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Paratroopers train, airdrop Shark communications humvee

VICENZA — Paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade airdropped a Shark mobile communications humvee from a C-130 Hercules aircraft onto Frida IV Drop Zone near Dandalo, Jan. 21.

The Shark mobile communications vehicle is specially designed for airborne and forced-entry operations. It contains a minimum of six different communication platforms and can deploy worldwide on short notice to support combat units.

The name originates from the 1980s, when similar communication platforms were mounted onto all-terrain vehicles. In order to accommodate loading and dropping the vehicle from a CH-47 helicopter, the antenna had to be moved to the center of the vehicle, resulting in a side profile that resembled a shark fin — thus earning its name.

“The ability to airdrop a rapidly deployable Shark vehicle facilitates mission command for the 173rd Airborne Brigade anywhere in the world,” said Capt. Marc Levitt, commander, Company C, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 173rd Abn. Bde. “The platforms on the vehicle provide commanders with reliable digital and voice communications and are critical to reach back to higher headquarters.”

Brigade signalers conducted the mission to maintain readiness for contingency operations, as the 173rd Airborne Brigade is the U.S. Army contingency force for Europe. When the Shark landed, paratroopers de-rigged the vehicle, placed it into operation, and provided secure communications for more than six different radio and network platforms for the ground force commander for a follow-on mission.

“A U.S. Air Force 86th Air Wing C-130 Hercules airdrops a humvee belonging to 173rd Airborne Brigade into Frida IV Drop Zone in Pordenone, Jan. 21, 2016. (Department of the Army photo)”

“How able to conduct airdrop operations here in Europe is a great opportunity for our newer noncommissioned officers to take charge and lead a group of paratroopers towards an objective on the drop zone,” said Sgt 1st Class Cesar Ruiz, a platoon sergeant with Company C. “The dispersion factor of the airborne operation encourages our paratroopers to perform in the absence of a senior leader for a short period of time. Regardless of the outcome of the airdrop operation, our paratroopers are prepared to recover the vehicle and place it into operation wherever we land.”

Speak Out

What are some tips or tricks that help you stick to your New Year’s resolution?

Carla Frias
Family member

“Surround yourself with positive people who motivate you and have the same goals as you.”

Graigg Faggionato
Training Command

“It is imperative to stick with something that I’m currently working on. I must set my goals.”

Spc. Maison Arroyo
Co. D, 2nd BN., 503rd

“What I use are the ABCs; I ask myself these three questions before setting a goal, or in this case, a resolution: (A) Achievable. Can I achieve this goal within a specific timeframe? (B) Believable. Is my goal realistic? (C) Countable. Can my goal be measured or counted? Stick to these three letters and (it) will become part of your lifestyle.”

Brandon Ennis, 9
Family member

“I want to improve reading skills so my trick is to learn one new vocabulary word every day.”

Elizabeth Brown
Livorno Commissary

“To set objectives and rewards. I reward myself every time that I reach one goal.”

Francesca Ricci
Livorno Commissary

“I do not have any tips or tricks; in fact, mostly I lie to myself.”

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Professor Howard Burns, president of the Palladio Center Academic Council, presents a guest lecture at the Golden Lion conference center on Caserma Ederle Feb. 11, 2016. (Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs)

Nearly 60 guests from the Vicenza Military Community gathered to listen to a presentation by Burns, president of the Palladio Center Academic Council.

“I first heard about Thomas Jefferson and his influence,” Burns said, “while writing my dissertation about him on the subject of Palladio and Jefferson.”

Burns connected Jefferson’s influence on Palladio to the US Army Garrison Italy (USAGI)’s mission. “If you go back far enough in time, to the beginning of the 19th century, you can see the impact of the French Revolution and the Enlightenment,” Burns said.

“The Enlightenment had a huge influence on Jefferson,” Burns said. “It was a shift towards something new. Jefferson was the Fulbright of his day and Palladio was the Fulbright of his day.”

Thus, Burns explained, Jefferson and Palladio are two examples of Palladio’s style brought about by Thomas Jefferson. “This is the first opportunity (the Palladio Center has) had to tour the museum and share with us what they do,” Burns said. “This is a good start towards doing things together and collaborating.”

Burns showed the connection of Palladio and Jefferson, the subject of a current exhibit at the museum, “Jefferson and Palladio: Constructing a New World.” The speaker took the audience on what he called “reflections around the exhibition” to educate the audience and perhaps encourage the audience to learn more. In fact, during Presidents’ Day Weekend, the museum hosted Thomas Jefferson Days, whereby all American citizens and Italians who work here were offered free admittance and guided tours.

Jefferson called a “gentleman architect” by historians, (a common practice before architecture became a licensed profession), gave the young United States some vision of the New World. The Rotunda of the University of Virginia and buildings in the state capitol of Virginia are just two examples of Palladio’s style brought about by Jefferson.

For more information, go to www.palladiomuseum.org.

Warrant officer holds vital role as caretaker of food, water

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By Staff Sgt. Lance Pounds
USARAF Public Affairs Office

Davenport, standing tall at 6 feet, 8 inches, graduated in 1990 from Somerset High School, just south of San Antonio, where he won several awards playing baseball. The officer said his greatest high school memory was when his team played against Shaunagill O’Neal.

“We had only heard rumors of this amazing player. Our team walked into the locker room of Cole High School, Fort Sam Houston (Texas), and in an equipment cage there was a shoebox twice the size of a normal shoe. Our jaws dropped when we saw his shoe size was a 22,” said Davenport. “We got beat that game.”

Following high school, the Air Force Academy recruited Davenport, but he decided to take a different path. Throughout his 20’s, he held a variety of jobs: nightclub bouncer, club manager and bar owner. Due to hard economic times, though, he began searching for a new career.

“I heard the Army was taking older people,” said the 34-year-old Davenport.

“So I went to talk to a recruiter.”

In 2006, Davenport joined the U.S. Army as a veterinary food inspection officer candidate school.

Davenport now works as a food safety officer with Public Health Command District-Southern Europe. His job takes him to countries in Africa and southern Europe to conduct surveys on local food and water distribution companies.

USARAF relies on Davenport’s abilities to ensure safe food and water options, regardless of location, and has tapped him for the Western Accord 2016 exercise in Europe, his parent unit, and USARAF.

“Purchasing from a locally approved bottled water facility saves taxpayer dollars by not having to ship water to the continent on a C-17 from Germany or somewhere else in Europe,” said Davenport.

“We audit and inspect local distribution companies to ensure Soldiers still receive the best possible food and water.”

Davenport conducts risk assessments of each supplier, takes samples, checks records and reviews overall production and sanitation practices. When a company passes inspection, he lists it as a possible supplier. If it fails in one or more areas, he offers suggestions on how to improve.

“They can take my suggestions or not, it is solely up to them,” said Davenport. He added, even if a company does make the improvements, there is no guarantee the military will purchase from them.

Pass or fail, the inspection process helps onsite commanders make a safe, informed decision as to which supplier to use. Onsite commanders get this information from a carefully prepared memorandum, wherein Davenport lists each potential supplier from least to greatest risk.

“The memorandum helps the onsite commander assume an acceptable level of risk,” said Davenport. A summary of Davenport’s work is presented in a variety of USARAF pre-country briefings, mandatory for all USARAF personnel entering the continent, according to Donald Houghton, chief of current operations for USARAF Current Operations and Integration Center. The briefings ensure personnel entering the continent are armed with knowledge they need to not only survive, but also to avoid potential hazardous food and water.

Davenport provides a rare, yet vital, service to USARAF. His work benefits personnel operating in Africa and the Southern European region, taxpayers and African businesses alike.

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AFRICOM activates theater intelligence brigade

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CASERMA EDERLE — The 207th Military Intelligence Brigade was activated in a ceremony here March 16 at Hoekstra Field. The 207th is the theater intelligence brigade for United States Africa Command and is under operational control of U.S. Army Africa.

“The U.S. Army’s decision to realign military intelligence units supporting U.S. European Command and AFRICOM will better support our operations on the continent,” said Maj. Gen. Darryl Williams, USARAF commanding general.

The new brigade includes 207th Military Intelligence Brigade Headquarters and 307th MI Bn. located here, as well as 522nd MI Bn. located in Wiesbaden, Germany. The third battalion in the brigade, 337th MI, is a U.S. Army Reserve formation located at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

“We look forward to working closely with our brothers and sisters in uniform north of the Alps and across the Atlantic, while utilizing the Total Army: active, guard and reserve,” said Williams.

Originally constituted in 1944, the unit was known as 113th Counterintelligence Corps Detachment. It was consolidated in 1983 with 207th MI Detachment and reorganized as a brigade in 1985. The brigade, stationed in Ludwigsburg, Germany, through the 1980s under VII Corps, inactivated in 1992.

“Activation of this brigade epitomized the very concept of teamwork,” said Col. Timothy Higgins, 207th commander. Higgins credited the efforts of those who helped bring the brigade to this point.

Exercise tests US, Italian capability with simulated terrorist attacks

This story first ran May 20, 2016.

CASERMA EDERLE — U.S. Army Garrison Italy conducted its annual full-scale exercise Lion Response May 10.

The exercise tested joint U.S. and Italian response plans and capabilities in the event of a terrorist attack. Drawing from actual attacks in Paris and Brussels, the simulated event depicted near-simultaneous attacks at multiple locations. The majority of the scenario unfolded on the installation here, but during the first couple of hours following the attack, all USAG Italy installations were affected.

“We wanted to bring that type of challenge into the exercise,” said USAG Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks. “The exercise did exactly what we planned for it to do. The cooperation was perfect.”

More photos from the exercise are posted to Flickr at https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157665863570094.

(Photos by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)
**Future Italian paratroopers test mettle on tower**

**CASERMA EDERLE** — Among the structures that stand out here is a 34-foot Joint Multinational Training Command tower, the only Army jump tower in Europe. Not only is the tower the basic U.S. airborne refresher training site for paratroopers assigned to 173rd Airborne Brigade but also, since January, it is used by members of the Centro Addestramento Paracadutismo (CAPAR) Folgore Brigade, the Italian parachute school, located in Pisa.

Monthly, groups of Italian warrant officer academy candidates come to Vicenza and test their jump skills on the tower. The most recent contingent was here June 14-15, and approximately 120 members assigned to the noncommissioned officer school from Viterbo had the opportunity to work with some 30 paratroopers from Company A ("Able Company), 2nd Battalion, 503rd (Airborne).

"From the beginning of this year, the tower of the CAPAR is undergoing long-term maintenance," said Italian Army Capt. Marco Luchini, chief instructor from CAPAR Folgore Base. "The tower here has been our salvation because, after preparing for the jump in the third week of the training, our NCO students must pass all jump training tests in the following week," Luchini explained.

"We sent 30 paratroopers from Able Company to the 34-foot tower, along with our command team," said 1st Lt. Carlos Flores, platoon leader, 2nd Platoon, Co. A, 2-503rd (Abn.). He added that this was the first time training with the Italian Army students.

"It was a very rewarding experience. Many of our paratroopers had the opportunity not only to jump out of the tower alongside our Italian allies, but also to talk and interact with the warrant officer candidates," said Flores.

While the training was going on, Italian Army Brig. Gen. Gabriele Toscani De Col, commander of the NCO School in Viterbo, toured the Regional Training Support Division South, as part of the bilateral relations to enhance levels of cooperation in joint operations.

"We are very happy with the generosity from the American allies who gave us the great opportunity to utilize this training facility," said Toscani De Col, after talking to some participants.

"This is not the first time we had the chance to train in this structure, and we are thankful knowing that we can count on future support. The activity that takes place in this facility is part of the schooling for the young students. During the jump, there is the simulation of that moment when the paratrooper exits the plane, and how to test the capability to handle the situation and keep it under control," he explained.

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**US Army Africa welcomes incoming commander**

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Earthquake prompts vital emergency preparedness discussion

By Andrew Allen
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TUSCANY — Earthquakes such as the one that took place recently in central Italy drive home the point to be prepared. How will you survive an earthquake, and then let rescuers and loved ones know where you are?

These are good questions to ask yourself, especially now as September is National Preparedness Month and the perfect time to come up with a plan.

During an earthquake, overload, damage or power loss will plague communication networks. It’s important to learn how to use technology and social media to communicate and stay connected after any natural disaster.

Your smartphone is an important part of your emergency plan:

• Maintain and carry a hardcopy or pocket card of important family and business contact numbers in case your phone is lost, stolen or the battery dies.
• Program “In Case of Emergency” contacts into your cell phone so emergency personnel can contact those people for you if you are unable to use your phone.
• Subscribe to text alert services from USAG Italy to receive alerts from the garrison in case of disaster.
• If you have to leave your home because of evacuation, forward your home phone number to your cell phone number.
• I encourage to use Facebook, Twitter, Skype and FaceTime. In some of the more recent disasters, phone communications were disrupted, but the Internet was working.
• Create an emergency list of family members in Facebook as a Group. It is a quick way to communicate and post updates to specific people.
• Teach family members, including the elderly, how to text. Text messaging services are less likely to experience network congestion during an emergency than phone services. Use texting, email or social media instead of making voice calls on your cell phone to avoid tying up voice networks after an earthquake.
• Learn how to store important documents on one of the many cloud applications such as Dropbox, OneDrive, iCloud and Google Docs. You can access them from any location. With these applications, you also can access assigned access rights to share information or data with whomever you wish.
• Send documents to yourself and save them in a folder or flash drive if you do not use cloud applications.
• Subscribe to the Emergency Management social media sites and follow their updates during a disaster, emergency or significant event.
• Use social media to post your status to let family and friends know you are okay. In addition to Facebook and Twitter, you can use resources such as the American Red Cross’s Safe and Well program: www.redcross.org/safeandwell.

Official rescue teams who respond to the scene of earthquakes and other disasters around the world continue to advocate use of the internationally recognized “Drop, Cover and Hold On” protocol during earthquakes: DROP to the ground; take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table; and HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.

If there is no table or desk nearby, drop to the ground in an inside corner of the building and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms. Do not try to run to another room just to get under a table.

For more information, visit: http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m4240216_Earthquake.pdf.

School personnel conduct monthly drills on how to best respond to a wide range of emergencies. According to David Rudy, principal, Vicenza High School, if the school is evacuated, parents will be notified through command communication channels on where to report to pick up their children. Parents need to understand that, for accountability purposes, this will be done in an orderly manner that allows school staff to track the whereabouts of every student in the school’s custody.

It is essential that parents follow the prescribed procedure and not make individual arrangements with their children by phone or text message. For more emergency preparedness information, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Emergency Management, DSN 637-8015/8022, comm. 0444-66-8015/8022.
Vicenza — All members of the Vicenza Military Community are encouraged to attend the first Suicide Prevention Summit that will take place on Caserma Del Din Oct. 21.

The upcoming summit, created in an effort to eliminate high-risk behavior within ranks, in homes and in the community, will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Sigholtz Center. “Anyone is welcome to come and be a part of the summit,” said Sandra Class, manager, Army Substance Abuse Program, United States Army Garrison Italy. “It’s time to talk about something that is hard to talk about.”

Goals of the summit are twofold, according to Class: to get input from the community and to strategize how to combat suicide prevention and awareness from that point forward. The theme “#BeThere” during September’s Suicide Prevention Awareness Month should carry over throughout the year, she added, and the summit is a way to extend thinking beyond September. “#BeThere reminds us that everyone plays a part in suicide prevention. It is everyday interaction. We need to break through the masks and stop saying, ‘It’s not my business, it’s not my fight.’ Suicide doesn’t begin at suicide. There are so many factors leading up to it,” said Class. “Getting to know people and seeing when their behavior is not quite right, employing the ACE [Ask, Care and Escort] intervention program and making the commitment to be there for others is how we will help each other.”

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“One is too many.”

According to Col. Steve Marks, garrison command-er, USAG Italy, there is a problem that needs to be ad-dressed, and the Suicide Prevention Summit is where the community can start. “We have a serious challenge with suicide in our ranks, and we need the community’s help in addressing it,” he said. “This problem will not be solved by money, policy or reporting alone. It will only be addressed when we all work together to eliminate the conditions that make our teammates think that suicide is a viable option.”

The summit is a collaboration of many organizations, Class said, to include USAG Italy’s command team, ASAP, the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Preven-tion program and the U.S. Army Health Clinic here.

It will be set up in a round-robin format with participants divided into four groups. Each group will spend approximately 25 minutes on four topics, with open dis-cussion led by subject-matter-expert facilitators.

At the end of the summit, there will be a group dis-cussion to identify what came out of the conversations, where the community should focus its efforts, and how to move forward to help the community deal with this serious issue.

Family Readiness Groups will be raising money for their organizations by selling food at the event, and in-formation tables with resources will be available. No registration is necessary, but anyone with questions is encouraged to call the Ederle ASAP office at DSN 637-8951/7858, comm. 0444-71-8951/7858.

The chief added that Soldiers worrying about their family’s welfare may not stay focused on the mission, which is why garrison-provided services are fundamentally important to force readiness.

In addition to housing, medical care and educational facilities, Milley said he was pleased to see that there is also been placed on physical fitness facilities. “Physical fitness is fundamental to being a Soldier and having high-quality fitness facilities is key to that,” he said. Milley’s wife, Hollyanne, accompanied him to Italy and spent the majority of her day visiting the facilities commonly sought out by family members such as the Vicenza Health Clinic, Army Community Service and the Vicenza Middle School.

“It is obvious that the Soldiers and families here are being taken care of,” she said. “You can see the passion of the staff—they care deeply.”

Milley concluded his visit with a luncheon with battalion-level command teams at the Caserma Ederle dining facility.

Gen. Mark A. Milley, 39th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, visits leaders and Soldiers during a visit to Vicenza Oct. 27, 2016.

INFO-X
The next Vicenza Military Community Information Exchange takes place Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Arena.

All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to ask questions of members of the command.

Questions may also be submitted on the USAG Italy Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/vmcitaly.

The event is streamed live at
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VICENZA — The 15th Sergeant Major of the Army visited Soldiers and senior enlisted leaders Nov. 16-18 in Vicenza to discuss Army-wide leader development initiatives.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey hosted town hall meetings during his visit. He directed the first toward Soldiers in the ranks of staff sergeant and below, and the second toward sergeant first class and above — including Department of the Army civilians.

The intent was to share changes that have been made, how those changes affect careers and finally, the future of the profession.

Dailey first talked about Soldier readiness. Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Mark Milley’s No. 1 priority. Dailey said noncommissioned officer-led, individual and collective training is vital to the re-sponsible drawdown of the force.

Sustain, retain

Dailey said the way to sustain and retain the best enlisted Soldiers is through NCO professional development schools. Currently, he said changes are being made to ensure NCOs throughout the Army receive training opportunities needed for career advancement.

Professional development schools begin with the Basic Leaders Course, move to the Advanced Leaders Course, the Senior Leader Course and even advance, the First Sergeants Course and Sergeants Major Academy.

Currently, Dailey said, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy is the only NCO professional development school acknowledged by military and civilian organizations as an accredited academic institution. However, some colleges do recognize and provide lateral credit for successful completion of BLC, ALC and ASC.

Dailey said there are plans to increase the level of accreditation of all professional development schools. He added that in order to develop leaders “we must take opportunities to invest in the person.”

Investing in people

“Someone saw the potential in me,” he said during a flashback story of how he was inspired to serve beyond his initial contract.

According to Dailey, in order to main-tain the stewardship of the profession, leaders must invest in their Soldiers. He added that it is for this reason the Army is changing how leaders are evaluated.

On Jan. 1, the Army released a revised version of the Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report intended to better ac-cress the performance and future potential of enlisted leaders.

Dailey said the new evaluation will help restore balance to the reporting system. He added that previous reports indicated approximately 80 percent of NCOs were evaluated as, “among the best.”

Dailey indicated that the system took away from those who truly earned top marks on evaluations.

America’s perception

According to Dailey, last month was the first time in 20 years the Army ranked as a No. 1 choice for those seeking a ca-reer in the military. He accredited this to ongoing efforts to change the way Americans perceive the Army and said the common perception people previous-ly had about the Army was not a top choice in the past.

Dailey said words associated with each service were identified in a study. “Educated” was a word associated with both the Air Force and Navy, while “dangerous” was asso-ciated with the Marine Corps and Army.

This was a mixed bag, Dailey said, “average,” which was only as-so-ciated with the Army.

“Someone saw the potential in me,” he said. He said it was not a word he felt should be associated with the Army. Oth-er words associated with the Army were “ordinary” and “low skill,” which led Dailey to ask audience members, “Why is it less than other services?”

One attendee said that while serving as a recruiter, he noticed people’s percep-tion of the services began the moment they enter a recruiter’s office. Dailey agreed, and added that approximately 69 percent of those who join the Army were influenced by current or former service members.

Touring installations

Dailey participated in tours of the insta-llations and tenant units located here. The tours consisted of visits to U.S. Army Africa and 173rd Airborne Bri-gade, Vicenza, as well as挺好 training, fitness and living facilities that make up the Vicenza Military Community.

“The Army’s top NCO also received a brief tour of downtown Vicenza, which he said was an opportunity he did not have in his many years of service.

“I think this is one of the best duty as-signments, he said. “This country has re-tained a hand and I encourage Sol-diers to get out and enjoy the culture.”

The U.S. Army’s senior enlisted leader, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey, dis-cusses Army initiatives with senior enlisted leaders of tenant units located in Vicenza Nov. 17 at the post theater on Caserma Ederle.

Garrison offers AMICI program for local national leaders

By Anna Ciccotti

USAG Italy

VICENZA — In an effort to better in-tegrate Italian civilian employees into Army culture, U.S. Army Garrison Italy is sponsoring a competitive workforce enrichment program focusing on Ameri-can Military Italian Civilian Integration, called AMICI.

“AMICI, which means ‘friends’ in Ital-ian, is a pilot project that aims at increas-ing the awareness and appreciation of the U.S. Army mission in the hearts and minds of the Italian host nation employ-ees,” said Wesley A. Leisinger, deputy to the garrison commander, who is spear-heading the initiative for USAG Italy.

“We do a great job in the Army develop-ing Soldiers and civilians to take on various challenges associated with ser-vice to our nation,” Leisinger said, ac-knowledging though, “What is often overlooked is the host nation workforce overseas and how critical they are to the Army mission.”

Hence, a desire to think out of the box and test a new program focused on Ital-ian professionals. Program creators are hopeful the opportunity will engage local national employee motivation to drive positive change within the Army commu-nity.

“The program is open to all permanent-ly assigned, appropriated and non-appropri-ated funded host-nation employees of the U.S. Army in Italy working within the Vicenza and Darby Military commu-nities, including tenant organizations,” said Vira Panzarella-Tarr, AMICI pro-gram coordinator for Army Community Services.

Applicants are being accepted from Jan. 16 thru Jan. 30. More information may be found at www.italy.army.mil/amici.asp.

“Interested candidates will submit a self-nomination packet that in-cludes an application form, updated resume, statement of interest and su-pervisor’s letter of recommend-ation,” she said.

Panzarella-Tarr added that appli-cations will be eval-uated by a review panel that will screen for the best participants, with seven to 10 Italian pro-fessionals selected to participate in the pilot program.

AMICI is slated to debut around mid-March when selected employees start engaging in fun, knowledge-building activities for 10 days spread out over a four-month period. The hands-on training and real-time, real-life understanding of the Army mission in Italy requires participation in activities taking place on Caserma Ederle, Caserma Del Din, Lon-gare, Aviano and Camp Darby.

The program will challenge participants to get out of their comfort zones and en-gage in tasks outside their current job assignments, said Panzarella-Tarr. They will tackle activities in four categories: warfighter training, warfighter readiness, Soldier and family support, and commu-nity connections.

One goal of the AMICI program is for participants to experience a “Day in the Life of a Soldier,” where they will gain valuable insight on the needs of their custom-ers. Having the chance to learn what happens in other organizations allows attendees to get a better understanding of the “big picture” and see how they fit in it.

“For many of us who work the daily grind, we may lose sight of how our efforts link with oth-er components to com-plete a piece of the mission puzzle,” Pan-zarella-Tarr said.

Italian employees will experience first-hand how the services they provide make a difference in the way the Army takes care of its Soldiers and their families. Ul-timately, Leisinger added, they will see how their contributions sustain the mis-sion of the U.S. Army here and support warfighter readiness.

“This is critical for communities over-seas,” he said, “where traditionally the continuity of the mission has relied heav-ily on the hard work and commitment of the host nation workforce. They are truly the backbone of the American military overseas.”

Panzarella-Tarr said the ideal AMICI pilot project participant is possesses in-terest in learning about the Army mission, a genuine enthusiasm for integration goes through exchange opportu-nities, I highly recommend applying for the AMICI program. It will definitely provide interesting and fun moments which will last for a lifetime,” she said.

Col. Jeffrey H. Root, Assistant Commanding Offi-cier, Antonio Pellegrini, and Maj. Gen. Um-berto D’Andria said the initiative calls for stakeholder support from U.S. units across the community, as well as from the Italian military.

“The project is a modern and for-warding-thinking idea,” he said. “The ac-cointuity between the Italian and American community is a shared pri-ority, and this initiative fully meets that challenge and helps us to achieve goals that were unthinkable before now.”

D’Andria added that the path to inte-gration goes through exchange opportu-nities and requires an open mind.

“Hold up the projects that has been structured will bring results that are both significant and meaningful as well as based on effective sharing and under-standing of different roles and activities.”

*Editor’s note: This article is translat-ed into Italian on page 43. *
Estate claims
Anyone having any claims on or obliga-
tions to the estate of 1st Lt. Michael Vol-
tany, CQDth FMUS, should con-
tact Summary Court Officer, 2nd Lt. Ira
White, at DSN 637-4200 or via e-mail,
ira.whihte3.mil@mail.mil.

Retail annual inventory
The Post Exchange will conduct the Re-
tail Annual Inventory this month at all
retail facilities. Below is the list of the
affected facilities and schedule:
Darby Retail Store: Jan. 14
Delayed opening; opens at 11 a.m.
Military Clothing: Jan. 14
No impact
Car Care Center: Jan. 14
No impact
Vicenza Main Store: Jan. 14
No impact; will open at regular hours,
11:30 a.m.
Vicenza Main Store: Jan. 16
Closed entire day
Del Din Express: Jan. 17
Delayed opening; opens at 1 p.m.
Ederle Express: Jan. 17
Delayed opening; opens at 1:30 p.m.

Induction ceremony
All community members are cordially
invited to attend the Vicenza Military
Community Sergeant Morales Club induc-
tion ceremony 3 p.m., Jan. 20, at the
post theater on Caserma Ederle. Sergeant Morales Club membership is
awarded to uncommissioned officers
for being dedicated professionals whose
leadership is characterized by true per-
sonal concern for the needs, develop-
ment and welfare of the Soldier. The
Dr. Mary E. Walker awards will also be
presented. Selected outstanding military
spouses for demonstrating dedi-
cated and exemplary volunteerism that
improved the quality of life for Soldiers
and their families.

Annual gala
The Vicenza Community Club invites
community members to a Masquer-
ade Ball, the VCC’s annual gala and
auction. Proceeds go toward the VCC
scholarship fund. The ball takes place
Feb. 11, with social hour at 6 p.m. Dinn-
er, dancing and auction start at 7 p.m.
RSVP by Feb. 4 to the VCC dropbox
near the thrift store, or check out online
payment options at vccitaly.org.

Examine care packages for teens
Families and friends of Vicenza High
students: Want to send a sweet gift
to your student before he or she
comes home for spring break? The Ex-
care Pack Project is the perfect way to
brighten your student’s day with a mix of sweet and
healthy treats they’ll be sure to love.

Nominations for Dr. Mary E. Walker
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cated and exemplary volunteerism that
improved the quality of life for Soldiers
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employees, including appropriated and
non-appropriated fund employees, U.S.
citizens and local nationals engaged in
Civilian human resources administra-
tion in the Department of the Army.

Chapel activities

Saturday schedule
Post Chapel
9:10 a.m.
11 a.m.-noon
1:30-3 p.m.
5:30-6 p.m.

Protestant Men of the Chapel
Bible Study, Post Chapel
5:30-6 p.m.

Saint Mark’s Catholic Women
of the Chapel
Post Chapel
9 a.m.-noon
9-10 a.m. (childcare available)

Youth of the Chapel
Grades 6-12
5:30-8 p.m.

Bible/book studies
Chapel Activity Room, Building 29
6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints
Building 395
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Jewish: Call chapel for more information.

Del Din Soldier Ministry
Contact 173rd UMT at DSN 637-4690
for information.

Chapel Services (CAMP DARBY)
DSN 637-7267, ext. 950-5472
24/7 Chaplain Crisis Line
634-KARE (5273) or 0444-71-5273

Sunday schedule
Chapel Darby
9:10 a.m.
Roman Catholic

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

Chapel Services (VICENZA)
VCM Chapel, Building 29
Phone: 637-7575

Sunday schedule
Post Chapel
9:15 a.m.-noon
11 a.m.-noon
1:30-3 p.m.
5:30-6 p.m.

Protestant Bible Women’s Studies
Post Chapel
9:15 a.m.-noon
(Tuesdays
(childcare available)
5:30-7 p.m.
(Tuesdays

Protestant Men of the Chapel
Bible Study, Post Chapel
5:30-6 p.m.

State’s Attorney’s Office, Commerce
Division

Bible Study
9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays

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Nominations for William H. Kushnick Award
Nominations are being taken through
Jan. 20 for the William H. Kushnick
Award. The award is open to all civilian
employees, including appropriated and
non-appropriated fund employees, U.S.
citizens and local nationals engaged in
Civilian human resources administr-
Presepi dal Mondo in Arena
International Nativity Set Exhibit
Through Jan. 22, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Verona, Arena. More than 400 nativity scenes from all over the world, designed by craftsmen and artists; shows of lights and music. Entrance fee: €7; reduced €6 for children ages 6-12 and senior citizens older than 60.

Presepe di Sabbia
Sand Nativity by the Sea
Christmas lingers on through Feb. 12 at Jesolo Beach in the form of huge sand-sculpted nativity scenes by some of the best artists in the world. At Lido di Jesolo, about 100 kilometers east of Vicenza, daily 10 a.m.-noon and 2-6 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays from 7-10 p.m. Free admission.
http://www.eventezagre.it/Presepi_Presepi/13015_Presepe+di+Sabbia+al+Jesolo.html

Sagra del Broccolo Fiolaro
Broccoli Festival
Jan. 15-22, 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 sprouts along the stalk of the plant, which in Venetian dialect are called fioi, or offspring. Food booths featuring gnocchi with broccoli, traditional friola, or doughnut, and typical Creazzo dishes. Open at 6:30 p.m. http://www.facebook.com/SagraDelBroccoloFiolaro/

Prima del Torcolato
Torcolato New Wine Festival
Jan. 15, 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 the wooden beams of the attics of farmhouses, 2:30 p.m. Public pressings; grape harvest; wine tasting; local products exhibit and sale; folk music and dancing.
http://www.stradadeltorcolato.it/

Antiquaria
Antique Show and Market
Jan. 14-22, Monday-Friday, 3-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Pordenone, Viale Treviso 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. Furniture, paintings, antiques, jewelry and many curiosities. Admission fee: €10; reduced €5; free entrance for children younger than 17.
http://www.fierapordenone.it/eventi/pordenone-antiquaria/

Motor Bike Expo
International Motorcycle Show
Jan. 20-22, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Verona, Via del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Admission fee: €18; reduced €13 for children ages 6-10; free for children under 10. For more details in English, visit http://www.motorbikeexpo.it/en/

EXPO Internazionale Canina
International Dog Show
Jan. 14-22, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Padova, Via Tommaso 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. This competition brings together more than 700 of the finest pedigreed dogs from all over the world. Admission fee: €8; reduced €6; free entrance for children younger than 12.
http://www.grappocaninipadova.it/

The Art of the Brick
Lego Bricks on Display
Through Jan. 19, Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Milan, Fabbrica del Vapore, Via Giulio Procacciani 4. The exhibit is based on legendary American LEGO® artist Nathan Sawaya and presents an array of whimsical, brightly colored 2D and 3D creations, including reconstructions of universally recognized masterpieces such as Leonardo’s Gioconda, Yemere’s Girl with a Pearl Earring, and also the skeleton of a dinosaur measuring six meters in length. There is also a play area where guests of all ages can express their creativity playing with Legos and video games by DM Comics. Entrance fee: €18; discounts for families.

New Wine Festival, Breganze
VENETO & NEARBY

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VENETO

Third Weekend of the Month
Verona: Jan. 14, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)
Creazzo: Jan. 15, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Marco (30 vendors)
Cittadella (Padova): Jan. 15, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Este (Padova): Jan. 15, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)
Godega di Sant’Urbano: Jan. 15, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)
Montagnana: Jan. 15, 8 a.m. to sunset, Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)
Padova: Jan. 15, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)
Soave: Jan. 15, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza (110 vendors)
Fourth Weekend of the Month
Dolo (Venice): Jan. 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)
Spiresian (Treviso): Jan. 22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)
Treviso: Jan. 22, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)
Green Day – Jan. 14 Assago; Jan. 15 Monza
Prince Purple Rain Live – Prince tribute concert – Jan. 19 Assago
Jojo – Jan. 22 Milan
Dream Theater – Jan. 30 Rome; Feb. 1 Padova; Feb. 4 Assago
Biffy Clyro – Feb. 2 Milan; Feb. 6 Rome; Feb. 7 Padova
The Pretty Reckless – Feb. 6 Bologna; Feb. 7 Milan
Jacob Whitesides – Feb. 9 Milan
Lindsey Stirling – March 4 Monvata
Macy Gray – March 11 Rome; March 12 Padova; March 14 Florence; March 29 Milan
Sting – March 23 Milan
Loreena McKennitt – March 23 Trieste; March 24 Padova; March 26 Rome; March 27 Florence; March 28 Assago (Milan)
David Garrett – March 26 in Padova
Steve Hackett – March 29 Turin; April 1 Rome
Simple Minds – April 21 Turin; April 23 Rome; April 25 Bologna; April 26 Florence; April 27 Milan
Kiss – May 15 Torino; May 16 Casalecchio di Reno
Bruno Mars – June 12 Casalecchio di Reno; June 15 Assago
Justin Bieber + Martin Garia – June 18 Monza
Aerosmith – June 23 Florence
Red Hot Chili Peppers – July 20 Rome; July 21 Milan

ITALIAN ARTISTS
Eugenio Bennato – Jan. 21 Rome
Roberto Vecchioni – Jan. 22 Torino; Jan. 24 Reggio
Emilia; March 29 Florence
Ligabue – Feb. 3-4 and Feb. 6-7 Rome; March 10 Livorno; March 13 Assago
Notre Dame de Paris – Feb. 10-12 Turin
Giorgio – March 3 Mantova; March 22 Casalecchio di Reno; March 28 Genova; March 30 Naples; April 1 Rome; April 13 Florence; April 20 Verona; April 22 Padova; April 23 Cremona
Alessandro Amoroso – April 28-29 Verona
Francesco Renga – May 5 Assago; May 16 Naples; May 18 Florence; May 22 Casalecchio di Reno
IL Volo – May 19-20 Verona
Tiziano Ferro – June 11 Lignano Sabbaduro; June 16-17 Milan; June 24 Bologna; June 28 and June 30 Rome; July 15 Florence

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Militoscana
Military Items Exhibit and Sale
Jan. 14-15, 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Empoli (Florence), Piazza San Francesco 25.
Entrance fee: €5, €4 for senior citizens older than 60 and children younger than 14. More than 100 exhibitors.
http://www.kolossen.com/arezzo-disco/

Winter Park
Open daily through March 1, Florence, Ohihal Center, Lungarno Aldo Moro. Ice-skating rink, a snow-tubing track and downhill ski area. All necessary equipment can be rented on site.
http://firenzewinterpark.it/index.php

Carnevale dei Figli di Bocco
Bocco’s Children Carnevale
Jan. 24, from 3 p.m., Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo).
A traditional celebration with participants dressed in costumes and papier-mâché masks; street performers, magic shows, live music, dances, and food booths; parades and fireworks.
http://www.folclore.it/it/Eventi/Italia/Toscana/Eventi–mostre-20162017/

ITALIAN ARTISTS
Red Hot Chili Peppers – July 20 Rome; July 21 Milan
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For a comprehensive list of festivals, concerts and upcoming sporting events, please see our Pinterest page.
www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza.

*Event times and locations are correct at the time of publication but could change. Please check before going.
Vienna, Austria Express 
Jan. 21, 3:30 a.m., $115
ODR, Caserma Ederle
Visit Vienna, the capital and largest city in Austria. Apart from being regarded as the City of Music because of its musical legacy, Vienna is also said to be “The City of Dreams” because it was home to the world’s first psycho-analyst, Sigmund Freud. Bring passport, euros for public transport, comfortable walking shoes, and water and snacks. Register at Outdoor Recreation or on WebTrac.

Maddonna di Campiglio Ski and Board Trip
Jan. 21, 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m., $45
ODR, Caserma Ederle
Beautiful Madonna di Campiglio boasts 150 km of slopes and over 50 lifts. It’s also known for its quality snow and active social scene. This area is not recommended for beginners. Show off your billiard-playing skills for a chance to win some cold, hard cash. First place, $100 for second, and $50 for third. Use your own pool cue sticks or those provided. Hand chalk is not provided. Contact the center for your opening up track and closing cool-down track.

Milan and The Last Supper
Jan. 28, 4 a.m.-9 p.m., $85
ODR, Caserma Ederle
Visit Milan, a metropolis in Italy’s north, known for its orecchiette, regional cuisine, and high fashion. The Santa Maria delle Grazie convent houses Leonardo da Vinci’s “The Last Supper.” Find out more about trips at the FMWR website: http://italy.army.mil/汆oUCKET/italy.

Family & MWR Events

ARTS & CRAFTS

Knockerball Rentals
Ongoing
BOSS, Caserma Del Din
BOSS is renting out knockerballs. This is your opportunity to try a new and sport and to support the BOSS program at the same time. All rentals are done by appointment and set up by BOSS personnel. Cost varies. Call 335-696-5727 to schedule.

Cycling
Jan. 17, 19, 24, 26 & 30; Time varies
$5 each/$55 for 10
Ederle Fitness Center
Work at your own level to achieve the perfect workout session for you. Maximize your calorie burn by doing a variety of different exercises, including resistance, sprints, hills, climbs, and seated drills.

Power Pump
Jan. 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 & 30; 9-10 a.m.
$5 each/$55 for 10
Ederle Fitness Center
Classes are 60 minutes long and include eight separate muscle-group specific songs along with weight open up track and closing cool-down track. Work with free weights, barbells and aerobic step.

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Al via AMICI, progetto pilota pensato per rafforzare l’integrazione tra i dipendenti italiani e l’Esercito USA


Vicenza – Nell’intento di migliorare l’integrazione tra la forza lavoro italiana e l’Esercito Americano, il comando U.S. Army Garrison Italy s’impegna a trovare occasioni per favorire il contatto tra i militari americani e italiani. L’obiettivo è quello di favorire la conoscenza reciproca e la comprensione tra le due realtà, promuovendo un ambiente di collaborazione e rispetto che sia positivo per entrambe le parti.

L’iniziativa, unica nel suo genere, è pronta per essere lanciata questo mese e sarà possibile partecipare online dal 16 fino al 30 gen- naio. Ulteriori informazioni sono disponibili al sito www.army.mil/italy.

“I dipendenti interessati possono inviare la propria candidatura che dovrà includere il modulo di domanda, copia aggiornata del modulo di domanda, copia aggiornata del curriculum vitae, una dichiarazione di interesse e un’attestazione di disponibilità,” spiega Panzarella-Tarr.

Le domande pervenute saranno esami- nate da apposita commissione che valuta- rà le candidature migliori; saranno quindi ammesse al programma da un minimo di sette fino ad un massimo di dieci dipendenti italiani.

Il debito di AMICI è previsto per metà marco, quando i candidati selezionati inizier- ranno a essere effettivamente coinvolti nelle varie attività programmati, per un impegno complessivo di dieci giorni lavorativi, dis- tribuiti su un intervallo di quattro mesi. In calendario, percorsi formativi mirati ad osservare le tradizioni e le realtà della missione dell’Esercito Americano in Italia, con esperienze dirette sul campo all’interno delle sedi della Caserma Ederle, Del Din, Longare, Aviano e Darby.

I partecipanti si troveranno ad affrontare situazioni insolite e dovrebbero cimentarsi in compiti diversi dalle loro normali man- tenimento del corpo, preparazione del ter- rore italiano, come pure sulla forza lavoro americana fuori dagli Stati Uniti. Secondo Panzarella-Tarr, il partecipante che, dopo aver concluso l’esperienza, si prenderà in considerazione la possibilità di fare un’esperienza congiunta e sarà un’opportunità per potenziali collaborazioni tra l’Italia e l’Esercito Americano.

“L’esercito fa un ottimo lavoro per preparare il personale militare a vivere e ad affrontare le varie sfide associate al servizio alla Nazione,” la nota Leisinger, riconosco- nendo che “Rispetto viene sostituito dal di- scutendo in modo tranquillo, in un contesto di amicizia, una forte motivazione a com- prendere e sostenere la missione dell’Esercito e, oltre ad un sincero entusiasmo per il proprio lavoro e un’attitudine al pensiero critico. “Se una persona ritenesse di avere le requisiti giusti, o un supervisore individua un potenziale partecipante, gli consiglierebbe di far domanda. Sarà un’esperienza che lo stimolerà a pensare in modo diverso,” spiega.

D’Andria ritiene che il percorso di in- tegrazione sia un progetto pilota e che, po- tentemente, possa aprire porte verso nuove opportunità.

“Da questo progetto si vuole che nasca il progetto AMICI,” conclude D’Andria. “Il progetto AMICI è un progetto pilota pensato per rafforzare l’integrazione tra i dipendenti italiani e l’Esercito USA.”

By Anna Ciccotti

*Editor’s note: This article also appears on page 8 in English.

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle
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FIND OUT WHAT’S ON AT THE CASERMA EDERLE ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER ON THEIR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE, WWW.FACEBOOK.COM. LOOK FOR "EDERLE ART CENTER."

PHOTO CENTER

Thanksgiving Dinner, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., $40
Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle
It’s time for the annual Army Digital Photography Contest. Choose up to three photos in each of seven categories to submit online. There is no cost to enter, but monetary awards will be given to 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-place winners of each category. If you bring a print of your submitted photo by Jan. 27, the Arts & Crafts Center will mat and display it at the library the last week of January. Categories: animals; de- sign elements; digital darkroom; mili- tary life (soldier and family); special people; and still life. Only photos taken in the past year will be accepted. Photos in- volving human subjects must include a model release. Participants must com- plete the online profile. Enter today at www.ArmyMWR.com/DigitalPhoto.

Open Studios

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The Keller Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., $30
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