feature gluten-free products for celiacs.

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

Bolzano Vicentino

Dec. 20-21, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Via C. Battisti; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; Santa Claus house and entertainment for children. <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/christmas-open-air-market-in-bolzano-vicentino-vicenza-2679>

Merano

Through Jan. 6, 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 on 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/mercantino-di-natale-merano-alto-adige.aspx>



Asiago

I Giardini di Natale/Christmas market

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

Dec. 19, open 10-30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

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

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/12/05/13565/-/mercantini-natalizi>

Capodanno / New Year's Party

Dec. 31, 8:30 p.m. – 2 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, with live music and dancing

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/albo/notizie.php/137800>

Bassano del Grappa

Through Dec. 28, in Piazza Libertà and Piazza Garibaldi; Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; closed on Monday morning; Saturday and Thursday morning openly the booths in Piazza Grande will be open.

Dec. 25-Jan. 6, 2016

Scalabrini Nativity scene exhibit at Missionary center, Viale Scalabrini 3; open 9 a.m.-noon and 2-7 p.m.; free entrance.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/scalabrini-nativity-set-exhibit-bassano-vicenza-1711>

Dec. 29-Jan. 6, 2016

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

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

Padova

Dec. 20, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Prato della Valle through Dec. 24, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Via Filiberto, Piazza

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

VENETO

Verona: Dec. 19, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

Este (Padova): Dec. 20, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Godega di Sant'Urbano: Dec. 20, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

Montagnana: Dec. 20, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Padova: Dec. 20, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

Soave: Dec. 20, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)

Belluno: Dec. 27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza (about 50 vendors)

Dolo (Venice): Dec. 27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

Piazzola sul Brenta: Dec. 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

TUSCANY

Arti, Mestieri ed Enogastronomia Locale

Arts, trades and local specialties

Dec. 20, in Castellara di Pescia (Pistoia); local crafts and specialties exhibit and sale; games and entertainment; free entrance.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1526>

Winter Park

Open daily through March 6, in Florence, Ohihal Center, Lungarno Aldo Moro; ice skating rink, snow tubing track and a downhill ski; all necessary equipment can be rented on site.

<http://firenzewinterpark.it>

Barberino del Mugello (Firenze)

Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Christmas market, street artists, and entertainment for children.

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

Capalbio (Grosseto) Christmas Market

Through Jan. 7; weekends and Italian holidays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.; weekdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; handmade ceramic Christmas decorations exhibit and sale.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1549>

Chiusi della Verna (Arezzo) Christmas Market

Dec. 20-27, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; local crafts exhibit and sale; food booths featuring holiday specialties; live Christmas choir and music; entertainment for children; holiday village with Santa Claus and his elves.

<http://www.mercatini-natale.com/chiusi-della-verna-mercatini-di-natale/>

Firenze Christmas Market

Dec. 20, Fieroculina, in Piazza Santo Spirito, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Through Dec. 20, Weihnachtsmarkt – German Christmas market, in Piazza Santa Croce, daily, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Through Jan. 6, Santa Claus Village, Largo Pietro Anignoni.

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

Livorno Christmas Market

Through Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza Grande, Largo Duomo.

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

Montecatini Terme (Pistoia)

Through Jan. 6, 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-mercatini.it/mercatini-di-natale-della-toscana/>

Montepulciano (Siena)



Fabbrica di Babbo Natale, Pisa

Through Jan. 6, 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-mercatini.it/mercatino-di-natale-di-montepulciano/>

Palazzo sul Senio (Florence)

Through Jan. 6, 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. Dec. 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; food booths featuring vin brulé (hot spiced wine), polenta, tortellini with chestnuts, and many more local specialties; Santa Claus hut where children can deliver their requests for presents.

<http://www.palazzuoloturismo.it/mercatini-di-natale-palazzo-sul-senio/>

Magic Winter at Gardaland

Dec. 18-20, Dec. 22-Jan. 6, 2016; 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; in Castelnuovo del Garda, Via Derna, 4, about 45 miles west of Vicenza; entrance fee: €25, reduced €22, for children younger than 10, and senior citizens older than 60. <http://www.gardaland.it/resort/>

Italy in miniature

Dec. 26-Jan. 6, 2016, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Viserba (Rimini); Via Popilia 239; this park display hundreds miniatures of famous Italian and European buildings and offers special entertainment and attractions during the holiday season. http://www.italiainminiatura.com/eventi/natale_in_mininatura_1.php

PRESEPI NATIVITY SCENES

Bettolle (Siena)

Through Jan. 6, on weekends and Italian holidays, 3-7 p.m.; five nativity sets on display, one for each town.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1446>

Casole d'Elsa (Siena)

Dec. 26-27-Jan. 1, 3, and 6, 3-7 p.m., live nativity scenes with more than 300 participants.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1956>

Cigoli (San Miniato, Pisa)

Through Jan. 10, the largest nativity scene in Tuscany and one of the most important in Italy; open daily 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:30-7:30 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1008mercatini-di-natale/>

CONCERTS SPORTING EVENTS

Harlem Spirit of Gospel Choir – Dec. 22 in Torino

Michael Jackson Tribute Show – Jan. 23, in Milan

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

Steven Wilson – April 26 in Trieste; April 27 in Florence

Yes – May 26 in Milan; May 27 in Padova, May 31 in Florence; June 1 in Rome.

Black Sabbath – June 13 in Verona

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



Christmas market

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

TUSCANY

Certaldo (Florence): Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno

Florence: Dec. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

Lucca: Dec. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio

Pontedera (Pisa): Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown

Quarrata (Pistoia): Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

Bientina (Pisa): Dec. 26-27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza del Municipio

Cecina (Livorno): Dec. 27, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

Florence: Dec. 27, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Via Ciampi

Montevarchi (Arezzo): Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): Dec. 27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

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.

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Romp-N-Stomp Playgroup

Dec. 30, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 395, Caserma Ederle

Every Wednesday (except major holidays) Romp-N-Stomp playgroup is a time for learning through play. If you have children ages 0 through 3 years, come along to this weekly playgroup. Working parents are encouraged to drop in and spend time with their families during the lunch hour. Children can enjoy: playing, arts & crafts, socialization, reading and much more. To register, contact 634-7500, comm., 0444-717500.

Financial Fitness Course

Jan. 5, 9-10:30 a.m.

ACS, Caserma Ederle

This financial fitness course will assist you in taking control of your money through personal financial management and planning. This information can lead you down that phenomenal path of financial recovery and freedom through effective debt management. Class focus: developing a realistic budget, how to pay down debt, how credit works, improving your credit score, and saving for the future. Call the ACS Financial Readiness Team at least one day prior to the class date to register. 634-8634/7500/8524.

Infant Massage Class

Jan. 8, 10-11:30 a.m.

ACS, Caserma Ederle

Join the New Parent Support Program at ACS for this exciting chance to bond with your infant. Instruction available to parents of children 5 weeks old to crawling. Learn basic techniques of infant massage to help: baby sleep longer, enhance bonding, boost infant's immune system and much more. To register, call (314) 634-7500, comm. 0444-717500.

Family Readiness Group

Common Core Training

Dec. 18, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Davis Hall, Bldg. 108

Family Readiness Group (FRG) Common Core Training is important for Company Commanders, FRLs, FRG Leaders, and Treasurers. Learn the basic essentials and key tasks for effective FRG operations. Topics for discussion include: Introduction to Family Readiness Groups, Essential Army resources, and Vicenza-specific practical information about critical issues affecting Family Readiness Groups. Registration for quarterly classes is required. However, you may contact ACS at any time to schedule individual training for your company leaders. Contact 634-7500, comm.: 0444-71-7500.

dice and falling in love under the bright lights of Broadway. Memorable songs, beautiful costumes and sets with exuberant choreography come together in this timeless musical. Performances will take place March 4-20. Call 634-7281, comm. 0444-71-7281.

Adult Latin Dance Workshops

Jan. 13, 7-8 p.m.

Bldg. 308 SKIES Dance Studio

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. Sign up at Soldiers' Theatre, or call 634-7281, comm. 0444-71-7281.

SKIES Multicultural Creations

Jan. 23, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bldg. 395, Caserma Ederle

\$45 per session (5 sessions available)

Youth ages 6-12 will create one-of-a-kind works of art while learning about the art history and classical cultures. Each project gives youth an opportunity to explore different art mediums and express what they are leaning. Themes: Ancient Egypt; Ancient Egyptian culture and the pyramids; Ancient Greeks and Alexander the Great; Greek art through the ages; and Ancient Rome. Call 634-5563, comm. 0444-71-5563.

SPORTS & FITNESS

H.E.A.T.

Dec. 21, 23, & 29

8:45-9:45 a.m., Ederle Fitness

\$3 for one session/\$25 for 10

H.E.A.T (High Energy Activity Training) a full body circuit training class using resistance training and high intensity aerobics.

Slow Flow Yoga

Dec. 22, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Ederle Fitness

\$3 for one session/\$25 for 10

This is a vinyasa series class meaning breath is linked to movement and is moderately paced so you will learn the fundamental asanas (postures) and principles that create a successful and effective yoga practice. Set to music, this class will invigorate your entire body. It focuses on building strength, increasing flexibility, and finding focus.

Power Pump

Dec. 23, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

\$3 per class, \$25 for 10

Caserma Ederle

Classes are 60 minutes long and contains eight separate muscle-group specific

songs or 'tracks' along with an opening warm up track and closing cool down track.

Got 1T

Dec. 23 & 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

\$3 per class, Caserma Ederle

A high intensity training program using dynamic movements that targets specific muscle groups to help you build speed, strength, and agility. Contact 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

Darby Basketball & Cheerleading Clinic

Jan. 5, 3-5 p.m.

Darby CYS Sports & Fitness, Bldg. 730

Join CYSS Sports & Fitness at the Darby Fitness Center for a variety of basketball-related activities and the introduction to our cheerleading season. Call 634-7521, comm. 050-54-7521.

See FMWR calendar on website for full schedule, www.italyarmymwr.com.

TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

Family Movie Night

Jan. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, and 21; 6-8 p.m.

\$29.95 family package, The Arena

Caserma Ederle

Family Movie Nights are a great way to spend quality time with the ones you love.

For \$29.95 enjoy:

Two hours of bowling for up to six people

One large cheese pizza

Soda for the Family (Up to 6 bottles)

Free shoe rental

Please reserve your bowling and pizza at the bowl desk at least 15 min prior to movie start time. Call 634-8257, comm. 0444-71-8257.

Folgaria Ski and Snowboard Trip

Jan. 9, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

\$30, Vicenza ODR

Folgaria features a good range of beginner and intermediate slopes, a terrain park, and kilometers of cross country ski tracks.

Asiago Lunch in an Agriturismo

Jan. 9, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

\$75/\$45, Vicenza ODR

We will be tasting the local foods of Asiago. The Asiago Plateau, also known as "dei Sette Comuni" (the seven townships), rises to an altitude of 3,281 feet. This enchanting landscape hosts green forests that are often covered by the wintertime snow.

Florence & Accademia Gallery Tour

Jan. 16, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

\$95, Vicenza ODR

The Accademia Gallery is particularly famous for its sculptures by Michelangelo.

Boot Scootin' Boogie

Jan. 16, 7-11:55 p.m.

Del Din Warrior Zone, Bldg. 41

Get together with host country nationals and play some down home activities, eat and kick back with some great country music.

Yellow Pin Bowling

Every Friday & Sat night, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

The Arena, Caserma Ederle

\$3 per game, \$2.50 shoe rental

Knock down 10 pins (strike) on your first ball with the yellow pin in the number 1 position and receive a free game. Hungry from bowling those strikes, then grab some great food from a great menu selection from the Strike Zone snack bar! Bowl, eat, and use our free WiFi to stay connected.

Ice Climbing

Jan. 18, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Vicenza ODR, \$60

For those looking for a true vertical challenge, take on the ice towers of Eisturm Rabenstein. This outdoor ice climbing structure hosts the Italian World Cup Championship and features a 25 meter ice tower, 14 different routes of varying difficulty, and plenty of unique climbing elements.

Ferrari Museum and Modena

Jan. 23, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Vicenza ODR, \$85

Spend the morning in Modena and then, enjoy an afternoon drive to Maranello. If you love Ferrari, this place is simply a must-see. What an experience, with some of the rarest Ferraris ever built. Modena is an ancient town best known as, "The capital of engines". One of the Ferrari's cars was named after the city itself. Cost includes transportation and entrance fee to the Ferrari Museum. Don't forget your camera!

Venice Carnival at Night

Feb. 6, 4:30 p.m.

Vicenza ODR, \$75

Come and celebrate this centuries old festival with Outdoor Recreation. Carnevale is a celebration of the passage from winter into spring that dates back to 1094 and is celebrated all over Italy. We will be visiting the beautiful city of Venice at night by bus and private water taxi. If you have never been to Venice at night, this trip is a must do!

ARTS /CRAFTS

Adult Resiliency Through Art

Dec. 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19, and Jan. 26

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Center, 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. Cost: Free trial for your first 4 Sessions; \$5.00 per session (after 4 free trial sessions). Contact DSN: 634-7074, comm. 0444-717074.

Auditions for 'Guys and Dolls'

Jan. 6 & 7, 6:30 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle

Audition for "Guys and Dolls", the classic Broadway musical about rolling the

