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## Commander announces partial closure of Camp Darby

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

**LIVORNO** -- At 3 p.m. local time, at precisely the same time the U.S. Department of Defense publicly announced its plan to implement several base closures/reductions in Europe, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. spoke to members of the Camp Darby community in a crowded post theater about the future of the installation.

"I am here to announce that Camp Darby is going to stay," said Menist. "But, and there is always a 'but,' some changes will occur."

According to Menist, the portion of

the installation used by Leghorn Army Depot will remain as it is, as well as the ammunition storage area and the local training area. On the main part of Camp Darby, the unutilized space (which is about half of the Darby Area), will be returned to the Italian Ministry of Defense. That organization will then make a decision on how it will be used.

"We will immediately start the analysis on what services will stay, be moved, reduced or contracted out, but the school, the commissary and PX will remain," said Menist.

Menist assured his audience that the goal is to minimize the impact of reduction by investing in what is going to stay.

"This is a working process and I will inform you incrementally, but the good news is that we will stay," concluded Menist.



Garrison Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. addresses members of the Darby Military Community Jan. 8 about the future of Camp Darby.

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Vorrei ...  
vor-reh-ee

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grahn-deh -- peek-koh-loh

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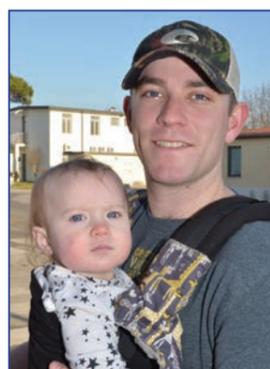
### Speak Out What is your New Year's resolution?

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



**Giorgio Dal Monte**  
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"To share my musical knowledge with all my students here on post."



**Sgt. Jordan Parish**  
(and daughter Grace)

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"I would like to work out more and eat healthier."



**Spc. Mandy Adams**

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"To be more involved with the community."



**Fabio Badalassi**  
DMC DPW

"To maintain my job and to be able to plan for the future."



**Antonio Infantino**  
Carabinieri

"To maintain my 10 kg weight loss by continuing to go to the gym."

# Ederle firing range to reopen after upgrades

This story first ran on Feb. 26, 2015.

Story and photo by **Anna Ciccotti**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- A certification team from the Italian Army Infrastructure Headquarters based in Rome visited the indoor firing range here Feb. 4-5 to review the newly improved facility and approve its use by the end of this month.

“Our firing range was last certified in 2009, and the certification is valid for three years,” said Jim Matheson, chief, Regional Training Support Division. “For three years we trained in the range; however, over that time, regulations changed because of new technologies and experiences in other ranges.

“When the Italian inspectors came back in 2012, the range no longer met the current requirements, so over the last year we had to do major construction worth approximately 240,000 euro to upgrade the building with all new specifications mandated by Italian law.”

All U.S. military construction projects in Italy require Italian input and approval before they are built or licensed for use. To this purpose, Matheson said the U.S. Army hired a contractor that carried out all required adjustments needed to make the range a safe place for Soldiers to train.

The main challenge was the age of the building and its wiring, according to Jim Sweatman, sustainable range program manager for RTSD.

“We had to do new electric systems, new walls, new floor, new ventilation system, new locked doors with alarm systems, install gas detectors and significant upgrades for the bullet trap in the back wall,” he said.

Learning about thickness and hardness of ballistic steel and the scope of protective padding made with nonflammable and soundproof material in line with new specifications, the RTSD team had to make sure the range was ready to pass a series of preliminary reviews prior to the final inspection by the certifying team.

Upon completion of the upgrade in summer, the regulating team in charge of ranges, Banco di Prova from Brescia, arrived in fall to do a ballistic test of the facility.

“They checked how the bullets bounce when you shoot, where they go and how well the back trap is equipped to catch rounds,” Matheson said.

An environmental assessment followed, focusing



A certification team of the Italian Army Infrastructure Headquarters based in Rome visited Caserma Ederle's indoor firing range Feb. 5 to review the newly improved facility and approve its use.

especially on air quality inside the building and noise levels outside.

“Every time you fire a bullet, you create a hazard. You have lead dust, you have unburned propellants, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide, among other things,” said Matheson. “One way we keep Soldiers safe while shooting is to have a constant flow of air from behind toward the bullet trap, while detectors monitor the levels of hazardous gases.”

While simulating routine range use, sound meters were also put on the rooftop to check noise disturbance was within permissible levels.

With all preliminary checks in order, in January the range received the green light from the Italian Army for

the final certifying inspection. Members of the commission included Col. Alfonso Coscia, lead team and chief of Studies and Regulations office; Lt. Col. Giancarlo Capodarca, chief of the ranges division; Architect Fabrizio Giacobbi, responsible of work safety and environmental law; and Lt. Col. Francesco Lobo, ballistics expert from the Infrastructure Headquarters based in Bari.

During the two-day inspection, the team reviewed the building's structural condition, material quality, air distribution, fire alarms and gas detectors. A ballistics test was part of the final check to study bullet trajectories, their impact and penetration potential at different distances.

“I was very impressed with the quality of the upgrades performed here since my last visit,” said Coscia. “They hired a very scrupulous and conscientious contractor and those two qualities are key to ensure a range facility is state of the art.

“Ranges built with the latest technical guidelines are very safe. That safety, however, is ensured only at the condition that small arms in use are the appropriate ones with the right ammunition and that shooting activities are carried out with respect of the rules listed in the technical guide approved by the certifying team,” said Giacobbi. He added that users' rules include special precautions for female shooters of child-bearing age.

Once certification is renewed and the range is ready for use, maintenance is the most important condition to continue its operation in the same initial efficiency of all its parts and components, said Coscia.

He stressed how imperative the care is with which range operators and their qualified contracted firm perform daily cleanups before and after shooting sessions. The same goes for maintenance required every two weeks and six months.

“A proper use and cleaning requirements will help ensure the safety and health of service members who train at Ederle,” Coscia said.

“We are all very excited because soon we will have four lanes here where we can support training here 24/7,” Sweatman said. Once the range is approved for use, “Soldiers stationed at Ederle can conveniently walk from their arms room to the range without needing the Carabinieri escort to the other range at Caserma Del Din where they kept proficient until now.

“The other good thing is that range is near the jump tower and other training support facilities. That makes things much easier for everybody,” he added.

## Vicenza High School senior named 'Youth of Year'

This story first ran on March 12, 2015.

By **Shannon Shimmer**  
Contributing Writer

**VICENZA** -- A senior at Vicenza High School has been named the 2015 Vicenza Youth of the Year and runner-up for the Army Europe Boys and Girls Clubs of America competition.

William Tramm, 18, won second place at the regional level against dozens of youth across Army Europe garrisons recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America for sound character, leadership skills, and willingness to give back to the community.

The local competition selects one student from a pool of applicants to represent the Vicenza military community. Amid a pool of tough competitors, Tramm outshined his competitors to win the award.

Tramm, son of Gene and Karin Tramm, has lived in Vicenza for the past nine years. He has excelled in all areas while a student in Vicenza, particularly in the high school community. Tramm holds a 3.929 grade point average while remaining heavily involved in athletic,

academic and community service ventures outside the classroom. After playing one season of football as a freshman, Tramm went on to earn three varsity letters as a member of the VHS men's cross-country team, culminating in a captain role as a senior. He has previously held the title of sophomore class vice president and Student Council president as a junior.

For three of the last four years, Tramm has traveled to Prague, Czech Republic, as part of the VHS Model United Nations team, competing against peers in other DoDEA Europe schools. He has been a member of the National Honor Society, Italian Honor Society and the Red Cross Club each for three years.

As a founding member of the community service-based Red Cross Club, Tramm helped write the club's constitution and, as a club officer, he volunteered in a number of different community events.

Currently, he volunteers time weekly at Vicenza Elementary School as a student mentor.

For the last two years, Tramm has been one of three VHS representatives to the International Student Leadership Institute in Germany. At this year's ISLI



**TRAMM**

conference in March, Tramm will act as one of three regents whose responsibility includes running the conference, organizing the event for more than 90 students, and developing informational

presentations to be shared with new attendees.

“In a problem-solving situation, Will possesses excellent ability to seek input from all viewpoints, weigh the pros and cons of each choice and render possible solutions,” said Mark Gillett, VHS school psychologist and moderator for multiple clubs of which Tramm is a part.

Tramm's problem-solving skills will likely come in handy next month when he takes his talents to this year's ISLI conference.

The student credits his parents for fostering in him a strong love of the outdoors. Perhaps most impressive of Tramm's international feats is his 2013 hike up Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with his father and brother. When his father floated the idea to hike the mountain, Tramm and his brother quickly agreed.

“I know I couldn't have done it without them. The hike itself was long and difficult but is probably the coolest thing I've ever done. I'm very glad to have had the opportunity and would highly recommend it to anyone seeking a challenge,” he said.

Next year, Tramm will attend Florida International University in Miami where he plans to study marine biology.

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## Spring cleanup brings together Italian, American volunteers

This story first ran on April 9, 2015.

Story and photo by **Anna Ciccotti**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**VICENZA** -- Members of the Vicenza Military Community came together with Italian volunteers to do some spring cleaning in the towns of Longare and Quinto Vicentino.

Fourteen Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, United States Army Africa/SETAF, and 20 members of the local Alpini group joined efforts to tackle the trash at Longare March 21.

Participants worked together in small teams to discard all trash around town and clean up 25 ecocenters. Each helper was given gloves and debris bags and worked under the supervision of a senior Alpini member. The language barrier was never an issue as the teams scattered throughout town for their mission.

"The first obvious benefit to the community and the environment is that, when cleaning up trash, we see the impact of our work immediately," said Gaetano Fontana, mayor of Longare. "The other value is in the civic lesson that gives the volunteers a sense of accomplishment, pride and stewardship."

Also helping the cleanup effort was Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., garrison commander, U.S. Army Vicenza.

"I am glad to help and give back to this community that gives so much to us," said Menist, referring especially to the Soldiers who work and live in Longare.

The small town southeast of Vicenza hosts a small installation with U.S. Army reserve activities and a veterinary clinic. "I welcome these events as a great opportunity for partnership-building and forming friendships," Menist added.

"We greatly appreciate the presence of the garrison commander who wanted to be part of this community partnership and work with us along with our Alpini friends. Their engagement was key to the success of this project," Fontana said.

"For many of the Soldiers participating today, this was a first, doing a combined Italian/American community event. This is important in understanding each other and our culture," said Maj. Jennifer Etters, executive officer HHBN, USARAF/SETAF.

"Many of us today got to see what these communities have to offer and the historical richness of the area," Etters said. "It was only natural for me to give back to a beautiful town where I have enjoyed biking and rock climbing."

"What I most loved about today was the friendship that I made with Signor Rossi," said Sgt. Richard Lopez. While the older Italian gentleman drove the garbage pickup truck, the young American would collect the bags put together by the other volunteers around town.

"It was really fun riding with him all over Longare, just the two of us. We got along very well and I hope to get another chance to experience something like this again soon," Lopez said.

"The event was a unique opportunity to get to know those 'famous Americans' who live next to us on a daily basis, yet follow parallel paths to go to work or to have fun. In fact, we don't get to enjoy many opportunities to do things together. The cleanup was an enriching experience for our community because people of different cultures came together for a common and meaningful purpose," said Mariachiara Donadello, city assessor for culture and equal opportunities.

After the cleanup, the Soldiers enjoyed the camaraderie of their Alpini hosts and shared stories and laughter during a traditional luncheon consisting of Asiago cheese and *soppressa* salami appetizers served with *ragù* pasta prepared at the Alpini Headquarters in Lumignano.

The following day, early morning rain didn't hamper the spirits of those who eagerly supported the cleanup day organized by Mayor Renzo Segato at Quinto Vicentino. Eight Soldiers from Caserma Ederle, along with other members of the Vicenza Military Community, volunteered to join their neighbors and fellow residents to clean up around town.



Sgt. Dax Dickenson from the Vicenza Military Community tackles trash along the Tesina River at Quinto Vicentino during a Cleanup Day March 22.

"It was a great honor to see the American Soldiers work with enthusiasm-- shoulder-to-shoulder with our volunteers-- to clean the streets of Quinto and the banks of the Tesina River, thus displaying great civic sense and respect for the environment," said Segato. "This initiative is important and offers the Americans an opportunity to make new friends and get to know our community." Commenting on the dedication shown by the Soldiers who spent their Sunday picking up trash in a small Italian town, Segato said they especially grateful for these volunteers who were a "great example for our younger citizens."

The general feeling among Soldiers was pride and enthusiasm.

"Getting out with people in the community helps not only with language and culture, but also with making us feel more at home here," said Pfc. David Herdman. "Making sure the area stays clean and beautiful for future visitors and residents helps everyone. Also, the spirit of welcome and inclusion that we experienced today was simply amazing."

"It was a refreshing experience to get out of the barracks to do something in the community. I was very fortunate to partake in such an event because working with the host nation is instrumental in developing a good long-term relationship and this cleanup was a step in the right direction," said Spc. Anthony Washington.

A resident of Quinto for two years now, Nancy Beale had no hesitation to sign up for the event. "Quinto has been a wonderful town to live in for our family. I am so glad I had the opportunity to give something back to a town that has been so welcoming and warm to us."

Platoon leader Sgt. Dax Dickenson added, "Everyone here today came in with a smile and we are leaving with a bigger smile."

He added that his Soldiers enjoyed having a chance to get off base to help out and see Italy in a different light.

"The local volunteers were there directing us what to do in Italian, which none of us could understand, but they didn't seem to mind at all. We tried our best and it worked just fine," Dickenson said. He said he was proud to serve in a unit whose leadership is dedicated to doing volunteer work for the host nation and excitedly seeks any opportunity for meaningful engagements.

The cleanup ended with a luncheon offered to all participants to thank them for their enthusiasm and support. Dickenson concluded, "Many of us back in America don't get an opportunity to sit down next to a mayor and have lunch together. But it can happen here in Italy and that is great."

## Fearless Guardian brings visit from Ukraine president

This story first ran on May 7, 2015.

By **Sgt. Alex Skripnichuk**  
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

**YAVORIV, Ukraine** -- Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey R. Pyatt marked the start of combined training between U.S. Soldiers and Ukrainian national guard troops during a visit to the International Peacekeeping and Security Center here April 20.

The training, known as Fearless Guardian, involves approximately 300 paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade training Ukraine's newly formed national guard under the congressionally approved Global Contingency Security Fund. Under the program, the United States will train three battalions of Ukrainian troops over a six-month period.

Poroshenko delivered a speech during the ceremony, thanking paratroopers from 173rd Airborne for participating and expressed hope for the friendship between the United States and Ukraine.

"Dear generals, officers, sergeants and American Soldiers, [a] combined exercise of such scale and content is being held, probably, for the first time," Poroshenko said. "Our meeting today is a symbol of our new partnership and a new future."

The ceremony concluded with Poroshenko awarding Ukrainian troops who distinguished themselves in Eastern Ukraine.

Both the president and ambassador toured classrooms that will be used for training, followed by lunch, where they sat with both Ukrainian and U.S. Soldiers.

"I am excited for our paratroopers to have the opportunity to come to Ukraine and train with Ukrainian troops," said Maj. Nathan Williams, executive officer for 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. "This [training] will help bolster capabilities of both our Soldiers and Ukrainian soldiers."

For the Ukrainian national guard troops, the event marked the beginning of much-needed military practice.

"Our Soldiers look forward to training with the American troops," said Col. Sergey Alexandrovich Moscalenko, battalion commander for the Ukrainian national guard unit. "We are excited to see what the Americans [Soldiers] can do and how we can learn from them."

More than 180 journalists from all over the world covered the event.

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## Seminar encourages attendees to motivate, inspire

This story first ran on June 4, 2015.

By **Staff Sgt. Maria Bowman**  
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs Office

**ARUSHA, Tanzania** -- Various leaders from 17 nations came together for the weeklong 2015 Gender Mainstreaming seminar that took place in Arusha, Tanzania, in June.

The seminar brought together leaders who discussed successes and challenges, while coming up with solutions on how to bring about change in the pursuit of gender equality.

The first day of the seminar focused on gender integration policies, while Day Two had many speakers who spoke about positive and proactive leadership and how it is essential to successful integration efforts.

"Leadership is an essential component to successful gender integration," said Michael Conteh, a professor from Michigan State University and seminar guest speaker. "[It] is about influencing people to achieve an objective that is important to the leader, the group and the organization."

During panel discussion, Brig. Gen. Birame Diop, chief of staff of the Senegal Air Force, talked about using the strengths of both men and women to make their societies stronger.

"I have traveled through many African countries and have discovered that our future and the continent will depend on the way we handle this gender mainstreaming," said Diop. "In a society, whenever you have man and woman performing at their best, you will have results that are



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Nadja West (left), the Joint Staff surgeon, speaks with Brig. Gen. Birame Diop from Senegal during the 2015 Gender Mainstreaming Seminar in Arusha, Tanzania, May 20. U.S. Army Africa co-hosted the conference, with the Tanzanian Peoples Defense Force, in an effort to frame the importance of gender mainstreaming and promote equality throughout the region. (U.S. Army Africa photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Kimball)

better. Society gets smarter and you improve the collective intelligence."

Diop encouraged panel attendees to implement change at home with their families. "If you look at the family level, you will see that if you create the conditions for the girls and boys to interact in a harmonious way, the family gets better," said Diop. "This is true at the national level. You cannot be fully operational if you are not making sure your men and women are not living harmoniously and performing at their best."

Dr. Michelle Nel from the Military Science Academy of South Africa said her country has facilitated a change of atti-

tude and brought about an understanding of gender matters by having special training, beginning with basic military training.

"To reach a stage of true gender equality, one would require a holistic approach, creating formal equality as well as de facto equality," Nel said. "This means a gender balance (is needed) in terms of attitudes of those members within the South African National Defence Force to create an environment where women are accepted. Women should be placed in environments where they can be more effective and successful."

While many countries have quotas

about how many women they want to have in the military and in leadership roles, people expressed the belief that it's not about numbers. Those with the right skills and experiences should be placed into certain roles.

"Enforcing quotas may not be the solution," Nel said. "When the first phase of gender equality was implemented, the focus was on increasing the numbers to attain representation, rather than appointing the right person for the job. This created resentment among male counterparts, which undermined gender mainstreaming initiatives. You must earn your rank, or it means nothing."

Dr. Stephanie Diakite, founder of D INTL, has worked with 40 countries and said culture plays an important role in changing attitudes about gender equality.

"Culture is representative of society's values," she said. "Gender is a part of culture. As our values change, so does our culture. Things evolve because society wants it."

Ifat Levine, a guest speaker from the United States, talked about her experiences in the Israeli Defense Forces and how Alis Miller tried to become a pilot for the IDF and was denied because of her gender. She took her case to the High Court of Justice, which ruled that women could serve in any role in the Israeli armed forces. This paved the way for Levine to enter into positions previously only held by men.

"I was one of the women who came in after one determined lady started a chain reaction that changed everything for everyone who came afterward," she said. "Alis Miller put actions behind words."



First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama waves to an excited crowd as she steps on stage at Villaggio, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, June 19. Mrs. Obama visited the U.S. military installation to reinforce her support for service members and their military families, especially the children in those families.

## First Lady supports, encourages military families

This story first ran on July 2, 2015.

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

**VICENZA** -- A Summer Family Fun Day at Villaggio housing area that included children's activities and a family barbecue June 19 was made all the more exciting because of special guest First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama.

Soldiers, families, Department of Defense civilians and Italian nationals excitedly welcomed Mrs. Obama when she visited to spend time with military families. Attendees were thrilled to spend the day with the First Lady, who brought along daughters Malia and Sasha, mother Marian Robinson, and a niece.

"I was so happy that the First Lady of the United States could join us and recognize the sacrifices and service of our Soldiers, families and civilians, and everyone who works here in Vicenza," said Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., U.S. Army Garrison commander here.

Before Obama's arrival to the podium, the Italian and United States national anthems were sung by Gianpietro Ienna, a member of the Vicenza Polizia Locale, and Sgt. Amanda Donohue, USAG Vicenza, respectively. Then U.S. Ambassador John Phillips, ambassador to the Italian Republic and the Republic of San Marino, said a few words.

"The First Lady has visited with military families around the world, and today she is here in Vicenza," Phillips said. "You have built an impressive community. Remember that we are all American ambassadors, and you represent the best America has to offer."

Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, commander of U.S. Army Africa, then introduced the First Lady to a cheering crowd. Mrs. Obama greeted the group and spoke for about 15 minutes, emphasizing her support and thanking service members and their families for all they do. She began speaking, however, by taking a solemn moment to reflect on the violent shootings that took place at a Charleston, S.C., church only two days before her

arrival in Vicenza.

"There is something particularly horrifying about something that happens so senselessly in a house of worship," she said of the attack. "And we have seen too many tragedies like this." But there is always hope, she added, that such tragedies will come to an end.

"That's why I like to come to visit (Soldiers and their families)," Obama said. "There is a sense of hope in you, and that's why I'm here—to thank you all, to thank every single one of you."

One of her missions as First Lady, Obama added, is to make sure she "shines a really bright light" on Soldiers and their families.

"I want all Americans to understand that military families don't stop, that you face challenges that many don't even understand. ... When you're overseas, the simplest things are amplified—taking a trip, trying to catch the bus, learning the language, going to get supplies, (taking a sick child) to the hospital. Not to mention that your spouse may be whisked away at a moment's notice," she said. "Those sacrifices are what make you heroic."

After her remarks Mrs. Obama posed for photos, then joined her family members to serve ice cream to children with the help of Soldiers and USO volunteers. Another highlight was the Books on Bases presentation at the Youth Center. The program was kicked off by Malia and Sasha as they shared a reading of "Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great" by Bob Shea to a crowd of about 200 children.

The girls were followed by their mother and Menist, who collaborated on an animated reading of "Don't Play with Your Food," also written by Shea.

Menist said he enjoyed reading aloud to the children with Mrs. Obama. "She was very warm, very cordial, and you could tell she was touched to be here," he said.

The final event took place when Mrs. Obama joined with Operation Shower, Glam4Good, and other organizations to surprise approximately 25 expectant mothers with a baby shower. Moms-to-be were showered with gifts and makeover opportunities while participating in the organization's first international shower.

## Del Din access road complete

This story first ran on Aug. 27, 2015.

By **Anna Ciccotti**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**VICENZA** -- Military and civilian authorities conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 21 near the entrance of Caserma Del Din to mark the completion of the installation's access road upgrade.

The project is the result of a design coordinated by the Italian and American military with the city of Vicenza, at no cost for the local administration.

With several families of nearby residents and media in attendance, the ceremony included a welcome by Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., commander, United States Army Garrison, and remarks from guest speakers Col. Massimo Cicerone, Italian Air Force, commander of the 3° Stormo based in Villafranca, Verona; and from Cristina Balbi, Vicenza Assessor to urban planning.

The four-month construction project, worth 2.4 million euro, involved road rebuilding and widening, construction of a bike path, sidewalks, updated traffic signals and new LED street lighting.

"The new road enhances accessibility and general safety around Del Din. This is part of our commitment to reduce the



Inaugurated Aug. 21, the four-month construction project of Viale Ferrarin involved road rebuilding and widening, construction of a bike path, sidewalks, updated traffic signals and efficient LED street lighting. Photo courtesy of City of Vicenza

impact on the local traffic and improve quality of life for Soldiers who live at Del Din and our Italian neighbors in the surrounding community," Menist said.

The portion of Viale Arturo Ferrarin that links the entrance of Del Din to the roundabout at Viale Jacopo Dal Verme is a 900-meter straight asphalt roadway owned by the Italian Air Force. The road provides the only access to the military base and nearby residences of approximately 20 Italian families.

"This road had several traffic concerns, particularly for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles sharing the same laneway. The upgrade, which took into

account recommendations suggested by the city, is incredibly valuable," said Balbi. She added that the value of the work is for road users who live and work at Del Din and for residents, as well as the entire community because the bike path connects directly to the city network and encourages sustainable transportation.

Local residents congratulated the military for the new road and appreciated the investment that will bring long-term benefits for Soldiers and Italian neighbors alike.

They were also pleased to hear that the new road will accommodate the public bus transportation system as

early as September.

Meanwhile, traffic-calming measures are being studied to address the concern that the new long and straight road may encourage increased speeds, Menist said.

The upgrade complements the Del Din installation opened in 2013. Work was overseen by the regional officer in charge of construction in Northern Italy for the Naval Facility Command, and modified into the existing contract entitled Multiple Facilities Complex Dal Molin.

Construction was carried out by the contractor solicited via full and open competition in 2007.

## US Army Garrison changes leadership, name

*New commander talks about mission, leadership philosophy*

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By **Karin J. Martinez**  
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**VICENZA** -- Colonel Steve Marks accepted the colors of the newly designated United States Army Garrison Italy on Aug. 28 and became the first commander of the unit formerly known as USAG Vicenza.

Marks comes to Italy from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., and says he is glad to be here and ready for the challenge.

"I am excited about this assignment -- as I have been about all of my assignments in the U.S. Army," he said. "This is a great installation with a magnificent reputation worldwide because of our servicemen and women, our Italian friends and neighbors, the community both on and off the base, and of course the mission."

The mission dictates a particular set of priorities. They include professional workforce development, effective base operations, infrastructure sustainment and revitalization, installation security, readiness and resiliency through healthy and active living, and maintaining high-quality training for military and civilian leadership. USAG Italy sets the standard for integrating and delivering on these priorities, Marks added.

A native of Columbia, Mo., Marks knew when he was 18 that he wanted



Michael D. Formica (right), Region Director, IMCOM Europe, assists Col. Steve Marks in unfurling the new USAG Italy colors at the garrison change of command and redesignation ceremony on Hoekstra Field Aug. 28. (Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JJMTC-RTSD South)

to serve in the military. He worked his way to a commission from the University of Missouri ROTC Department in December 1992 and began life as an Army officer at Fort Bragg, N.C. Over the years, Marks says he has worked for some incredible leaders who became mentors and helped shape his leadership style and philosophy.

*"... I have an obligation to give of myself without limit, to contribute value towards the greater good, to have the courage to reveal authentic character, and to find value in everyone."*

*--Col. Steve Marks  
USAG Italy commander*

"I was given an opportunity to work closely with General Stanley McChrystal, Admiral Bill McRaven and Maj. Gen. Scott Miller," said the new commander. "All three of these officers were phenomenal leaders, warriors and visionaries. I watched them carefully during times we were at home station or deployed to combat zones, picking up valuable leadership traits and characteristics."

Those characteristics included how to talk to Soldiers, how to conduct himself professionally, how to bring out the best in others and himself, and how to inspire, Marks said. Those mentors, he added, were selfless men of integrity who demonstrated personal courage and were ready to laugh even in the most trying of times.

"Anyone who knows these three great Americans will attest that their leadership went well beyond just leading. They were willing to sacrifice themselves so that others would survive," he said. "Each one had a servant's heart. For over 20 years, I've tried to emulate the example they set.

"I came to believe that a leader isn't good because [he is] right, but because [he is] willing to learn and willing to trust. Trust has two dimensions: competence and integrity. We will forgive mistakes of competence, but mistakes of integrity are harder to overcome."

The commander also promotes the belief that everyone deserves to be respected, appreciated and valued. The bottom line, he says, is that "everyone is important and deserves the respect to be heard." He fosters the idea that team-building and group cohesion are major tenets of leadership and have the ability to bring about positive change.

As with any new job, for anyone in any career field, a person has the opportunity to put his all into his work, and Marks plans to do just that.

"I have an obligation to give of myself without limit, to contribute value towards the greater good, to have the courage to reveal authentic character, and to find value in everyone," he said.

With his philosophy firmly in place, Marks is now setting his own example as he and wife Myra settle into their new community with sons Hayden and Jacob. Their first time as a family in Italy should prove to be an adventure, as they have already visited some sights in Vicenza, Bassano del Grappa, and Camisano Vicentino. Their wish list of places to visit also includes Florence and Rome.

"We have been welcomed warmly by both the American and Italian communities," Marks said. "The Italians have been loving and nurturing, sharing information and their stories with us. I know this will be a good experience for my family. I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity to command USAG Italy."

## Milan Expo features world foods, food systems

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Story and photos by  
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Grapes are displayed in a multitude of colors. At the Expo, countries are grouped in collective pavilions based on thematic identities and food chains.

**MILAN** -- Time is running out to visit Milan Expo 2015, the World's Fair held here this year.

Only about 200 km from Vicenza and 300 km from Livorno, the Expo is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most people.

The theme for this year's fair is "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life," and participating countries are showing the best of their cuisine, technology and innovation. The event is also a platform where countries can share their ideas for a sustainable future and feeding the world's population.

With 145 countries represented, the Expo is no small venture. According to Expo literature, Milan had to compete to be the host city and put in its bid in Octo-

ber 2006. Milan was declared the winner in 2008, and preparation for the exhibition fair began.

In keeping with the theme, the Expo site is broken into clusters, in which different countries share a particular food chain for their part of the world.

The clusters include rice; cocoa and chocolate; coffee; fruits and legumes; spices; bio-Mediterranean; islands, sea and food; cereals and tubers; and arid zones.

Each country has its own pavilion, and visitors may want to purchase an Expo "passport" to be stamped as you make your way. For five euro apiece, the passport makes a great souvenir.

Visitors to Expo can get there by car and park in the parking area, or take the train and use public transportation (rail-

way or subway) to get to the site at Rho Fiera. Purchasing tickets ahead of time online at [www.expo2015.org](http://www.expo2015.org) is the best option. Lines at the Expo can be long, so having a ticket in advance may speed up the process.

Checking out deals with Groupon is also recommended. A regular ticket costs 39 euro, but with Groupon, this traveler found two for 49. (Government endorsement is not implied.)

If you and your family think you'd like to make the trek, plan ahead. Check out the Expo website and/or download the free Expo app, Expo 2015. The exhibition covers a lot of ground, so prior planning will ensure you get to visit the pavilions of your choice and see the special events, shows, or demonstrations you've put on your list.



In the Ethiopia Pavilion, guests may have tea and eat a meal for an extra fee.

Wear comfortable shoes and get there when the gates open. You'll be able to cover more ground that way.

If traveling with children, make sure to bring some snacks because food can add up quickly. Refillable water bottles are also a good idea; there are water points throughout the Expo.

Get out there and see the world, one pavilion at a time.

## Chief of Chaplains tours future spiritual education center

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USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

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

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

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

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

Yeuell, who works out of Sembach, Germany, said she began the process to find such a building six years ago when there was no ideal place to facilitate religious education on the installation. Vicenza elementary and middle schools were sharing their space, but when they moved to Villaggio, it was time to look elsewhere.

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

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

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

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



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

"Ultimately, by 2017, the building will be totally renovated," Foster said. "Right now we begin the process of creating a facility that will meet our specific needs. Now that concurrence is finished, all of the pieces have come together, and the initial design phase begins."

Designing a flexible space is important, said Yeuell and Foster, as the building will bring together children and adults of all faiths and all ages for weekend and mid-week programs. Being able to transition the space to accommodate everyone's needs is vital to success.

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

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

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

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## Knockout Boxing smoker is a hit

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**DEL DIN** -- For the first time, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program hosted a U.S. Army Boxing Smoker at Del Din Fitness Center Nov. 19 in partnership with U.S. Army Garrison Italy Sports, Fitness and Aquatics.

A total of 18 boxers from several units had the chance to compete in the ring in nine bouts from Light Middle to Super Heavyweight classes.

The event was also the last one for Sgt. Amanda Donohue, USAG Italy BOSS President, as she is leaving Vicenza for another duty station. Donohue said she started planning the BOSS Boxing Smoker in April.

"I have assisted in the coordination of a few other sports and fitness events before this boxing smoker.

"I received a lot of positive feedback about it. Soldiers have said that experiencing this event not only made them want to start boxing themselves, but also made them love being in the Army just a little more," said Donohue.

Due to the lack of female fighters, the fifth match between Toyelle Rickson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Kaitlyne Kisner of Company B, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade, was not exactly a weight class.

"My opponent and I weighed in at the exact same weight, though. So I knew that our fight would be a good one," said Kisner.

"I actually had not prepared prior to the boxing smoker. However, I did do a few months' worth of training when I was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I thoroughly enjoyed it and hoped I would find boxing opportunities when I found out I was PCS'ing to Italy," she continued.

Kisner was invited to fight the day before the event.

"I was a little nervous that I hadn't been training prior to being asked, but I knew that the skills that I had learned in Missouri would still benefit me. I have not participated in many organized sporting events similar to the boxing smoker; I am, however, certified in both Level 1 and Level 2 Modern Army Combatives and will be attending the Master Combatives course in Germany next year."

Kisner thought that her match was an interesting one.

"My opponent put up a very good fight, and the blood all over the ring from my nose and slight black eye were proof of that. She was taller than me by a couple of inches and had a much longer reach. It was (my) first fight (and hers) as well. She rung my bell quite a few times, but I hung in there for all three rounds," Kisner added.

"I greatly appreciate the BOSS program and Sgt. Donohue for giving me the opportunity to get in the ring and throw some punches. I learned a lot about myself and what I need to work on for next time. I look forward to the next boxing smoker in the future," she said.

Donohue was impressed by the fight won by Rickson.

"Sgt. Rickson informed me, when she decided she wanted to fight a couple of days before the event, that she had never fought before," explained Donohue. "I was a little worried but I had an idea that she would probably pull something out and do really well. Both of them fought really well."

After winning her bout, Rickson said she felt more confident about competing.

"Right now, I feel like 'Million Dollar Baby,' the movie," said Rickson. "It was fun and it makes me want to actually get on a team, and if I can do



Addison Curtis of Company C, Brigade Support Battalion, gets advice from his coach before his bout in the Heavyweight class during the BOSS Boxing Smoker at Del Din Nov. 19. Curtis won vs. Stephen Weddie, Co. B, BSB.

it professionally, I will."

Following the Kisner-Rickson match was one between Andre Lucas, U.S. Army Africa, and Alexis Machado, Company D, 2nd-503rd, 173rd IBCT (A), won by Lucas.

Lucas said his motivation for boxing started because of a loss in his family.

"I started preparing for the BOSS Boxing Smoker in April. It started off as a joke to myself, then in May my mother passed away. It felt as though the world crumbled around me.

"A few weeks later, the grief really started to kick in. I felt lost and didn't want to go (down) a destructive path. So I started to pursue boxing as my aid to relief. I dedicated myself to making my life and job better in all the hopes of making my mother and son proud of me," Lucas said.

When Lucas first started, he said, it was in the Super Welterweight weight class, but after quitting smoking he said he gained weight and was moved to Middleweight.

"The match was a great experience. It showed that we both went through training and that we both had a plan to execute," Lucas said.

Lucas said the events provided by the BOSS program are instrumental in developing a healthy relationship within the Vicenza Military Community.

"I personally look forward to continuing being involved if time permits, whether it is basketball, football, softball or any major event," Lucas said.

After the event, Jimmy Roddy, USAG Italy Sports, Fitness and Aquatics director, talked about its success. "The Boxing Smoker was a great event. We held a referee and judges' clinic two evenings of that week and used the smoker as the practicum for the clinic. BOSS went out and got the ring, and got all the boxers together, so we could have this awesome event. We hope this was a start for more to come."

Following are the participants/results of the BOSS Boxing Smoker:

Jorge Loera, HHC BDE (winner) vs. Geoff Dominguez, HHC 2/503  
Addison Curtis, C Co. BSB (winner) vs. Stephen Weddie, B Co. BSB  
Humberto Guterrez, HHC 2/503 (winner) vs. Alexander Castro C Co. BSB  
Anthony Cole, C Co. BSB vs. Hector Aguirre, 1/503 (winner)  
Toyelle Rickson, HHC BDE (winner) vs. Kaitlyne Kisner, B Co. 54th BEB  
Andre Lucas, USARAF (winner) vs. Alexis Machado, D Co. 1/503  
Kyler Martin, HHC BDE (winner) vs. Blaine McLean, C Co. 2/503  
Edward Biron, E Co. BEB (winner) vs. Aaron Gillette, HHC BDE  
Jasmine Smith, HHC BSB (winner) vs. Kathleen Harris, HHC BDE

## At the movies



### Ride Along 2

As his wedding day approaches, Ben heads to Miami with his soon-to-be brother-in-law James to bring down a drug dealer who's supplying the dealers of Atlanta with product. Rated PG-13.

Jan. 15	7 p.m.	Ride Along 2 (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R)
Jan. 16	3 p.m.	Ride Along 2 (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R)
Jan. 17	3 p.m.	Ride Along 2 (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R)
Jan. 20	7 p.m.	Spectre (PG-13)
Jan. 21	7 p.m.	Daddy's Home (PG-13)
Jan. 22	7 p.m.	The 5th Wave (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Concussion (PG-13)
Jan. 23	3 p.m.	Joy (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 (PG-13)
Jan. 24	3 p.m.	Ride Along 2 (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R)
Jan. 27	7 p.m.	In the Heart of the Sea (PG-13)
Jan. 28	7 p.m.	The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13)
Jan. 29	7 p.m.	The 5th Wave (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Fifty Shades of Black (R)

**Admission:** 3D first run (\*), adult, \$8, under 12, \$5.25; 3D second run, adult \$7.50, under 12, \$5; first run (\*), adult, \$6, under 12, \$3.25; second run, adult \$5.50, under 12, \$3. **Starting May 1:** 3D first run (\*), adult, \$8.50, under 12, \$5.75; 3D second run, adult \$8, under 12, \$5.50; first run (\*), adult, \$6.50, under 12, \$3.75; second run, adult \$6, under 12, \$3.50.

**Advance tickets:** On sale Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX Food Court entrance, except on federal holidays. Up to 50 percent of seats will be on sale; the remainder go on sale one hour before show time at the theater box office.

**Film ratings** and reviews are available at [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com).

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# News briefs

## Estate claims: Pfc. Jessie J. Vo

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Pfc. Jessie J. Vo in the 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st Lt. Michael Saglimbene, at 637-4125 or via e-mail Michael.saglimbene2.mil@mail.mil.

## Demonstration advisory

An artistic performance organized by the *Bocciodromo* Social Center will take place Jan. 16 in the vicinity of Marchese Bridge, approximately 300 meters from the northern fence line of Caserma Del Din. The *Bocciodromo* Social Center is a cultural organization with a well known anti-U.S. attitude.

The performance will consist of the use of colored smoke in an artistic presentation. No specific threat is foreseen for the military community; however, host nation law enforcement will task an additional patrol to follow the event. All U.S. community members are reminded to exercise vigilance and avoid the area during the demonstration.

## AAFES inventory changes hours

AAFES has announced annual inventory hours for Exchange retail locations within the Vicenza Military Community. Locations are open at regularly scheduled hours unless listed below.

### Jan. 16

Darby Retail Store/Express, 1-3 p.m.

### Jan. 19

Del Din Express, 1-8 p.m.

### Jan. 20

Military Clothing & Sales  
2-5:30 p.m.

### Jan. 21

Ederle Express, 1-11 p.m.

### Jan. 22

Vicenza Main Store, CLOSED

### Jan. 23

Villagio Express, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

## 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 Feb. 12. For more information, students or sponsors can visit [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).

Call Scholarship Managers in the U.S. at (856) 616-9311 or email them at [militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com](mailto:militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com).

## 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 pop-

ulation, 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).

## 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 in early February. 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](mailto:emily.k.moy.mil@mail.mil) or at comm. 0444-71-7432.

## School needs volunteer judges

Vicenza Middle School will play host to 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](mailto:angela.wilson@eu.dodea.edu).

## Birth registration changes

Effective Dec. 1, the birth registration process, formerly overseen by the American Red Cross, falls 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](mailto: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](mailto:usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.mpd@mail.mil).

[italy.imcom-europe.mbx.mpd@mail.mil](mailto:italy.imcom-europe.mbx.mpd@mail.mil).

## Health Center

To receive network referral for care, patients must enroll in Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service through Relay Health.

Flu vaccinations continue on a walk-in basis for all civilian beneficiaries and Department of the Army civilians.

Each Tuesday, there is a medical benvenuti for in-processing Soldiers at 2:30-3:30 p.m. and tobacco cessation from 3 to 4 p.m.

## 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 participants 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](mailto:vicenzatoastmasters2015@gmail.com); for other locations, go to [www.toastmasters.org](http://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](mailto:giovanni.interbartolo@gmail.com) for more information. [www.maratonadiroma.it](http://www.maratonadiroma.it)

## iReports

Reports from vigilant members of the community are a crucial element to keeping all members of the Army family safe. iReport (<http://www.eur.army.mil/iReport/>) is a theater-wide reporting system for use to report suspicious behavior to the appropriate authorities.

To encourage suspicious and criminal activity reporting, U.S. Army Europe has developed a one-stop, easy access reporting app that allows users to fill out the iSalute and iWatch forms in a more user-friendly way on smart phones and other app-enabled mobile devices.

This app will be available as a free download (search: "iReport") on Apple's App Store (iOS devices), Google's Android Market (Android devices), and Microsoft's Windows Store (Windows devices). Anyone with questions should contact the USAG Italy Antiterrorism office at 637-8021/8084, or the USAG Italy Military Police Desk at 634-7626.

## Find IRS form on MyPay

MyPay is the quickest way to get the 2015 IRS Form 1095 and will be available in late January. Employees will have the option to view, print or save the form in PDF format. MyPay protects against identity theft and allows online, secure access to tax statements.

Users who want to switch from mail delivery to electronic can simply log into myPay and from the Main Menu select "Turn on/off Hard Copy of IRS Form 1095." Answer "Yes" to switch from "Electronic and Hard Copy" to "Electronic Only" for faster and safer electronic delivery. Click the following link to log into your myPay account: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

Any questions about logging into myPay and/or making changes to your electronic elections in myPay may be directed to the DFAS Customer Care Center at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-

332-7411 option 5.

## Call for nominations

There is a call for nominations for the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award. The award was established by the military departments in 1996 in honor of the Fishers, who have contributed extensively to the support and welfare of members of the armed services. The award is intended to honor and recognize a private sector individual or organization that has demonstrated exceptional patriotism and humanitarian concerns for members of the U.S. armed services.

Nominations are due by April 4. Go to <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-245628> for more information.

Nominations are also being accepted for the Department of Defense Spirit of Hope awards. The awards are dispersed annually to individuals and organizations that epitomize selfless service and dedicated commitment to our military. There is an immediate call for nominations from all Army activities, active and reserve components. Nominations are due by April 18. Go to <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-245627> for more information.

## Exchange shoppers can win

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Mars/Wrigley are making game day extra sweet for military shoppers this year by giving them the chance to win one of 20 Exchange gift cards valued at \$50 each.

Through Jan. 25, shoppers can enter the MARS/Wrigley Super Bowl Sweepstakes at [Caution-www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes](http://Caution-www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes). The MARS/Wrigley Super Bowl Sweepstakes is open to authorized shoppers 18 and older. No purchase is necessary. Winners will be notified after a drawing on or about Jan. 31.

## Exercise vigilance

The Provost Marshal reminds community members to be vigilant in actions and activity around their homes. Some tips are as follows:

Americans should not put flags, banners or other items that draw attention to being American outside of their homes.

Whenever possible, park cars in garages.

If community members notice symbols drawn in chalk or other removable marking device on your house, or wire on gates, this signifies that the house has been marked for certain activity, i.e. that it's worth breaking into, a single person lives there, contains alarm systems.

If you find these markings, immediately call the Military Police Desk at 0444-71-7626 or 0800-064-0777.

## Drivers orientation

All newly assigned personnel and dependents who wish to drive in Italy must complete a mandatory driver's orientation course.

The 2 1/2-hour course provides an overview of driving laws in Italy, traffic patterns and how they differ from other locations, precautions to take, what to do in case of an accident, DUI laws and more.

The orientation course takes place in the Central Processing Facility and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The course is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and will also be offered on Fridays to newly arrived Soldiers during inprocessing.

# Out & About

*Carnevale* is celebrated in Italy and many places around the world 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. It is a huge winter festival celebrated with parades, masquerade balls, entertainment, music, and parties. Children throw confetti at each other. Mischief and pranks are also common during *Carnevale*, hence the saying *A Carnevale Ogni Scherzo Vale*, “anything goes at carnival time.”

*Carnevale* has roots in pagan festivals and traditions and, as is often the case with traditional festivals, was adapted to fit into Catholic rituals. Masks (*maschere*) are an important part of the *Carnevale* festival, and Venice is the best city for traditional carnival masks. They are sold year-round and can be found in many shops in Venice, ranging from cheap masks to elaborate and expensive ones.

This year, *Carnevale* takes place February 7, but celebrations in many parts of Italy will start in January.



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## VENETO

### Sagra del Broccolo Fiolaro Broccoli Festival

Through Jan. 17, in Creazzo, sports center, Via Torino 10, about five miles west of Vicenza. The *broccolo fiolaro* is a typical crop of the Creazzo hills, its name derived from the several sprouts along the stalk of the plant, which in Venetian dialect are called *foi*, or offspring. Food booths featuring gnocchi with broccoli, traditional *fritola*, or doughnut, and typical Creazzo dishes. Open at 6:30 p.m.

<http://www.comunideco.it/notizie-prodotti-de-co-di-creazzo/1122-sagra-del-broccolo-fiolaro-di-creazzo-2015>

### Prima del Torcolato Torcolato new wine festival

Jan. 17, in Breganze, Piazza Mazzini, about 15 miles north of Vicenza. The Torcolato is the gem of Breganze's winemaking tradition. It is produced from pressing dried Vespaiola grapes which are hung (*torcolate*, in the local dialect) on strings from wooden beams of the attics of farmhouses; 2:30 p.m. Public pressing of the 2013 grape harvest; Torcolato wine tasting; local products exhibit and sale; folk music and dancing.

<http://www.stradadeltorcolato.it/news-ed-eventi/2015/prima-del-torcolato-2016/>

### Antiquaria Antique Show and Market

Jan. 16-24, Monday-Friday, 3-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Pordenone, Viale Treviso, 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. Furniture, paintings, antique artifacts, jewelry and many curiosities and rarities. Admission: €10; €5 (senior citizens older than 65). Free for children younger than 17.

<http://www.fierapordenone.it/menu-principale/calendario-fiere/exid/30>

### Presepi dal Mondo in Arena International Nativity Scenes Exhibit

Through Jan. 20, at the Arena. Open daily 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; more than 400 nativity scenes from all over the world, designed by craftsmen and artists. Shows of lights and music. Entrance: €7; €6 for children ages 6-12 and senior citizens older than 60.

<http://www.nataleinpiazza.it/2015/natale-a-verona/altri-eventi-natalizi/natale-in-arena-presepi.html>

### Motor Bike Expo International Motorcycle show

Jan. 22-24, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Verona, Via del Lavoro, 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Admission: €16; €13 for children ages 6-10. Free for children under 10.

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

### Billy Bob's Texas Country Fair

Jan. 29-30, 10 a.m.-2 a.m.; Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., in Padova, Via Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Aaron Watson in concert, Jan. 30 at 9 p.m. Entrance: €14; discount price for American military and civilians. To receive the coupon, send an email to [anna.terracino2.ln@mail.mil](mailto:anna.terracino2.ln@mail.mil).

<http://www.padovacountryfair.com>

### Tamara de Lempicka 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.. Exhibit showcases 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: €13; €11 for children ages 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 Brà 1, about 36 miles west of Vicenza. Entrance: €13; €11 for senior citizens older than 65 and youth ages 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, Contrà Porti 10-12. Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. This is the first-ever exhibit dedicated to the American Palladian in Europe. It enables visitors to explore Jefferson's world, his art collections and architectural drawings. Entrance: €10/€7. <http://www.livinginvicenza.com>

## CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS

### Bassano del Grappa

Feb. 6, night floats parade departs at 9 p.m. from Via Parolini.

Feb. 7, floats parade departs at 2 p.m. from Via Velo.

Feb. 9, 2-6 p.m. in Piazza Libertà, bounce houses and carnival rides; live music and dancing.

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

### Casale di Scodosia (Padova)

Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 9. Local products and crafts exhibit and sale in Piazza Matteotti from 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. *Carnevale* floats parade; live music with the Seventh Train Band. Entertainment with musicians and flag-throwers; food booths featuring local specialties at the heated Sports Center at noon. Entertainment with street artists and carnival rides.

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

### Lonigo

Jan. 31, 1:30 p.m. in Piazza XXV Aprile, majorettes, live music and float parade; in IV Novembre. Folk music and dancing, games and entertainment; food stands featuring traditional *Carnevale* pastries from 11 a.m.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale\\_Carnevale/21032813\\_Carnevale+Leoniceno.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/21032813_Carnevale+Leoniceno.html)

### Venice

Jan. 23-Feb. 9. Arts and trades are the protagonists of this year's Venice *Carnevale*, with mask makers, weavers, tailors, and glassmakers in 18th century costumes. Theme-based itineraries, special openings, and temporary exhibitions. This year's *Carnevale* also rediscovers theatre, opera and comedy not only in theatres, but in Piazza San Marco and along the Venetian canals. For a full program in English of Venice *Carnevale*, visit <http://www.carnevale.venezia.it/en/>.

### Verona

Verona *Carnevale* dates back to 1531, when grain prices rose due to a food shortage. Poor people, especially in the Saint Zeno's area, were facing starvation. A wealthy nobleman, Tommaso Da Vico, donated a large sum for poor people to buy flour and make *gnocchi*. Da Vico ordered in his will for *gnocchi* and wine to be given to the people of Saint Zeno's every year on the last Friday before Lent, now called *Venerdì gnocolar* (*gnocchi's Friday*).

A parade goes through downtown Verona to Saint Zeno's Church led by *Papà de' gnocco* (*Gnocchi's dad*), a costumed man representing an old king holding a



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large fork topped by a big *gnocco* instead of a scepter. The man who wears this costume is elected in Saint Zeno's square a month before the event. Candidates try to buy people's vote by offering *gnocchi* and wine.

Feb. 5, *Venerdì gnocolar* parade departs at 2 p.m. from Corso Porta Nuova and arrives in Piazza San Zeno.

Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. entertainment in Piazza Brà, which will continue in the afternoon in other downtown locations.

Feb. 8, entertainment and free traditional soup in Santo Stefano district

Feb. 9, entertainment and games start at 2:30 p.m. in Porto San Pancrazio district.

Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in Parona, float parade, live music, *polenta* and *vin brulè* (hot-spiced wine) for everyone.

<http://www.verona.net/it/eventi/sagre/5440.html>

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

### VENETO

**Verona:** Jan. 16, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

**Este (Padova):** Jan. 17, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

**Godega di Sant'Urbano:** Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

**Montagnana:** Jan. 17, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

**Padova:** Jan. 17, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

**Soave:** Jan. 17, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)

**Belluno:** Jan. 24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza (about 50 vendors)

**Dolo (Venice):** Jan. 24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantieri, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

**Piazzola sul Brenta:** Jan. 24, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

**Spresiano (Treviso):** Jan. 24, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

**Treviso:** Jan. 24, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

## TUSCANY

### Palio di Buti Buti's Race

Jan. 17 in Buti (Pisa). The first Palio in Tuscany every year, the *Palio di Buti* originates from the religious celebration of St. Anthony, protector of domestic animals. According to a tradition dating back to the 19th century, all domestic animals in Buti were to be blessed by the parish priest. Of all domestic animals, the horse, being then the only method of transport, was particularly appreciated. After horses were blessed, their owners would challenge each other to horse races, which continues today in the tradition of the Palio. The race is preceded by dinners in the streets, theatrical performances and a pageant in historical costumes at 2:30 p.m. Spectators can follow the competition on giant screens.  
<http://www.sunrisebeb.com/web1/en/dettaglio-evento.php?id=322>

### Salone del Turismo Itinerante e Sostenibile Tour Italy Fair

Jan. 21-24, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Marina di Carrara (Masa Carrara), Viale Galilei 133. This 14th Itinerant Tourism Fair is a display show of all the most up-to-date equipment that may be needed for itinerant type of tourism. Parking area and camper services are provided for public use. Entrance: Jan. 21-22, €3; Jan. 23-24 €7; reduced €4; free for children younger than 12.  
[http://carrara.virgilio.it/eventi/tour-it-2016-salone-del-turismo-itinerante-e-sostenibile\\_145917\\_6](http://carrara.virgilio.it/eventi/tour-it-2016-salone-del-turismo-itinerante-e-sostenibile_145917_6)

### Mostra del Disco e del Fumetto Records and Comic Books Exhibit and sale

Jan. 30-31, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Arezzo, Via Spallanzani 25. Entrance: €5; €4 for senior citizens older than 60 and children younger than 14. More than 100 exhibitors. <http://www.kolosseo.com/arezzo-disco/>

### Militoscana Military items exhibit and sale

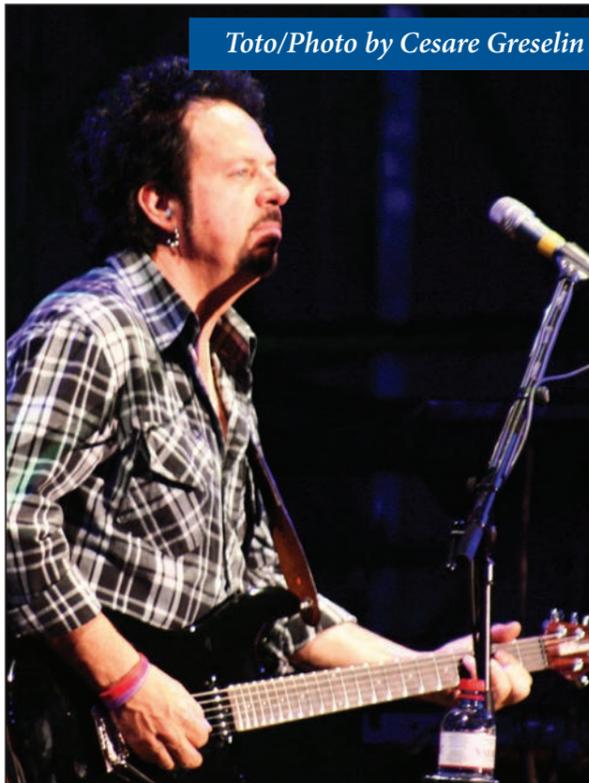
Jan. 30, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Jan. 31, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., in Empoli (Florence), Piazza Guerra Guido 13. More than 60 collectors feature helmets, uniforms, military maps and medals from WWI and WWII. Entrance: €6. Food court and free parking available.  
[www.prometeo.tv/militoscana/](http://www.prometeo.tv/militoscana/)

### Winter Park

Open daily through March 6, in Florence, Ohihal Center, Lungarno Aldo Moro. Ice skating ring, a snow tubing track and a downhill ski; all necessary equipment can be rented on site. <http://firenzewinterpark.it/>

### Sagra delle Frittelle Frittelle Festival

Through March 20, Saturdays 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sundays, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in San Donato in Collina, Rignano Sull'Arno (Florence). Food booths feature a great variety of *frittelle* (fried dough), the famous Vin Santo (sweet wine), and other local specialties.  
<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&tag=&area=&city=&date=&page=1&post=409>



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## CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS

### Bientina (Pisa)

Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 9; from 3 p.m., float parades depart from Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. Bientina's *Carnevale* has been celebrated for the last 50 years. It includes, besides the traditional allegoric float parade, a train filled with children riding around town. Free entrance.  
<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-bientinese-bientina-pisa-2>

### Castiglion Fibocchi (Arezzo)

Jan. 24, 4 p.m. Grand opening in Piazza della Fonte. Food booths; 5 p.m. float parade.  
Jan. 31, 2:30 p.m. Children's entertainment with magicians and live music; best mask competition; 5 p.m. historical parade and election of this year *Carnevale Queen*.  
<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/figli-di-bocco-castiglion-fibocchi-arezzo-2>

### Dicomano (Florence)

Jan. 24 and Feb. 9. Float parades accompanied by live music and folk groups from Naples and Spain depart from Piazza della Repubblica at 2:30 p.m. Food booths feature traditional pastries.  
<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-dicomanes-dicomano-firenze-2>

### Marlia (Lucca)

Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 14, float parades and entertainment start at 2 p.m. Live music and face painting.  
<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevalmarlia-marlia-lucca>

### Orentano (Pisa)

Jan. 24-Feb. 21, on Sundays from 3 p.m. Float parade

and entertainment for children; Feb. 9, live music, dance show and a puppet, representing *Carnevale*, on Feb. 21, best float award; free entrance.  
<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-dei-bambini-orentano-pisa>

### San Romano (Pisa)

Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 14; Far west with cowboys, Indians, gold hunters, and explorers is this year's *Carnevale* theme; float parades along Lungarno Pacinotti; games and entertainment; free gadgets for children on Feb. 14.  
<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-sanromanes-san-romano-pisa/>

### Viareggio

Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28; March 5; float parades depart at 3 p.m.; the night parade at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 28; live music and dancing; for a detailed program in English, visit <http://viareggio.ilcarnevale.com/en/>.

## CONCERTS

**Helloween** – Jan. 31 in Milan

**Slipknot** – Feb. 2 in Padova

**DSL** – Dire Straits Legacy – Feb. 4 in Rome; Feb. 7 in Milan

**Escape the Fate** – Feb. 5 in Milan; Feb. 6 in Pordenone

**Toto** – Feb. 6 in Torino, Feb. 7 in Montichiari (Brescia)

**The Aristocrats** – Feb. 7 in Bologna; Feb. 10 in Florence

**Twenty One Pilots** – Feb. 8 in Milan

**Motorhead** – Feb. 11 in Milan; Feb. 20 in Trieste

**Black Stone Cherry** – Feb. 15 in Trezzo sull'Adda (Milan)

**Brian May and Kerry Ellis** – Feb. 22 in Padova; Feb. 24 in Florence; Feb. 25 in Milan

**Taylor Davis** – Feb. 29 Milan

**Joe Jackson** – March 4 in Mestre (Venice); March 5 in Bologna; March 7 in Rome; March 8 in Milan

**The Neighbourhood** – March 9 in Milan

**All Them Witches** – March 11 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>.

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS TUSCANY

**Certaldo (Florence):** Jan. 17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio and Via 2 Giugno

**Florence:** Jan. 16-17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

**Lucca:** Jan. 16-17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

**Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto):** Jan. 16-17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio

**Pontedera (Pisa):** Jan. 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown

**Quarrata (Pistoia):** Jan. 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

**Bientina (Pisa):** Jan. 23-24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

**Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo):** Jan. 24, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza del Municipio

**Cecina (Livorno):** Jan. 24, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

**Florence:** Jan. 24, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Via Ciampi

**Montevarchi (Arezzo):** Jan. 24, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

**Ponte a Egola (Pisa):** Jan. 24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa



Carnevale Castiglion Fibocchi, Tuscany

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).

# Family & MWR Events

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

### Financial Fitness Course

Jan. 19 and Feb. 2 & 16; 9-10:30 a.m.  
Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

This financial fitness course will assist you in taking control of your money through personal financial management and planning. To register, contact 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### Children's Clothing Swap

Jan. 20; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Vicenza Library, Caserma Ederle

Join the Ederle Library for a children's clothing swap. Bring in what your child has outgrown and swap it for something new. Clean, gently used clothing & shoes only; sizes birth-5 years. Drop off items at the front desk starting Jan. 11. Set up time is 10:30 a.m. Jan. 20 in conference room. Call 634-7291 for more information.

### Tuscan Tots

Jan. 21 & 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, and 25  
10-11:30 a.m.

ACS, Camp Darby

Play and craft activities for you and your child. Resources to help parents develop a healthy, loving relationship with your child(ren). To register, call (314) 633-7500.

### Federal Resume Workshop

Jan. 21; 1-2 p.m.

Davis Hall, Bldg. 108

Learn how to navigate the federal employment application process and write a competitive federal resume. Contact 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500, for more information.

### Fill Your Toolbox

Jan. 28; 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Elementary/Middle School Atrium  
Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Family Advocacy welcomes parents and youth, elementary and middle school, to come and make a craft to use as a tool in their emotion regulation toolbox. Free. Contact 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500, for more information.

### English as a Second Language

Feb. 8, 22, and 29; 2-4 p.m.

Bldg. 108, 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. Contact 634-7500, comm.: 0444-71-7500, for more information

## ARTS /CRAFTS

### Adult Resiliency Through Art

Jan. 19 & 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. Free trial for first four sessions; \$5 per session (after free trials). Contact DSN: 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

### Messy Art

Jan. 22 and Feb. 26; 10-10:45 a.m.

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Geared for children ages 9 months to 18 months. All materials are included in the price of registration, \$5. Wear comfortable clothing and clothing you don't mind getting dirty. Contact DSN: 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

### 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.

### SKIES Kindermusik

February-May, Thursdays

9:30-10:15 a.m.

\$3 per class, Caserma Ederle

Kindermusik® programs teach parents how to encourage their child's learning through vocal play, object exploration, instruments, and creative movement.

Wiggle & Move (parent & me classes)

Session 1: February 11 - March 3

Session 2: March 10 - April 7

Session 3: April 28 - May 19

Ages 3 months to 4 years; session cost is \$64 and includes the price of four classes & digital materials.

Enrollment opens Jan. 6 and closes once classes are filled or the start of the session. Call (314) 634-5563, or comm.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### H.E.A.T.

January, every Monday-Friday

8:30-9:30 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.

### Sunrise Yoga

Jan. 19, 21 & 26

6:30-7:30 a.m., Ederle Fitness

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

Mostly likely will appeal to people who are already quite fit; enjoy exercising; want a minimal amount of chanting and meditation with their yoga.

### Turn & Burn Cycling

Jan. 19, 21, 26, 28; noon-1 p.m.

\$3 per class, \$25 for 10

Caserma Ederle

A high intensity, low impact class that will build your strength, maximize your endurance and fat burn as you ride your way through hills, sprints, and climbs. Open to all fitness levels.

### Warrior Yoga @ Del Din

Jan. 25; 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

\$3 per class, Del Din Fitness Center

All levels of experience are welcome, but prepare to work hard and work up a sweat. Contact 637-2705, comm. 0444-66-2705.

### Taekwondo

Jan. 21 & 28; 6-7 p.m.

Jan. 25; 6:30-7:30 p.m., Ederle Fitness

Cost \$10 per class/\$60 per month

Self-defense class based upon the taekwondo techniques that will provide students the tools for self defense. Call 634-7521, comm. 050-54-7521.

### Baby and Me Yoga

Jan. 28; 10:30-11:30 a.m.

SKIES Bldg. 308, Caserma Ederle

Baby and Me Yoga is a time to relax, strengthen core muscles, and connect with your baby. The class welcomes all parents of children ages two months to pre-crawlers. Call (314) 634-7500; comm. 0444-71-7500.

### Power Pump

Jan. 27; 9-10 a.m., Ederle Fitness

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

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.

## TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

### Family Movie Night

Jan. 21, 24, 28 & 31 and Feb. 4, 7, 11

6-8 p.m.; 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

Reserve your bowling and pizza at the bowl desk at least 15 minutes before movie start time. Call 634-8257, comm. 0444-71-8257.

### Darby Children's Story Hour

Feb. 16; 10-11 a.m.

Darby Library, Bldg. 407

Storytime designed for children ages 3-7 in the children's room. Stories and activities. Call (314) 633-7000, or comm. 050-54-7000.

### 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.

### Ferrari Museum and Modena

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

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$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 Ferrari's ever built.

### San Martino Ski and Snowboard Trip

Jan. 30; 5 a.m.-8 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$30

A part of the Dolomiti SuperSki area, San Martino is a favorite local resort located beneath the breathtaking Pale di San Martino. This resort features terrain for all skill levels of skiers and boarders.

### Milan: A Private Guided Tour

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

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$85

Join us for our own private tour of this beautiful historic city. You will also have free time to explore, whether you visit historic sites, wander through a museum, or shop to your heart's content.

### Acoustic Jam 2016

Jan. 30; 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle, \$12  
JVeteran guitarist and recording artist Roberto Dalla Vecchia returns for his popular Acoustic Jam concert with the best in all new folk and bluegrass music. Nightclub table seating. Limited seating.

### Italian Traditions 101

Feb. 2; 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$15

Ever wonder why Italians do some of the things we find so different from American culture? Take this opportunity to find out as our expert Giovanna discusses Italian culture and traditions. We

will meet in the Ederle ODR classroom. Come armed with your questions and willing to learn.

### Youth Center:

#### Folgaria Ski & Snowboard Trip

Feb. 6; 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Vicenza Youth Center, Bldg. 373, \$15

Folgaria is a great place to learn to ski/snowboard and is highly advised for beginner skiers & snowboarders. For students in grades 6 through 12, all ski/snowboard experience levels. Enrollment starts the Monday before the trip. Minimum of eight participants needed.

#### Alleghe Ski and Snowboard Trip

Feb. 6; 5 a.m.-8 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$40

The Alleghe ski area offers 80 kilometers of slopes in the heart of the Dolomites and is a great area for beginners. This ski area has plenty of intermediate slopes and a beginner park for those looking to work on their tricks.

#### Venice Carnival at Night

Feb. 6; 4:30 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$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!

#### BOSS Super Bowl Party

Feb. 7; 10 p.m.

Del Din Warrior Zone, \$50

Enjoy the third annual BOSS Super Bowl party. Service members and their guests ages 18 or older are welcome to join in the fun and games in the Warrior Zone. The \$50 VIP package includes:

A comfortable theater room seat

Streaming live stateside game feed

12 wings

A double order of fries

Two soft drinks

Pecan pie

Dedicated wait service

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#### Super Bowl 50

Feb. 7; 10 p.m.

Lion's Den, The Arena, Ederle

Don't miss out on America's biggest game of the year. Root on your favorite team to victory with you friends at the Lion's Den. Enjoy a big screen view; food & drink specials, and drawings for door prizes.

#### The French Riviera: Cannes Express

Feb. 13; 3 a.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$95

The city of Cannes is located on a large bay on the Mediterranean Sea in the south of France. First popularized by Coco Chanel, Cannes beaches are a huge draw. Travel time is seven hours each way.

#### Valentine's Day Dinner

Feb. 14; 6:30 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation

\$140/couple

Join us for a three-course dinner with appetizers and wine in a villa. Travel time is approximately 1.5 hours and we will be traveling by bus.

This page contains only a sampling of all there is to offer through FMWR. Be sure to check the FMWR calendar on USAG Italy's website for a comprehensive schedule, [www.italyarmymwr.com](http://www.italyarmymwr.com).