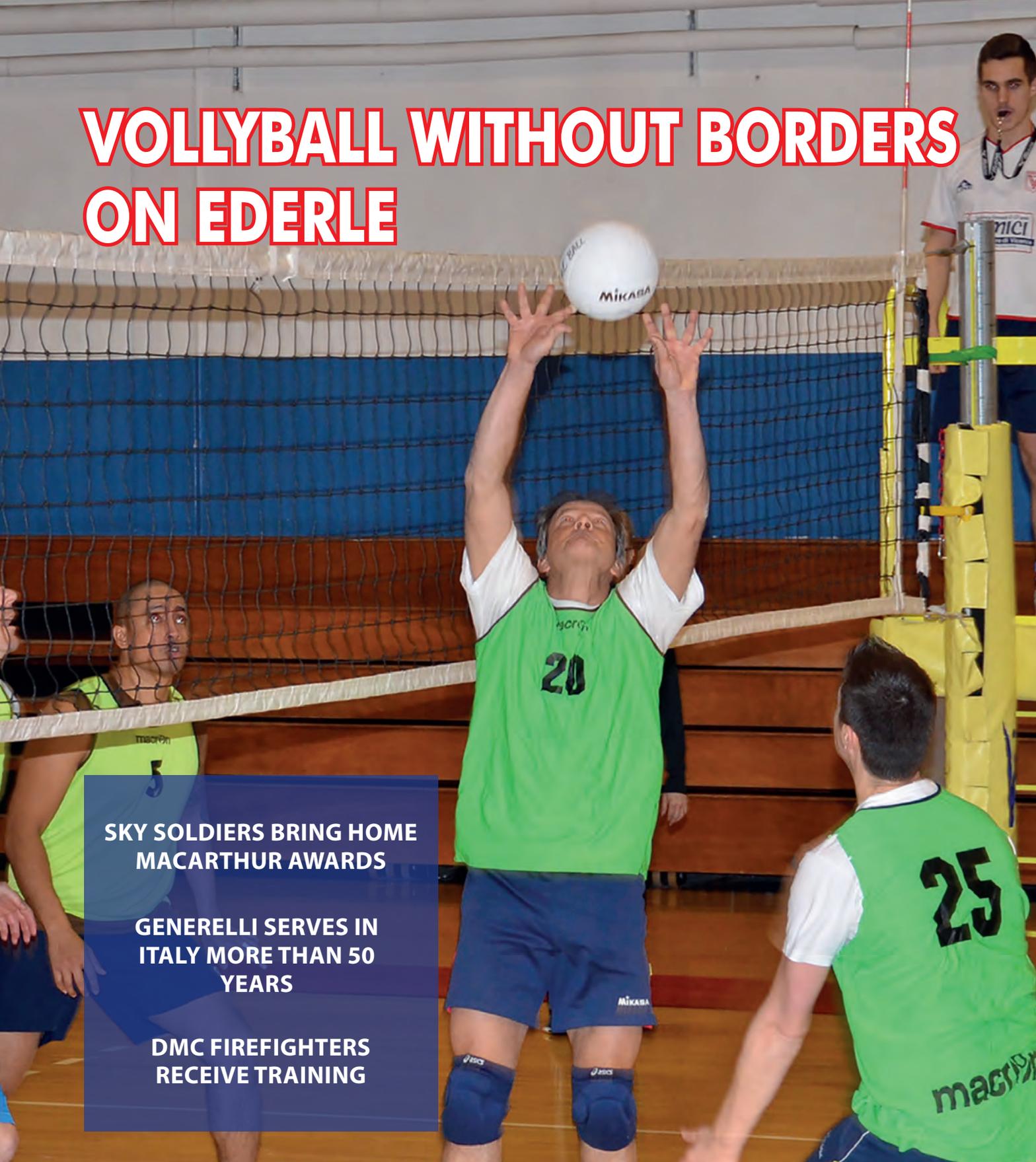


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Pallavollo Senza Frontiere, which means volleyball without borders team player Louis Rigovacca prepares a pass to teammate # 25 Davide Guarino, while American players #12 Matt Thomas and #5 Charles Taupau follow the action.

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Freedom 6: USAREUR and the Army Operating Concept



By Lt. Gen. **Ben Hodges**
Commander, U.S. Army Europe

Team,

The Department of the Army rolled out the new Army Operating Concept in October. It describes the future environment in which we will operate, describes the Army's role in that environment, and determines the capabilities the Army must have in order to fulfill its role.

This new Army Operating Concept was developed to deal specifically with the unknown, because the future is unknown and is unknowable.

A year ago, it was unknown that Russia would illegally annex Crimea, move to expand their borders, and try to fracture our great Alliance.

Less than six months ago, it was unknown that the world would see an outbreak of the Ebola virus and that the U.S. Army would be an integral part of the response and support effort.

The environment of the future is a very complex one that will change very quickly and most likely be multinational. So the Army must have multiple options, in multiple domains, with multiple allies and partners.

That's why Gen. David Perkins, commander of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, called United States Army Europe "custom made" for, and "indispensable" to the new Army Operating Concept during his visit here in January. We are right in the middle of a very complex environment, working with multiple Allies and partners in multiple domains every day, and are surrounded by multinational capability.

Other key points of the new Army Operating Concept include developing adaptive and innovative leaders and institutions to understand and operate in complex environments, and ensuring interoperability with our Allies and partners.

In United States Army Europe, we address these points and these complexities with our "Strong Europe" framework.

We are the "leadership laboratory" for the Army, with the unique advantage of working side by side with our Allies and partners every day, where junior officers and NCOs are operating under mission command, often far away from their higher headquarters.

Our forward presence and training and exercises give us the confidence and skills to perform any mission in a complex world.

We help enable the Alliance and are here to underwrite the guarantee of collective defense, our Article 5 obligation to our NATO Allies; an attack on one is an attack on all.

We are living the Army Operating Concept already and will continue to ensure a "Strong Europe"! Thanks for what y'all do every day in support of our great mission!

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Speak Out

Who is your most admired historical female personality?



Pfc. Montrell McCotter

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"Rosa Parks, because she stood up for something that she believed in and it resulted in giving me the opportunity to travel on public transportation freely."



Antonio Bedin

Vicenza TSC

"Mother Teresa for her selfless dedication, humanity and generosity towards the poorest people for which she was recognized with Nobel Peace Prize in 1979."



Alyssa Williams

Family member

"I admire Dolley Madison, James Madison's wife, for her patriotism and her loyalty to the United States."

Chief of chaplains speaks at prayer breakfast

Story and photo by **Julie M. Lucas**
USAG Vicenza PAO

The verse from Deuteronomy was repeated as a theme during the Vicenza Military Community Prayer Breakfast, Feb. 6. Number 31:8 said, “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Deputy Commander Wes Leisinger gave the welcome and spoke about prayer being like breathing.

“Make time for your office call with God,” Leisinger said. A breakfast meal was prepared by the South of the Alps dining facility. Prayers followed for military, nation and world.

“For our Armed Forces, we pray that nothing will take them by surprise and their leaders will have insight,” said Capt. Kris Toman, commander, A Company, Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne).

U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Donald L. Rutherford spoke for the second year in a row at the breakfast. He was introduced by Chap. (Col.) Charles Reynolds who said Rutherford ministers as if he were a battalion chaplain.

“It’s always great getting out of Washington. When I worked for EUCOM, Vicenza was always one of my favorite places to come visit,” Rutherford said. Rutherford’s speech had a slideshow with photos from his office that he tied together. One of the pictures showed an airborne Soldier he called the “Panicked Paratrooper” and spoke about trusting noncommissioned officers. He also showed a photo of unit coins from the 18th Airborne Corps and encouraged leaders to “advocate and know your troops by developing relationships.”

Rutherford spoke about his plan to retire soon and preparing for transition following 35 years of Army service. “The Army shaped my identity but I’m not defined by it.”



Members of the Vicenza Military Community gather for the national prayer breakfast Feb. 6 at the Golden Lion. Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Donald Rutherford spoke for the second year in a row at the event.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower started the first prayer breakfast in 1953 and every president has continued the tradition.

Housing survey can impact your wallet

By **Aaron Talley**
USAG Vicenza PAO

For anyone whose lived overseas for more than a few days, it’s obvious that many things in Europe can be more expensive than they are in the states. How much more can vary greatly, however, and is largely contingent on the local exchange rate. So that is taken into consideration when it comes time to figure out how much money to give service members who receive the Overseas Housing Allowance. But that’s the easy part. The hard part for the Allowances Branch of the Defense Travel Management Office, which determines OHA, is finding out how much everything else costs. So they con-

duct an annual housing allowance survey.

This March, the Defense Travel Management Office is conducting surveys of both the Overseas Housing Allowance and Move-In Housing Allowance. OHA is a monthly payment given to service members who live in rental properties. MIHA is a one-time allowance provided when the service member first moves in. According to Lew Smith, the Housing Division Chief for U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, the OHA and MIHA surveys will help make sure service members are being properly compensated for their living expenses.

“In order to set the flat rate to adequately cover these expenses the DTMO has to rely on this survey because they cannot obtain that information any other way,” said Smith.

“Based on the input they receive they will average out costs and set the new flat rate. This is why it is so important for personnel to participate to avoid rates being lowered because of lack of input.”

Smith says that while the OHA survey is done annually, this is the first time in three years that DTMO has conducted a MIHA survey, making it even more important for service members to complete the survey. Based on the input to the survey, DTMO will set flat rates for each of these allowances.

For the OHA survey, service members will be asked to report the average monthly cost of each of their utilities and the average monthly cost of any routine maintenance expenses they incurred during the last 12 months. For the MIHA portion of the survey, they will be asked to report actual

expenses incurred when moving into their private residence.

"Spouses may also perform the survey on the service member's behalf," Smith said. "I would recommend that personnel start to get their bills and receipts together now so they are ready to do the survey. They should also be aware that even bottled drinking water and firewood are allowable under the utilities."

Smith finished by pointing out how important it is that everyone who is eligible take the survey to ensure they don't experience reductions in allowances.

"Even if they are leaving this year they can still make a difference for everyone else."

The survey is open to all military members who live in private rental properties. They can take the survey at the following web link. This web link below will be activated on the survey start date of March 1. The deadline to complete the survey is close of business March 31.

<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/oha-utilmiha-mar.cfm>



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Caserma Del Din preps for access changes

Story and photo by **Anna Ciccotti**
USAG Vicenza PAO



The access road to Caserma Del Din, Vicenza, is a 900 meter straight roadway on the northern end of Viale Ferrarin in Vicenza. The road provides the only access to the military base and to the nearby residences of approximately twenty Italian families. Its upgrade involves road rebuilding and widening, construction of pedestrian/bicycle path, sidewalks, new energy efficient LED street lighting, and an improved roundabout before the entrance gate with accommodation for future public transportation service.

The spring and early summer of 2015 will be a busy time for Caserma Del Din users and the nearby Vicenza residents. Work to upgrade the access road to Caserma Del Din is due to start March 2 and expected to be completed in July.

"The new road will enhance accessibility and general safety around Del Din as part of our commitment to reduce the impact on the local traffic and improve quality of life for our Soldiers who live at Del Din and our Italian neighbors in the surrounding community," said Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., U.S Army Garrison Vicenza commander.

"Mayor Variati and I have discussed this road on many occasions in our efforts to bring the maximum benefit to the American and Italian residents in the area, while minimizing the inconvenience. I am truly pleased that the City and the U.S. Army enjoy such a productive relationship where we are able to roll up our sleeves and work together to benefit the 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. The road provides the only access to the military base and to the nearby residences of approximately twenty Italian families.

"The work involves road rebuilding and widening, construction of pedestrian/bicycle path and sidewalks," said Lt. Cmdr. Jeremy P. Adams, regional officer in charge of construction in

Northern Italy for the Naval Facility Command. Updated traffic signals, new energy efficient LED street lighting, and an improved roundabout before the Del Din entrance gate with accommodation for future public transportation service, are also part of the project, said Adams.

"We understand that a project of this nature can cause short term inconvenience, however the investment will bring long-term benefits for Soldiers

and residents alike," Menist said. The current narrow width of the road causes traffic concerns, particularly for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles sharing the same laneway. Widening the existing layout will improve traffic visibility and increase safety for all road users.

Residents have complained that the long straight road encourages in-

creased speeds. To address their concern, new speed limit posts along the road are the first traffic-calming measure included in the scope of work.

Expressing the view of many families living on Viale Ferrarin, resident Savina Maria Appiani said, "We surely appreciate the attention shown to us residents and the fact that works will commence with the good season. We also appreciate the decision not to simply restore the existing road but rather proceed with its complete upgrade, which we understand is quite a significant economic investment for the U.S. Army."

Appiani said that an adequate road with improved road signings will encourage a better use of the common space and in general more respect for traffic law. While a bike path with proper sidewalks will encourage sustainable transportation, she said that "a road built with state-of-the art features will also reduce noise pollution due to traffic flow."

"In order to minimize inconvenience the work will be phased", said Lisa Magaña, the ROICC supervisory civil engineer in charge of the Viale Ferrarin project. The contractor will endeavor to dig the road in manageable sections, reinstating regularly as the work progresses.

"During the work, the Viale Ferrarin access road and the entrance of Caserma Del Din will remain open for both

Shown in the map is the alternate exit that during construction will be available for leaving Caserma Del Din from 4-6 p.m. on week days. A traffic light will direct outbound traffic turn into Strada Sant'Antonino.

Courtesy photo

incoming and outgoing traffic with one-way traffic in the construction areas," Magaña said. She explained that in order to facilitate egress from Del Din, an alternate exit located on the south east corner of Caserma Del Din, south of the Warrior Zone facility and the softball fields will be available from 4-6 p.m. Monday thru Friday. This egress will allow vehicles leaving the base during peak hours to utilize Strada Sant'Antonino and avoid the construction area. A traffic light will direct outbound traffic turn into the city main road.

As construction is about to start, the challenge ahead is to urge constant awareness for traffic control by drivers, pedestrians, and the construction crew. "We advise all drivers to proceed slowly and remain attentive to changing traffic patterns on Viale Ferrarin. We also advise pedestrians to avoid the construction area and base users to limit their movements in and out the installation," said Magaña.

Commenting on the great Italian-American team work behind this project, Adams said: "The Comune of Vicenza has been a great partner. Representatives from the garrison and the office of the Italian base com-



mander have worked tirelessly to get this portion of the Del Din project to the point at which construction could commence. Communication among all partners was key to the success of the Italian-American team."

The upgrade work was modified into the existing contract entitled Multiple Facilities Complex Dal Molin, and will complement the new installation opened in 2013. Construction will be carried out by C.M.C, i.e. the contractor solicited via full and open competition in 2007.

A town hall meeting was held Feb. 23 at Del Din to inform the military community about the upcoming road work and provide road users advance warning of changes in traffic patterns.

Army antiterrorism program asks all to "iWATCH"

By **Aaron Talley**
USAG Vicenza PAO

"See Something...Say Something."

It's a simple phrase that we've all heard many times, but do we really know what it means? What exactly are we looking for? And do we really know what to do to if we see it?

Well, to help us better understand the importance of identifying suspicious activity and the proper way to report it, the Department of the Army's Office of the Provost Marshal General came up with an anti-terrorism awareness program called "iWATCH". According to U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Antiterrorism Officer Jesse Markum, the program focuses on protecting our com-



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munities from terrorist attacks by spreading the word about being vigilant and responding immediately to any unusual behavior we witness in our local communities.

"iWATCH, in many ways, is the lifeblood of the USAG Vicenza Antiterrorism Program," said Markum.

When you visit the "iWATCH" webpage, you'll have access to all sorts

of training materials and resources, including informational papers and a downloadable Individual Protective Measures Graphic Training Aids Card that you can keep in your wallet. There are also posters and videos that will help you know what to look for and how to report it.

"Here within the USAG-Vicenza family," Markum said, "we are depen-

dent on our personnel to be vigilant, watchful, and report suspicious activity."

And if you do notice anything unusual in the Vicenza community, you should call the MP Desk at DSN 634-7626 (Comm. 0444-71-7626). Do your part to prevent a terrorist attack in our community.

"See Something...Say Something."

Outstanding volunteers recognized at Feb Info-X

By **Aaron Talley**
USAG Vicenza PAO



U.S. Army Africa Commanding General Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams and U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. recognize adult volunteer for January Raymond Jackson, a volunteer with the USO, at the February Info-X at the Arena.

U.S. Army Africa Commanding General Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams and U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. recognized some outstanding volunteers during the February Info-X at the Arena. The awardees included the adult and youth outstanding volunteers for the months of December and January, as well as the presentation of a Certificate of Achievement.

The Adult Outstanding Volunteer for December is Gabriella Reed, recognized for her recent work with the Vicenza Parent Teacher Student Association, planning and coordinating two major fundraisers. Gabriella served as the PTSA's carnival chairperson, working through the summer and the first

part of the school year to ensure its success. This year the carnival earned almost \$8,000 in profit, making it the most successful one ever.

The Youth Outstanding Volunteer for December is Kevin McCombs, a member of the American Red Cross Club at Vicenza High School. McCombs conducted the first interview in Vicenza for the Library of Congress' Veteran History Project, which records and catalogs veterans' stories. In addition, he has been active part of fundraising for Vaccinate a Village, a project which aims to reduce deaths from measles in developing parts of the world.

The Adult Outstanding Volunteer for January is Raymond Jackson, a volunteer with the USO. Jackson has taken the initiative with a whole

range of volunteer tasks—everything from setting up the daily meal and welcoming Soldiers and families to conducting inventories and ad hoc computer support. He even led the charge in reorganizing the space to accommodate more visitors. During the recent USO Holiday Party, he volunteered more than 15 hours during two days to set up, maintain and tear down, and help create a memorable event for more than 300 patrons.

The Youth Outstanding Volunteer for January is Roberto Ortega, a committed volunteer with the Exceptional Family Member Program since January 2014. Ortega performs a great deal of behind-the-scenes work, such as updating documents and data-



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bases, preparing packets for incoming families, and setting up information tables to help get the word out.

Also recognized at the Info-X was Silvia Girardi, who was presented a Certificate of Achievement by the Garrison Commander. Girardi, while working at the AAFES Shoppette, recognized a Soldier experiencing medical distress and made instantaneous decision to render aid. She physically caught the Soldier when they lost consciousness, preventing impact with the floor. Without hesitation, she immediately rendered first aid, arranged an Emergency Services call, and continued to provide aid until help arrived.

To see the entire Info-X, go to the AFN Vicenza YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/AFNVicenza.

Ederle firing range to reopen this month

Story and photo by **Anna Ciccotti**
USAG Vicenza PAO

A certification team of the Italian Army Infrastructure Headquarters based in Rome visited the Caserma Ederle's indoor firing range 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. For three years we trained in the range, however, over that time regulations changed because of new technologies and experiences in other ranges," said Jim Matheson, chief of the Regional Training Support Division for U.S. Army South of the Alps.

"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 to upgrade the building with all new specifications mandated by Italian law," Matheson said.

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 that the U.S. Army hired a contractor who carried out all the required adjustments needed to make the range a safe place for the Soldiers to train here at Ederle.

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



A certification team of the Italian Army Infrastructure Headquarters based in Rome visited the Caserma Ederle's indoor firing range Feb. 5 to review the newly-improved facility and approve its use. From left to right, Jim Sweatman, sustainable range program manager for the Regional Training Support Division for U.S. Army South of the Alps, Maj. Alfonso Minella, Italian Army Liaison officer at the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, Col. Alfonso Coscia, chief of the Studies and Regulations office at the Italian Army Infrastructure Headquarter in Rome and Lt. Col. Francesco Lobocono, ballistic expert from the Infrastructure Headquarters based in Bari. The team reviews a bullet impact on a rubber tile.

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 a lot 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 Italian Army certifying team.

Upon completion of the upgrade works in summer, the Italian regulating team in charge of ranges, the so-called 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 the back trap is well equipped to catch rounds,” Matheson said.

Then an environmental assessment followed, focusing 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 roof top to check noise disturbance was within permissible levels.

With the all the preliminary checks in order, in January the Ederle range received the green light from the Italian Army for the final certifying inspection. Members of the commission who arrived to Ederle were Col. Alfonso Coscia, lead team and chief of Studies and Regulations office, Lt. Col. Giancarlo Capodarca, chief of the



Fabrizio Giacobbi, architect in charge of safety and environmental for the Italian Army range certifying team, assesses the bullet impact of an accidental gunshot during the ballistic testing of the Caserma Ederle range, Feb. 5.

ranges division, Architect Fabrizio Giacobbi, responsible of work safety and environmental law, and Lt. Col. Francesco Lobo, ballistic expert from the Infrastructure Headquarters based in Bari.

During the two-day inspection, the team reviewed the structural condition of the building, the quality of the materials used, especially for the protective padding in the walls and floor as well as electric systems, air distribution, fire alarms and gas detectors. A ballistic test was part of the final check to study bullets 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 ammunitions 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 the 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 will be the care with which the range operators and their qualified contracted firm perform daily cleanups before and after shooting sessions. Same for the extraordinary 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 very soon we will have four lanes here where we can support training 24/7,” Sweatman said. Once the range is approved for use, “our 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 ‘til now,” he said. “The other good thing is that range is near the jump tower and the other training support facilities. That makes things much easier for everybody,” said Sweatman.

Garrison conducts traffic survey

Story and photo by **Anna Ciccotti**
USAG Vicenza PAO

“The Vicenza Garrison is conducting a road traffic and parking assessment to better meet the needs of our community as well as ensure the traffic patterns are in compliance with Italian law,” said Maj. Brian G. Mumfrey, director of Emergency Services and Provost Marshal.

The survey will provide a collection and analysis of traffic data that will help the command determine the most effective traffic patterns and parking plan within Caserma Ederle, Villaggio, the Longare site, Torri warehouses and Lerino.

“This is being done because our installations fall on Italian bases and to better ensure we are in compliance with the Italian Road Code,” Mumfrey said. He also noted that a similar study was conducted in 2012 for Caserma Del Din prior to the occupation of the new facility. In fact a comprehensive traffic survey had never been done for the other installations in Vicenza.

“The study will provide an analysis of the characteristics of the existing road network considering aspects such as traffic volumes, type of traffic during peak hours in specific areas, horizontal and vertical road signings, as well as parking availability,” said Giorgia Pretto, the civil engineer technician who is following the \$278,200 contract for engineering services on behalf the Master Planning Division of Public Works.

Explaining how data was being collected, Pretto said traffic meters were used to count the number of vehicles circulating on a daily basis. The surveying crew also relied on GPS equipment and total robotic stations for a systematic on-site review of the road network. The combined equip-

ment helped them verify the correct position of buildings and the road geometric configuration with the existing reference plan. To give an idea of the magnitude of the work, she said that more than ten kilometers of roads were surveyed at Ederle, three kilometers at Villaggio, and approximately seven kilometers in the other sites measuring and geo-tagging distances, heights and angles all along the way.

According to Pretto, the traffic and parking study will have, in its first part, the necessary information to prepare a baseline layout with recommendations for changes in roads, sidewalks and signings considering the existing situation. In the second phase of the contract expected to be submitted by May 2015, the indications resulting from the survey will be proposed as a design for future construction of new intersections and roundabouts needed to optimize traffic flow in critical areas.

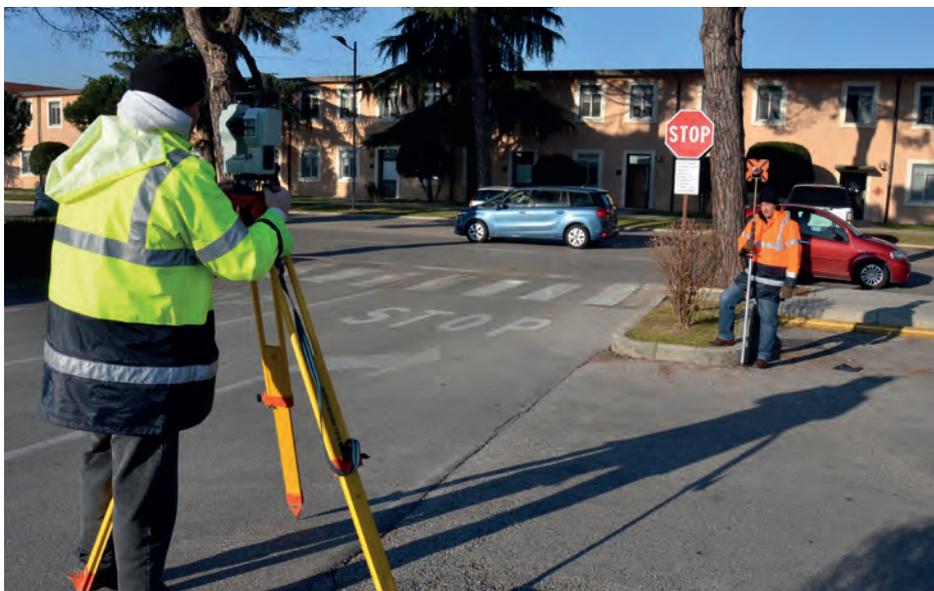
The study shall be in accordance with Italian and U.S. regulations including AT/FP antiterrorism standards and ADA standards for accessible design. For the purpose of better traffic management and control, the changes

that will be implemented “will allow the Military Police to better enforce Army Regulatory and Policy guidance and support the Carabinieri in traffic enforcement,” said Mumfrey.

Ultimately, the survey will help the MPs duly address current traffic challenges, such as “individuals who continue to exceed the posted speed limits, failure to stop completely at intersections, talking or texting with mobile devices while driving or the non use of seatbelts by all vehicle occupants and illegal parking, i.e. against the flow of traffic, exceeding the posted time allotments for short-term parking, parking overnight in unauthorized locations or double parking,” he said.

“I was very fortunate to be assigned to this project and excited to bring in my technical skills in land surveying, especially because of the positive and lasting impact the results the traffic study will have on our community,” said Pretto.

A preliminary report is expected by the end of this month. After that, a review process will start to determine the way ahead for improving traffic management and parking on post.



Leonardo Ficini, left and Andrea Pipino gather traffic data from a total station at the intersection of Olson Avenue and Cars Avenue at Caserma Ederle. Ficini and Pipino work for the A.I.C.E. Consulting team hired by the garrison to conduct a traffic and parking assessment of U.S. military installations in Vicenza.

Relay Health sign ups at health center

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza

If you are a Vicenza Health Center patient registered in TRICARE Prime or Plus, please sign up for the Army Secure Messaging Service, powered by Relay Health.

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For questions contact Maj. Laura Jeffrey, DSN 636-9010, commercial 0444-61-9010.

F2F connects mentors in VMC

Story and photo by Sgt. **Lance Pounds**
USAG Vicenza PAO

The first We: Mentor mentorship luncheon meeting was held Feb. 9, at the Army Community Services building on Caserma Ederle. The luncheon offered a relaxed setting for more than 30 people interested in becoming a mentor or mentee.

The We: Mentor program is sponsored by the Female to Female initiative, known as F2F which launched in the Vicenza community December 2012, along with the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Prevention and Total Army Sponsorship Programs.

The F2F program provides single female Soldiers the opportunity to expand their relationship base beyond their unit to a much larger network of potential mentors, meanwhile helping to improving their resiliency and reducing isolation. The initiative has



Melissa Wakefield, Vicenza's Central Processing Facility deputy manager, identifies Soldiers looking for mentors during the first "We:Mentor" sponsorship luncheon, Feb.9, at the Army Community Services building on Caserma Ederle. Wakefield not only helped prepare the luncheon, she attended as a mentor.

since evolved, opening its doors to all who seek mentorship.

"Luncheons present a great opportunity for Soldiers and mentors to find their perfect match," said Michelle Demarais, a U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza SHARP victim advocate and host of the luncheon.

"We plan to offer new key speakers at each luncheon," said Demarais.

Col. Rosemary Murphy, U.S. Army Africa's chief clinical operations officer and chief nurse was the event's key speaker. Murphy related her personal experiences in earning a college education, rank advancement and balancing work and home life.

To prepare for the event, Murphy said she reflected on the insight and coaching she received earlier in her career.

"Sometimes support and encouragement happens when you least expect it," Murphy said. "I have had discussions about raising children, financial considerations, promotions, specific job positions and most importantly ensuring that I find balance in my life." Through her experiences, Murphy shared some lessons learned, and in turn, encouraged mentees' educational, professional and personal growth.

"Take advantage of all educational opportunities given to you," advised Murphy. "Education and degrees are not always an easy path, but once achieved, it is something you take with you to your next position and can open doors where you least expect it."

"Inform yourself about your profession and take the hard jobs early in your career," added Murphy.

Lastly, Murphy advised potential mentees to accept setbacks with grace because everyone makes mistakes and it's important to learn from their own mistakes.

According to Demarais, finding the balance between work and family is one of the most commonly talked about difficulties for career mothers.

Murphy said keeping up with her own

expectations meant working harder and sometimes putting in unbelievable hours to achieve success. For the most part, she said that worked for her until she became a mother.

"I thought that balancing both career and motherhood would just be one more challenge in my life," said Murphy. "As time went on, I found it more challenging than I had expected."

"It seemed like time and energy were my enemies," said Murphy.

Murphy said finding childcare gave her time and the flexibility to accomplish her tasks, both professionally and personally.

She also commended her husband, Col. Edward Stevens, the Public Health Command District-Southern Europe commander, for his assistance and understanding in the scheduling of day-to-day activities, which made achieving her goals possible.

Murphy and Stevens, sitting side-by-side, took turns sharing the advantages and disadvantages they have experienced as a dual-military family.

"One advantage is having the ability to be stationed with my husband," said Murphy. She further explained when one of them received orders, the other was able to follow to the same duty assignment, which inadvertently leads to one disadvantage of being dual-military family.

"We have not always ended up in positions we both wanted," said Murphy.

She added that they overcame this disadvantage by taking turns in the main effort role and the supporting role.

Following the key speaker's comments, attendees enjoyed refreshments while using the remainder of their time for introductions and casual conversations.

Attendee, Spc. Steffen Hill, assigned to 464th Military Police Platoon, discussed potential career advancement opportunities with Capt. Rich Demarais of the USARAF Surgeon Directorate.

The two found much to talk about. Hill and is newcomer to Italy. Capt. Demarais was eager to share some of his Army experiences since his commissioning more than 10 years ago. Additionally, he shared some ideas of places and things to do in Italy.

Connections made during the luncheon may lead to mentorship or possible friendships. Attendees unable to find a mentor or mentee match can continue attending the luncheons until they find the match.

According to event organizers, We: Mentor mentorship luncheons provide an atmosphere conducive to professional and personal growth through sharing lessons learned by senior leaders and experienced civilians for those who would like to benefit from it.



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Retiree dedicates life to Verona, Vicenza military communities

By **Laura Kreider**
USAG Vicenza PAO

If many people retire after working a substantial sum of years, not too many celebrate their retirement at the age of 88, especially after a cumulative service of 56 years. The employee in question is Robert "Bob" Generelli who celebrated this one-of-a-kind event at the Italian Mensa Jan. 21.

A citation, which is attributed to Aristotle - and yet never written by this philosopher - says, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit".

This aphorism seems to fit what Generelli did throughout the many years he has served, first at the Verona American School, and then, after the Verona installation's closure in 2004, as a courier and assistant for Child and Youth School Services from 1993 to nowadays still commuting continuously from Verona where he lives.

Before starting his working career, Generelli was with the 1st Army Division and he served for three years.

"I enlisted in the Army in 1955. I tried to get in earlier during the war, but my mother called the recruiting officer and told him that I was only 16 years old," said Generelli.

This situation, which didn't please Generelli at the time, worked out well in the long term because it gave him the opportunity to complete his education.

"I got my degree in Math and Social Studies and then returned into the Army," he said. This time he was successful. After attending his basic training at Fort Polk, La., Generelli picked Italy as his destination in 1957, and, since then, he has spent most of his time here.

"I served for three years before being honorably discharged. SETAF was just

opening after coming down from Austria," he said.

At the time, NATO was already established in Verona and since both headquarters were there, the installation and population were large enough to acquire three schools including the primary, elementary and junior high.

Generelli said he was in the right place at the right time because thanks to his education he qualified as a teacher and began his long career with Department of Defense Dependent School in 1958. In the same year, he married Alma, met at the Verona Post Exchange.

Throughout his school career Generelli covered multiple occupations from being a teacher,

then the assistant principal in 1962, principal in 1982, to being simultaneously teacher and principal as the consequence of downsizing the Verona schools.

After his first retirement in 1992, Generelli was hired in Verona by Bill Murphy, who is currently working for the garrison Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

"I first met Bob Generelli at the Verona-Boscomantico Dining Facility in 1975 while he was a teacher at the American School," said Murphy. "He asked me if he could post drawings that his class made on the walls of the dining facility. I said 'yes' and helped him tape them to the wall. That was the beginning of a wonderful friendship that has lasted more than four decades."



Local Robert "Bob" Generelli joined the Army in 1957, and chose Italy as his duty station where after serving in the military, he became a Department of Defense Dependent School teacher and principal and Child and Youth School Services courier. Generelli served in the military for three years and has been in Italy for 56 years.
Courtesy photo

Murphy added that knowing Generelli has been the best gift he has received from him.

"Bob volunteered thousands of hours serving the Verona community and never once asked for anything in return. When I honestly ask myself which person in my life meant the most to me, Bob's name is the first one that comes to my mind," he said. In the 1970s, Murphy met Generelli on the Verona installation, another person who is still working in Vicenza had the chance to meet him at the Vicenza High School.

"A brief time of Mr. Generelli's long career with DoDDS was spent at the Vicenza Schools complex as summer-school principal," said Clitta Fri-



Bob Generelli poses with three generations of his family that were born and raised in Italy. Generelli came to Italy with the Army in 1957. Courtesy photo

go, a VHS secretary since that time period.

She explained that during that time she “had the opportunity and fortune to work for this unique and unrepeatable person.”

“It was stimulating and a pleasure to report to the office and see his welcoming smiling face backed by devotion and positive attitude. It seems to me that his personality and demeanor have not changed throughout the years.”

If teaching had a key role in Generelli’s life, on the other hand, he also loved his country, the military community, its Soldiers and leaders.

Generelli passed on his teaching enthusiasm to members of his family. In fact, all of his children teach, and one of his daughters, Mary, is at present Italian and French Language teacher at the VHS.

“Words cannot express how grateful I am to have had my dad near us for all these years. As a father, mentor, grandfather and my ‘numero uno’ cheerleader, dad goes above and beyond. And this I say on behalf of my siblings and our children (his grandchildren), and all those who have been fortunate to develop a relation-

ship with my dad (which doesn’t take long), for I am sure they feel the same way,” she said.

Generelli is also showing a positive thought and some good advice as a grandfather, according to his grandson Michael Weston, an Airman with the Air Force, currently stationed in Lakenheath, United Kingdom.

“I have had the privilege of traveling the world, meeting people of different cultures and nationalities, different beliefs and ethics, unique life views and experiences, but, no matter where I end up or whom I meet, nobody comes close to comparing to my nonno,” said Weston.

“His passion for life and love for people drives me everyday to be a better person. When asked, ‘how’s Bob doing?’ it’s simple to say ‘He is working and loving life as he has done forever,’” he said.

For Weston his grandfather has given him the proof to believe in saints.

“He is nothing less than a saint.

He has shown me love; he’s made me feel it and proved to me it’s real. If I look at my life 60 years down the road, I know I will do well if I just do a fraction of the things my grandfather has done. I hope to try and mirror all his characteristics and attributes but some things are just not replicable. Robert “Bob” Generelli will always be ‘il giovane’, or the young, in the eyes of his loving wife Alma, his family and anyone that has ever had the luxury of meeting him.”

During his retirement ceremony, Generelli was presented the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service. The citation signed by U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., highlights “his superior service that he provided to the children, youth, and families of both, the Verona and Vicenza military communities with his friendly, outgoing nature and tireless enthusiasm.”



Generelli receives the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service from Eric Weisel, director of CYSS at the retirement ceremony Jan. 21. Generelli continues to volunteer on the installation, coming from Verona. Photo by Arlana Young, CYSS

VHS Red Cross Club raises funds to help others



Members of the Vicenza High School Red Cross Club stand with posters made to support their fundraising efforts to help vaccinate a village in Africa. The club's original goal of \$500 was more than doubled after two fundraising events. Courtesy photo

By **Kate Ismeurt**
VHS Red Cross Club

The Vicenza High School Red Cross Club is an extremely active group of youth volunteers in the Vicenza Military Community. But in October 2014, they decided they wanted to take their service efforts to a global level. The American Red Cross Measles & Rubella Initiative project, Vaccinate a Village, seemed just like the avenue the club was looking for to expand their involvement. The project helps spread Measles awareness and raises funds to help vaccinate individuals against the deadly disease in high-risk areas of Africa.

Antonio Tartaglia, a senior at Vicenza High School and the Fundraising Officer for the club, assembled a team for the project and they created a Vaccinate a Village project proposal. They set the goal to vaccinate "one village" or to raise \$500 by February 2015.

The first fundraising event was held Nov. 28, the infamous Black Friday, and the students gift-wrapped items purchased at the PX shopping center for donations. The fundraiser exceeded expectations, with more than \$400 raised. The students were well on their way to reaching their goal of vaccinating one village.

To complete their goal, the students planned a second fundraiser, a bake sale held in Jan. 23, in hopes of raising the remaining \$60 needed to "Vaccinate a Village." Thanks to the amazing generosity of the Vicenza Military Community, the students far exceeded expectations and raised an additional \$500.

This dedicated group of students far eclipsed their original goal and now have raised enough money to vaccinate two villages within the original time frame, raising \$1,000 in total since November 2014.

The entire club has been very involved with the project since day one – creating posters, baking goods, and participating in the fundraising events themselves. The Red Cross Club students are a dedicated group of youth volunteers who are committed to helping make their community, and our world, a better place. Their achievements are being recognized by the American Red Cross and they will be featured on both www.redcross.org and www.redcrossyouth.org. The Vicenza High School Red Cross Club members will continue to inspire the community with their commitment to public service.

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USAEUR awards select junior officers



Standing left to right are: Capt. Michael Sims, commander of Comanche Troop, 1st Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Cody Herr, 173rd Airborne Brigade's Intelligence Support Element chief; and Capt. Dwayne Steppe, commander of Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. All three will represent Army Europe at the Department of the Army-level Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

Story and photo by Sgt. **Daniel Cole**
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

WIESBADEN, Germany — U.S. Army Europe formally recognized 15 officers for their excellence in leadership at the 28th Annual USAREUR-level Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award ceremony held here, Feb. 12. Maj. Gen. Walter Piatt, Army Europe's deputy commanding general, commended the Soldiers for their selfless service and dedication to leadership during the ceremony. He said that these leaders were not only the best of Army Europe, but of the Army as a whole.

The GDMLA program was introduced in 1987 to recognize company-grade and junior warrant officers who demonstrate MacArthur's ideals of

"Duty, Honor, Country," and have a proven record of extraordinary performance, leadership and achievement.

Three of the recipients were also chosen to represent Army Europe at the Department of the Army-level competition. They are Chief Warrant Officer 2 Cody Herr, 173rd Airborne Brigade's Intelligence Support Element chief; Capt. Dwayne Steppe, commander of Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade; and Capt. Michael Sims, commander of Comanche Troop, 1st Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment.

Herr stated that he really owes the award to his team. It is a testament to the hard work of his junior Soldiers and noncommissioned officers.

"I absolutely could not have achieved this award without the hard work and dedication from my military intelligence Soldiers," Herr said.

Steppe also attributes his winning to the Soldiers in his unit. He says he could not have earned this without them.

"I have really strong Soldiers, NCOs, junior officers and an awesome first sergeant (who) really make my job easier," Steppe said.

The three winners will move forward to compete against junior leaders from other major Army commands, where only a few select officers and warrant officers in the active, National Guard and Reserve components across the Army will receive the award.

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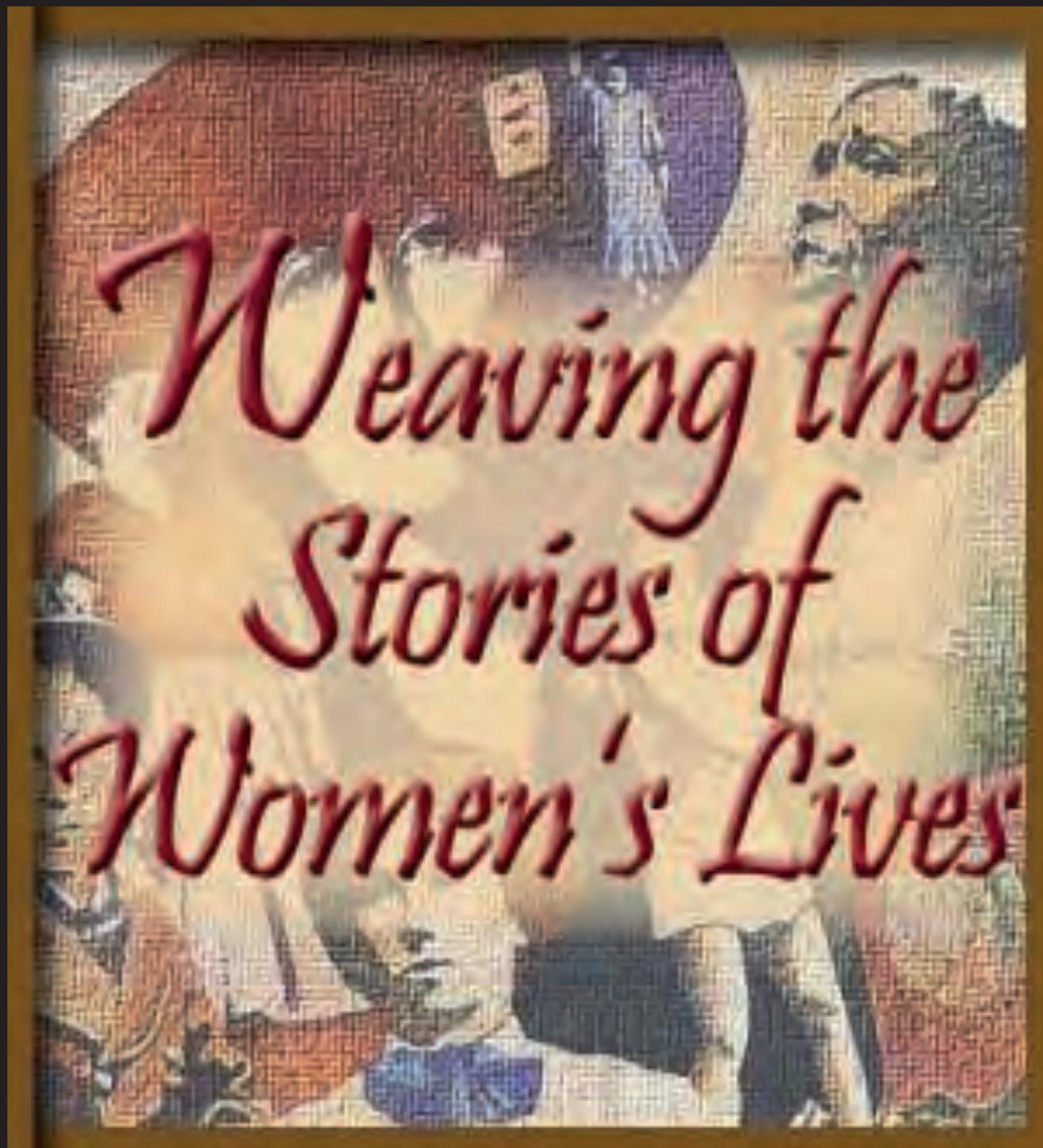
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BOSS delivers roses for sweethearts



Photo by **Chiara Mattiolo**
DMC PAO

Every year the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers association provides a service to the community by delivering bunches of red roses on Valentine's Day. BOSS members met the day prior to delivery to divide and prepare the bunches of long stem red roses and wrap them tight with a bright red bow. The roses were delivered to spouses, but also to recognize the women working in the community or young daughters.

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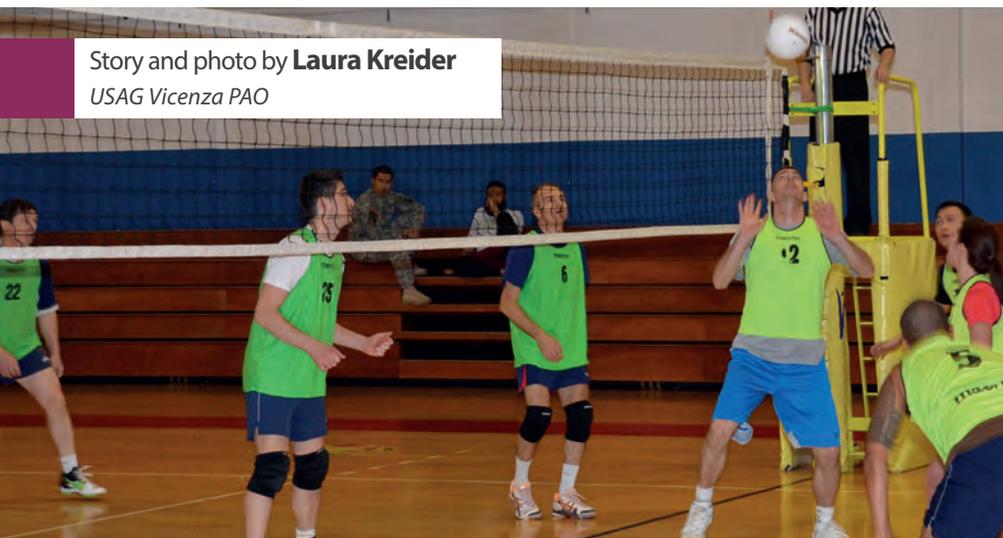
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Volleyball without borders aces Caserma Ederle

Story and photo by **Laura Kreider**
USAG Vicenza PAO



American team player #12 Matt Thomas prepares for a spike while PFS team players # 25 Davide Guarino and # 6 Riccardo Brazzale follow the action.

A mixed American volleyball team hosted a local squad called Pallavolo Senza Frontiere - which means Volleyball Without Borders - in a “friendly” game Feb. 6 at the Caserma Ederle gym.

The game came at the end of a weeklong volleyball officials’ clinic being conducted in preparation for the unit/recreation team season. For the Italian players this was the first occasion to meet with their American counterparts. Mostly, the PSF team players are former players who played while in their 20s in different volleyball Italian leagues from lower to top divisions.

“Now we are a sort of over-50 volleyball team whose members have in common the passion for this great sport. We meet twice a week and we also participate in the First Division FIPAV Italian championship,” said PSF team ‘long-time member’ Louis Rigo- vacca.

But not every member in the Italian team was speaking just Italian, since one of them is a former Army sergeant, then a Department of Army civilian, and now a retiree who stays active bringing Americans and Italians together in social settings.

“I was invited to play with this Italian team thanks to having friends who knew friends,” explained Phil Tegt-

meier, who has been playing with PSF team since September.

“Someone asked casually if it would be possible to play against an American team. I got with Ricky Jackson at the sports office. He helped me get the permissions to get on post and set up a match. It took a couple of weeks to work things out, but it was time well spent. I think we all had a blast,” said Tegtmeier.

“We were warmly welcomed and we found a very well equipped facility; after a short warm up we started the match, which initially was balanced, but toward the end, thanks to some experience and technical skills, we were able to win,” said Rigo- vacca.

“As teams, we both played with a healthy competitiveness but always pervaded by a friendly spirit.

So it has been a very positive experience, which may develop into other future opportunities to meet and share this wonderful sport,” he said.

“The game was a lot of fun for us and to play the local Italian team. A few of us have played together before, but not as a team, so it was challenging to create a line up and allow players playing time, but we managed and got everyone

in the game,” said Lt. Col. Ronald Aquino, U.S. Army Africa MEDLOG Plans and Operations. Aquino added that he became the “accidental” coach/manager for the event.

“They were a very good team and we enjoyed playing them. We hope to have another friendly game soon with them and maybe ask them to play the winners of the USAG Vicenza volleyball tournament as a tune-up for the IMCOM-Europe Championship tournament in May. All in all, it was fun to play and looking forward to the next one,” he said.

In the meantime, for those interested in playing volleyball, the USAG Recreational Volleyball championship started Feb. 25. Registration is still ongoing at the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics office. Call 634-7009.

The next games are scheduled March 2 starting at 6 p.m. at the post gym.

At the end of the local championship, the top two teams will advance to the Army Europe level held in May in Germany.



Pallavolo Senza Frontiere, which means volleyball without borders, volleyball team players get ready to block the spike by Ringo Wilson of the American team during the friendly game played at the post gym Feb. 6.

2015 USAG-VICENZA UNIT/REC BASKETBALL LEAGUE STATS RESULTS AS Feb. 5

WIN LOSS

1.	509TH SIG	6	4
2.	ATTACK-A CO 1/503RD	6	2
3.	USAGRAF	6	2
4.	A CO 173RD BSB	5	5
5.	CHARLIE BSTB	5	4
6.	USAG-V MALES	4	3
7.	DODDS	2	5
8.	USAG-V FEMALES	1	6
9.	173RD BDE	0	4



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CURRENT PROGRAMS/EVENTS

2014/15 USAG-V Nov-FEB: Unit/Rec Basketball League, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 6 p.m., 7 p.m.

2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Soccer League – Register through March 2, coaches meeting; March 3, 6 p.m. Upstairs Conference Room, League Play starts around March 11.

ONGOING SPORTS ACTIVITIES

2015 USAG-V CMTY Male Basketball Team Try-out/Practice, 1845-2000 Mondays at Ederle Gym & Wednesday, 6:45–8 P.M. at Del Din Gym

2015 USAG-V CMTY Boxing Team, Ederle is training Mon-Fri 6:10-8 a.m., at the Fitness Center, **(Stop until further notice) Please stop in if interested in coaching**

2015 Unit/Recreational Racquetball Open Challenge, Ederle Monday-Friday 5-8 p.m., at the Fitness Center

2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Basketball Open Play half court, Ederle, Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 11:30-1400 the Fitness Center Gym

2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Rugby Open Play, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 p.m.-8 p.m., at the Caserma Ederle grass football field

2015 USAG-V Tennis Open Play Reservation, Ederle Mondays & Wednsdays,6-9 p.m. Meet the Tennis Courts to play and meet other players

2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Soccer Open Play/Practice, Mondays & Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Caserma Ederle turf field

2015 USAG-V Volleyball Open Play, Fridays meet at the **Caserma Ederle** Gym Court 6 p.m., for this to happen a POC needs to contact the Sports Programmer.

Community news briefs

Army Emergency Relief

The Army Emergency Relief campaign will kick off March 3 and run through May 15. Funds are raised at this time to assist Soldiers and their Families with emergency financial needs. Vicenza's goal this year is \$50,000. To assist, contact your unit's representative. Information will also be provided at the March Information Exchange March 4.

Women's History Month Observance

The Vicenza Equal Opportunity and Employment Offices are hosting a Women's History Month observance Tuesday, March 24 at 3:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Arena. This year's theme is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives" and is a free event that is open to the entire community.

Feste delle Donne 5k run/walk

The Vicenza Sergeants Major Association is sponsoring a 5 kilometer run/walk Saturday, March 7 on the Ederle track. The cost is \$5; it is open to men and women. The first 100 women finishers will receive a mimosa branch. Registration will be from 8-8:45 a.m.

Fitness Expo

The Caserma Ederle Fitness Center will host a Fitness Expo, Friday, Feb. 27 from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Classes will take place during the day along with information sessions at 10 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 3:40 p.m. and 4:40 p.m. Learn about the classes they offer.

Mobile retention training

The USARAF/ 173rd Bde Retention Team will be conducting Mobile Retention Training for all Retention NCOs. This will take place at Del Din, 173rd Brigade Classroom March 9-13 for those E5 and above. You must be eligible for reenlistment and have one

year remaining on your current tour. For more information contact Master Sgt. Manuel Lopez at 637-4059.

Passport office hours

The Passport office, located in the Central Processing Facility, building 393, will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-11:30 a.m.

Public Health move

The USAG Public Health Command relocated to the Health Center building, Bldg 2310, from Bldg 169.

The Veterinary Clinic is still located in Longare.

Tax Center open

The Vicenza Tax Center is now open to provide free tax preparation assistance from IRS-Certified tax professionals until June 15. There are two locations: building 241 on Caserma Ederle, and room 1006 of the Sigholtz Center on Del Din. The hours of operation on Ederle are Mon-Fri from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. On Del Din the hours are Mon, Wed and Fri 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment call DSN 634-7316 or Civ: 0444-71-7316.

ACS classes

Go with the Flow yoga – Every Monday, Basic yoga class moves that can be used daily to reduce stress, followed by a 15 minute visual meditation to renew mind and body.

Babywearing class – March 31, This class is for everyone, whether you are expecting or you already have a baby or even a toddler. This class will teach you about the practice of baby wearing, whether you choose to use a sling or another type of carrier, so you and your baby can enjoy the maximum benefits of closeness.

Resume Fundamentals – March 24, Writing your first resume? Or does your current resume need an update? Join us for this hands-on workshop, focused on developing a solid, com-

elling resume for private industry employers.

Benvenuti – March 18-20, Benvenuti is a welcome to newcomer spouses to the Italian language, foods, a new city and much more. A great opportunity to network, meet new spouses and make friends as well as enjoy learning the culture.

Financial Readiness for First Termers – Wednesdays, Take a break from your demanding schedule to learn valuable life skills that will set you up for huge success! This preventative financial planning class is required for all Soldiers (E4 and below) within 90 days of their arrival to USAG Vicenza. Spouses are encouraged to attend!

Vicenza Sergeants Major Association

The Vicenza Sergeants Major Association meets at the Ederle dining facility from 8-9 a.m. the last Thursday of each month. Membership is open to active duty, reserve, national guard or retired E9s of any military service. The VSMA actively sponsors or assists in worthwhile projects and activities that contribute to the welfare of the community. Contact the VSMA at vicenzasma@yahoo.com

Safety recalls

Product Safety Recalls issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at <http://www.cpsc.gov>. Mima recalls Moon 3-In-1 High Chairs due to fall and impact hazard. Airplane and Butterfly Push Toys recalled by LS Import due to choking hazard. Sea Gull Lighting recalls Chandeliers due to injury hazard. Children's Pajamas and Robes recalled by Lazy One due to violation of Federal Flammability Standard. Lifesmart recalls Lifepro Brand Portable Mini Space Heaters due to electrical shock hazard. Family Dollar Stores recall Tough Treadz Auto Carrier Toy Sets due to laceration hazard. Performance Packaging recalls Children's Food Pouch Attachment due to choking hazard. Gibbs Sports Amphibians recalls Quadski Amphibious Vehicles due to injury risk. SRAM Recalls Zipp 88 Bicycle Wheel Hubs due to crash and injury hazards. Jackco Transnational

recalls ZETA battery pack due to fire hazard. KTM North America recalls KTM Brand and Husqvarna Brand Enduro Motorcycles due to a crash hazard (Recall Alert). Kidde recalls Disposable Plastic Fire Extinguishers due to failure to discharge. System Sensor recalls Combination Carbon Monoxide and smoke detectors due to Carbon Monoxide hazard. Marin Mountain Bikes recalls children's bicycles due to fall hazard; handlebars can loosen. Pressmaster recalls Cable Stripping Tool due to impact hazard. Tommy Bahama recalls Hula Girl Cocktail Shaker and Glass Sets due to laceration hazard (Recall Alert). Call Garrison Safety with questions or concerns at 634-8109/8023/7045.

Darby Cub Scouts

Are you a former Eagle Scout looking to give back to Scouting? Or perhaps

a new parent who wishes to enroll their child in Scouting? DoD sponsors a very robust Boy Scout and Cub Scout program in Europe, and Camp Darby is looking at getting its program going again. For more information, contact David Kemp at *david.kemp@eu.navy.mil* or DSN 626-3192."

Medical Benvenuti

Every Tuesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Central Processing Facility room 2.

AA meetings

AA meetings Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fridays 5:30-6:30 p.m. at building 395, room 5, behind the Mensa. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the 12-step process. Call 634-7554 for more information.

Snow chain use

The Italian "Codice della Strada" al-

lows local jurisdiction/road owner to require vehicles to have snow chains on board or equipped with winter tires. These requirements apply to all the Autostrade and some local roads. The ordinances are available at the official web site of Polizia di Stato: <http://www.poliziadistato.it>

The ordinances are typically valid from Nov. 15-April 15 (even if snowfall is not in progress). However, weather conditions or local requirements may warrant their use as specified in the ordinance.

Traffic police enforce compliance with all road ordinances for the time frame/conditions indicated by the requirements. Police will check for snow chains on board or winter tires with the MS insignia. Fines for non compliance range from €84-335.

At the movies



CHAPPIE

In the near future, a mechanized police force patrols the streets and deals with lawbreakers — but now, the people are fighting back. When one police droid is stolen and given new programming, he acquires the ability to feel and think for himself.

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.

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

Ederle Theater

Feb. 26	7 p.m.	50 Shades of Grey (R)
Feb. 27	7 p.m.	Project Almanac (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Focus (R) *
Feb. 28	3 p.m.	Strange Magic (PG)
	9 p.m.	American Sniper (R)
Mar. 1	3 p.m.	McFarland USA (PG)
	6 p.m.	Focus (R) 8
Mar. 4	11 a.m.	McFarland USA (PG)
	7 p.m.	Project Almanac (PG-13)
Mar. 5	7 p.m.	Focus (R)
Mar. 6	7 p.m.	Chappie (R)
	10 p.m.	Unfinished Business (R) *
Mar. 7	3 p.m.	Spongebob Movie (PG)
	6 p.m.	Black or White (PG-13)
Mar. 8	3 p.m.	Project Almanac (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Chappie (R) *
Mar.11	11 a.m.	Unfinished Business (R)
	7 p.m.	John Wick (R)



Family and

Vicenza Military Community



Lucky Stiff Musical Comedy

A musical comedy murder mystery farce of mistaken identities, millions in diamonds, a near sighted girlfriend, many dogs and a wheelchair-bound corpse that leaves audiences dying of laughter! Stop by Soldiers' Theatre to make reservations or call 634-7281. Shows begin March 13.

Lifeguard Training Course

Become a certified lifeguard and obtain skills in CPR for the professional rescuer, AED for adults and children and First Aid. Lifeguard training sessions scheduled in March, April and June. Register at Ederle or Del Din Fitness Centers.

BOSS Casino Night

Try your luck at BOSS Casino Night on March 13 at the Warrior Zone beginning at 7 p.m. Remember to wear green for good luck!

Art Center Classes

- Mar 3 Granny Square Tech Case
- Mar 5 Photo Workshop: Children & Babies
- Mar 5 Photo Workshop: Lighting & Flash Techniques
- Mar 6 Art Exploration
- Mar 6 Youth Drawing and Painting
- Mar 7 Woodshop Certification
- Mar 10 Crochet Flower and Headband
- Mar 19 Mask Making Awareness
- Mar 21 Introduction to Framing

For more information about these and other classes, contact the Arts & Crafts Center at 634-7074 or visit our website.

Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt

Children ages 3-11 years can celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Ederle Library on March 11. Get in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day by making a Leprechaun hat and going on a scavenger hunt throughout the library, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Register by March 9.

We End Violence Presentation

Jeff Bucholtz, co-founder and director of "We End Violence" will present a thought provoking and educational session that will transform the way you think about our culture, the media and sexual violence. No registration is necessary to attend.

March 4 at the Golden Lion, 1-2:30 p.m.

March 5 at Del Din Multi-Use Facility, 1-2:30 p.m.

For more info about these presentations, call 634-8138.

Surf & Turf Night

Treat yourself to a 12 oz. steak and grilled shrimp with all the fixin's on March 19 at the Golden Lion. Make reservations by March 17 at 634-7685.

St. Patty's Day Preparation Party

Prepare for St. Patrick's Day at the Preparation Party on March 14 at the Lion's Den with a live band, green beer and food and drink specials beginning at 8 p.m. Don't forget to come dressed in green!

Youth Center Spring Break Trip to Naples

The Youth Center will head off to Naples for Spring Break! Youth will visit Mount Vesuvius, sightseeing in Rome, paintball at Carney Park and a guided tour of the underground city of Naples. Open registration March 9-27 at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac.



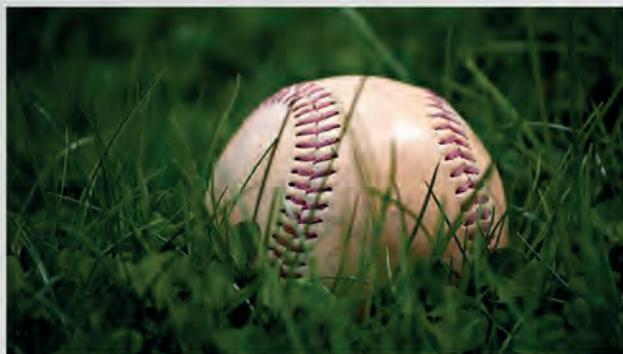
Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities



Darby Military Community



Community Level Softball Team Tryouts

We're looking for the best of the best in Darby! If you've got talent and you're interested in traveling to Community-level tournaments throughout the season, we need you! Register at the Fitness Center by March 31.

- Men's Team Tryouts | Mar 21, 1 p.m.
- Women's Team Tryouts | Mar 28, 1 p.m.

ODR Spring Break Trips

Experience what Italy is all about and start planning your spring break vacation with Outdoor Recreation! ODR has scheduled trips every day of the week during spring break to the most famous must-see sites such as Florence, Venice, Cinque Terre and Rome. Call Outdoor Recreation to register at 633-7775. For the complete March calendar, visit darby.armyMWR.com

Community Flea Market

One man's trash is another man's treasure! Clean out your closets and make a few extra bucks! Table registration begins March 2 at the Fitness Center. Flea Market will be held on April 18, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the DCC. For more info, contact 633-7438.

Tuscan Tots Playgroup

Tuscan Tots Playgroup is a great educational & social opportunity for both parents and children ages 0-4 years. Join the group every Thursday, 10-11:30 a.m. in Bldg 428.

National Kick Butts Day 2015 Fun Run

Tobacco and school supplies don't belong together. Join us and thousands of youth across the United States and on military bases around the world as we stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. Youth ages 2-19 years can participate in the fun run on March 18, 4-5 p.m. Register at any CYSS facility or on WebTrac.

BOSS March Madness Bracket Competition

BOSS members can try their luck by selecting winners of all 2015 NCAA Division I Men's College Basketball games of the tournament. Points will be earned for each correct pick. To participate, pick up brackets at the Fitness Center on March 16, make your choices and return it by March 19 at noon. For more info, visit darby.armyMWR.com

CYSS Baseball Registration

Springtime means time to enjoy outdoors with baseball! Youth as young as age 2 years can join the Start Smart developmental team. Register by March 31. Call CYSS for more information at 633-7521.

Volleyball Season

Get your game on! Register for volleyball at the Fitness Center by March 31.

- Coaches Meeting April 7 at the Fitness Center, 5:30 p.m.
- League play begins April 9
- Games played Mon & Thu beginning 5:30 p.m.

BOSS Easter Weekend Prague Trip

Visit Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic with BOSS for Easter weekend. For more info, visit darby.armyMWR.com

Lucca Tattoo Expo

The skin is like a canvas! This mega-event attracts thousands of tattoo enthusiasts and professionals yearly. Find 135 stands with over 130 tattoo artists from all over Europe at the Lucca Expo on March 28. Register at ODR at 633-7775.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

Chapel activities

Vicenza

Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass or during duty hours

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Gospel service

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

6 p.m.: PMOC and PWOC Bible study.

Dinner provided; no watch care

Thursday

9:30 a.m.: St. Mark's Catholic Women

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Camp Darby

Sunday Services

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

Catholic Mass: Call the Chapel at 633-7267 to confirm times

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

5:30 p.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

For DMC activities call 633-7267

**Call 634-7519
or 0444-71-7519 for
information on Vicenza
Chapel activities**

Chaplain Crisis Line

To reach a Chaplain after duty hours, call **634-KARE (634-5273)**

The Outlook Religious Activities page provides announcements and may offer perspectives to enhance spiritual or religious resiliency in support of Army Comprehensive Fitness programs. Comments regarding specific beliefs, practices or behaviors are strictly those of the author and do not convey endorsement by the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, the Army, Installation Management Command or the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza.

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283

Church of Christ: Call at 388-253-9749 or 324-623-7921 or send email: vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com

Jewish: Call 634-7519, 0444-71-7519 or 327-856-2191

Latter Day Saints: Young Men/Young Women meeting is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Spiritual Fitness Center. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call 634-7897, 380-431-7633 or email: lescall@gmail.com

Muslim: Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519

Trinity Church Vicenza: An International Presbyterian Church congregation. Call 328-473-2949 or email: trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com

Vicenza Hospitality House: A good place for anyone — single Soldiers, men, women and couples — to enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

Friday: Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Walk in the Word following.

Call 0444-581-427 for more information or if you need transportation.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPEL

Tuesday, 5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: Gospel choir rehearsal



Listen to Me!

at Army Community Service



Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month
from 9:30 - 11 a.m.
* Except Federal Holidays

Don't burn bridges, learn to build them.
Make conversations come alive!

Sign up to reserve your seat.

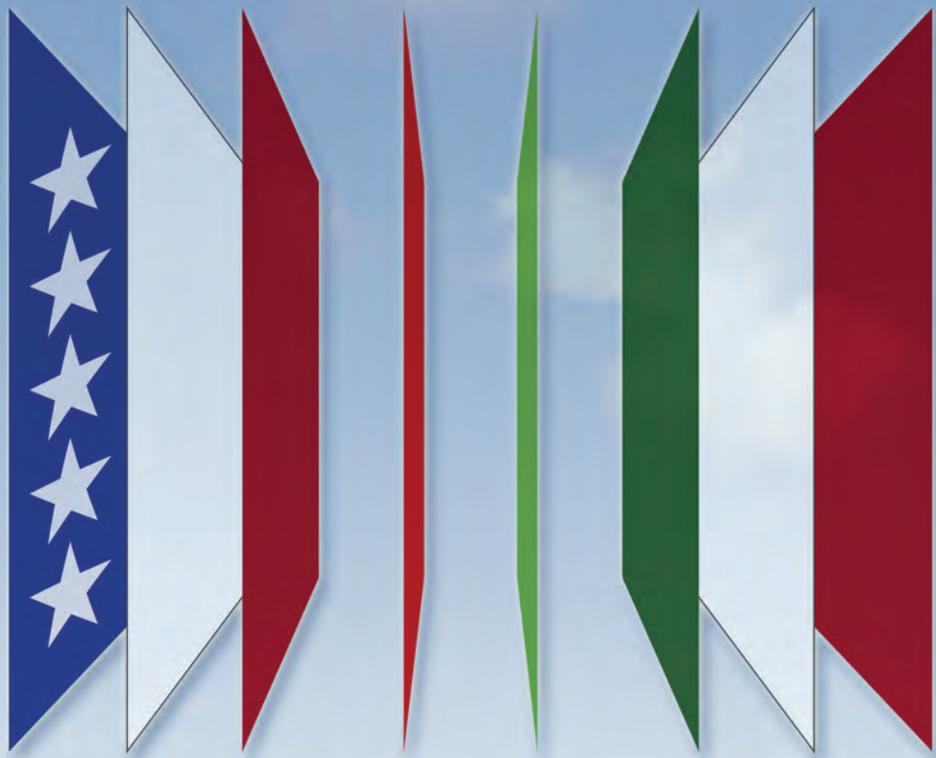


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March 8 - *Women's Day*

VENETO

La Festa della Donna Women's Day

March 8 is International Women's Day, or *La Festa della Donna*. In Italy this is a day men give bunches of mimosa to the women in their lives. The flowers are bright yellow and fragrant. Authorities don't agree on how or why, but the custom started in Italy, some say in Rome in 1946. Women have since begun to give mimosa to each other. The flowers are a sign of respect for and an expression of solidarity and support for oppressed women worldwide. Today, women enjoy having lunch or dinner together in restaurants or pizzerias before going to discos or clubs where special shows are organized. The dinner usually ends with a so-called Mimosa cake.

Carnevale in Bassano del Grappa

Feb. 28, 2:30 p.m. float parade by Nove's Majorettes and Campolongo musical band; 2:30-6:30 p.m. in Piazza Libertà live music and dance shows; 5:45 p.m. award ceremony for the best float

March 1, 2:30 p.m. in Piazza Libertà, best Carnevale children costumes competition; live music and group dances; in Piazza Garibaldi, bounce-houses and rides in a mini

train for children; 9 p.m. live music and dancing.
<http://www.prolocobassano.it/contatti.html>

Schella Marzo March Festival

Feb. 26-28, in Asiago; during the last three February nights, adults and children flock to the streets dragging long rows of tin containers and they pound on the with sticks to make enough loud noise to wake up the spring; **Feb. 28**, at 9 p.m. in Piazza Il Risorgimento, "Rogo della vecchia", that is the "burning of an old woman": a huge puppet made of wood and papier-mâché which symbolizes the winter; it is a traditional way to celebrate the awakening of nature after its winter sleep; vin brulè and hot chocolate for everyone.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/02/26/12449/-/schella-marzo>

Abilmente, Mostra-atelier della manualità creative Bricolage and Manual Creativity Fair

Feb. 26-March 1, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16; 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; embroidery and patchwork exhibits and workshops; sewing and T-shirts decorations classes; creative techniques workshops for children.; admission fee: €12; reduced €10 (children younger than 13, senior citizens, groups of more than 10 persons); free for children younger than 13, for disabled and their assistants.

<http://primavera.abilmente.org/en>



Vicenza - Bricolage and Manual Creativity Fair

Hiking and lunch

Feb. 28, in Mossano; a five km walk on the Colli Berici with an English speaking guide; it starts at 9 a.m. at the park on Via Capitello (Mossano); lunch is at 1:15 p.m., and it ends at 2:30 p.m. with a winery and farm visit; cost: €45; €20 for children aged 10-18; €10 for children aged 5-10; free for children younger than 5 years old; for detailed information and registration, send an email to info@livinginvicenza.com

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/packages/hiking-and-lunch-at-the-agriturismo-in-mossano-053>

Salone Italiano del Golf Italian Golf Fair

Feb. 28–March 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; **March 2**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in Parma, Viale delle Esposizioni 393A, about 120 miles southwest of Vicenza; more than 100 companies presenting the latest news on golf equipment, shoes, clothing and accessories; golf competitions between champions and professional amateurs. The fair also provides non-golfers with opportunities to try out a new sport; admission fee: €10; free entrance for children under 14; discount: €8 if you purchase your ticket online at <http://biglietteria.fiereparma.it/bweb/index.php> - <http://www.italiangolfshow.it/>

Sport Expo – La fiera dello sport giovanile Youth Sports Fair

Feb. 28–March 1, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., and March 2, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza; its aim is to promote sport activities which provide children and youth with many opportunities to grow both physically and socially; info and demonstration of volleyball, football, basketball, rugby, tennis, archery, canoeing/kayak; great fun for children and their parents; free entrance. <http://www.sportexpoeverona.it/>

Vanità e Golosità Vanity and Passion for food

March 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Lendinara (Rovigo), Piazza San Marco, about 56 miles south of Vicenza; exhibit and sale of flowers, plants, gift ideas for Women's Day, herbal products, local products and crafts, antique and collectors' items market, entertainment for children, face painting, and bounce houses.

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Gusto Italiano Italian Flavors

March 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Lendinara (Rovigo), downtown squares and streets, about 56 miles south of Vicenza; art craft exhibit and sale; herbal products; street artists; local products sale and tasting.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/IDC-comunicazione/149638971767899#!/149638971767899/photos/pb.149638971767899-2207520000.1424249077./815174715214318/?type=1&theater>

Irlanda in Festa Irish Fest

March 11-17, in Padova, Geox Theatre, Via Tassinari 1, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza; typical Irish cuisine and beers; live Celtic music and Irish dances, kick boxing, carnival rides; free entrance to all concerts and events; for a detailed program, visit <http://www.zedlive.com/irlandainfesta/>

Padova - Irish Fest





Vicenza - Antonio Lòpez García Exhibit

Psychiatric Circus

Through **March 1**, 9:30 p.m., on Feb. 28 and March 1 also at 5:30 p.m., in Padova, at the fair center, Via Niccolò Tommaseo 59; an international cast of high level artists; acrobatic games on the ground and on the trampoline, contortionists, and much more; for info and tickets visit <http://www.psychiatriccircus.com/>

Spazio Casa

Exhibition of furnishing, home accessories and wedding articles

March 13-15 and **March 19-22**, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16; Thursdays-Fridays, 3-9 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; the show is dedicated to classical, country and ethnical furnishings, modern and contemporary furnishings, stoves and chimneys, garden and patio furniture, clothing and wedding articles; free entrance. <http://www.vicenzafiere.it/it/riere/spaziocasa>

MOVE!

International Tourism and Hospitality Show

March 13, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; **March 14-15**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16 ; shopping ideas; devices and solutions to make it easy and possible to travel in safety and comfort for everyone, including young, senior citizens, and disable people; sports, amusement parks and gym equipment; fitness and body wellness items; free entrance. <http://www.move-show.com/en/mita.html>

529^a Fiera Campionaria 529th Trade Fair

March 20, 3 p.m.-midnight; **March 21-22**, 9 a.m.-midnight; **March 23**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Lonigo, about 18 miles southwest of Vicenza; exhibit and sale of Vicentine products and wines; in Piazza Garibaldi flower and plant exhibit and market; local craft displays, agricultural equipment, garden and leisure exhibit and sale; stands featuring Bavarian products and beers; free entrance. <http://fieradilonigo.it/>

Antonio Lòpez García Exhibit

Through **March 8**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in Vicenza, Chiericati Palace (ground floor); sculptures and paintings by the artist; entrance fee: €6; the ticket is valid for all the exhibits in

Chiericati Palace.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/antonio-lopez-garcia-exhibit-vicenza-2366>

Orto Giardino

Exhibition of floriculture, nursery products, horticulture and outdoor furniture

March 7-15, in Pordenone, Viale Treviso, 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. Mon.-Fri. 2:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; entrance fee: €8; reduced €6 for children ages 13-18; free entrance for children younger than 13. <http://www.ortogiardinopordenone.it/main-menu/visitare/>

Real Bodies

Exhibit of plastinated real human

Through **May 3**, Fridays-Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in Jesolo, Via Aquilea 123; the exhibit offers a new and informative view into the human body; entrance fee: €18; reduced €16 for students and senior citizens older than 65; €13 children aged 6-12; free for children younger than 6. <http://www.realbodies.it/orari-e-tariffe/real-bodies-informazioni-su-tariffe-e-orari.html>

Tutankhamon Caravaggio Van Gogh . La sera e i notturni dagli Egizi al Novecento

Tutankhamon Caravaggio Van Gogh. Evenings and nocturnal from the Ancient Egyptian to the 20th century.

Through **June 2**, Mondays-Thursdays 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Vicenza, Palladian Basilica, Piazza dei Signori 1; entrance fee: €12; reduced €9 for students (ages 18-26) and senior citizens older than 65; €6 for people 6-17 years; free for children younger than 6; buy your ticket online at <http://www.lineadombra.it/eng/index.php>

Hemingway – The origins of a poetic exhibit

Through **May 24**, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., in Monastier di Treviso, Park Hotel Villa Fiorita, Via Giovanni XXIII; organized on the centenary of World War I, the exhibit features Hemingway's photos, description of places, and excerpts of his books; free entrance. <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/hemingway-the-origins-of-a-poetic-exhibition-in-treviso-19300>

Piccolo Mondo Antico

The Little World of the Past

March 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza delle Erbe; vintage, crafts and creative recycling exhibit and sale.

StraVicenza Marathon

The annual StraVicenza 2 km, 4.5 km and 10 km runs are going to be held Sunday, **March 22**, at 10 a.m.; the start and finish will be on Viale Roma, across the main train station; registrations from **March 1-21** at Puro Sport, Via del Verme 3, or at the cafés at the Palladio Mall; **March 21**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and **March 22**, 7:45-9:45 a.m. , at the StraVi-

cenza Point, in Campo Marzo; registration fee is €4 and €2 for children younger than 14. The cost includes your bib number, snack and medical coverage. Bag storage service is available for €1. For more information, in Italian only, visit www.stravicenza.it



Pordenone - Exhibition of floriculture

TUSCANY

Winter Park

Open daily through **March 1**, 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/index.php/costi-delle-attivita>

Chocolandia Chocolate Fair

Feb. 27-March 1, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; in Livorno, Piazza Cavour; chocolate workshops held by masters chocolatiers, who will also teach how to properly taste chocolate and how you can accompany it with other foods in the most imaginative combinations; free entrance.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1078>

Fiera del Dolce e del Cioccolato Chocolate and Sweet Fair

March 14-15, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Camaiore (Lucca), Lungomare Europa; sweets and chocolate exhibit and sale; chocolate making workshops, and entertainment for children. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1110>

Sagra delle Frittelle Frittelle Festival

Feb. 28-March 1, March 7-8, March 14-15, March 21-22 and **March 28-29**, in Rignano Sull'Arno (Florence); food booths open Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays 9

Antique markets

Marostica: March 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (135 vendors)

Noventa Vicentina: March 1, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza, Piazza IV Novembre (120 booths)

Vittorio Veneto: March 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (70 vendors)

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

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

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

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

a.m.-6 p.m.; they feature a wide variety of frittelle, that is fried pancakes made of rice and cooked in milk with lemon zest and sugar and, on request, with raisins, and the local vin santo, one of the best Italian dessert wines.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=12&page=6&post=409>

Fiera Elettronica Electronics Days

March 14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and **March 15**, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., in Campiglia Marittima (Livorno), at the Venturina Terme fair center, Via della Fiera 3; amateur radio, robotics, electronics and computing exhibit; second hand electronic items market; two-day entrance fee: €5.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1564>

Mostra Mercato del Tartufo Truffle Fest

March 14-15, in Cigoli (San Miniato, Pisa); exhibit and sale of truffles, and other local products and wine; free tasting of local truffle specialties; demonstration of truffle excavation, and largest truffle competition; magic show and live music. <http://www.sanminiato-promozione.it/>

Torciata di San Giuseppe Saint Joseph torchlight procession and festival

March 19, in Pitigliano (Grosseto), Piazza della Repubblica; 5 p.m. food booth featuring local specialties, vin brulé and the traditional Saint Joseph Day pastries; 9 p.m. live music and dancing.

<http://www.folclore.it/It/Eventi/Italia/Toscana/Grosseto/Pitigliano/Torciata-di-San-Giuseppe.html>

Livorno - Chocolate Fair



CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS

Foiano della Chiana (Arezzo)

March 1, starting at 10 a.m.; this is the 476th edition of the oldest Carnevale in Italy with the traditional float competition of the four town's districts; food booths feature local specialties; music and dancing start at 6:30 p.m.

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

Viareggio

Feb. 28, this is one of the best Carnevale in Italy with great parades of huge papier-mâché float; the parade starts at 3 p.m. and continues through the night ("in notturna"), followed by award ceremony for the best float in each category and fireworks on the beach closing the 2015 Carnevale, of Viareggio; for more info and tickets, go to <http://viareggio.ilcarnevale.com/en/>



Cigoli (PI) - Truffle Fest

Antique markets

Carmignano (Prato): March 1, 9:30 a.m.-7p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti

Cascina (Pisa): March 1, 9 a.m.-6p.m., Corso Matteotti

Orbetello (Grosseto): Feb. 28 and March 1, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia

Pietrasanta (Lucca): March 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo

San Miniato(Pisa): March 1, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo, Piazza della Repubblica, and Corso Garibaldi; exhibit and sale of local art craft on Via IV Novembre

San Giuliano Terme (Pisa): March 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia

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

Florence: March 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

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

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

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

Pistoia: March 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Sandro Pertini

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

SPORTING EVENTS

2015 Harlem Globetrotters

May 5 in Assago (Milan); May 7 in Verona; May 9 in Bologna.

SBK Imola Superbike World Championship

May 8-10 in Imola.

Moto GP Motorcycle Racing Grand Prix World Championship

May 29-31 in Mugello (Florence)

Masters of Dirt by Monster Energy

May 17 in Assago (Milan)

2015 Moto GP Motorcycle Racing Grand Prix World Championship

May 29-31 in Mugello (Florence)

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CONCERTS

Jethro Tull and Ian Anderson



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Joan Baez – March 7 in Bologna; March 10 in Roma; March 12 in Milan

Ennio Morricone – March 7 in Assago (Milan)

All Time Low – March 9 in Milan

Alan Parsons Live Project – March 25 in Milan; March 26 in Padova; March 27 in Florence; March 28 in Rome

The Script – March 28 in Assago (Milan)

UB40 – March 28 in Padova

Sting and Paul Simon – March 30 in Assago (Milan)

Marcus Miller – April 1 in Padova; April 2 in Milan

Steel Pulse + Mellow Mood, the Reggae Legend Night April 10, in Padova

Pentatonix – April 14 in Milan

Jethro Tull and Ian Anderson – April 16 in Padova

James Taylor and Band – April 18 in Torino; April 19 in Rome; April 21 in Firenze; April 22 in Trieste; April 24 in Padova; April 25 in Milan

Robben Ford – May 16 in Padova

Metallica – June 2 in Rho (Milan)

One Republic – June 9 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Kiss – June 11 in Verona

Damien Jr Gong Marley – June 30 in Milan; July 1 in Rome; July 6 in Piazzola sul Brenta

B. B. King – July 4, in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

John Legend – July 5 in Lucca

A/C – July 9 in Imola

The Chemical Brothers – July 1 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 2 in Rome

Billy Idol – July 10 in Lucca, July 11 in Brescia

Elton John and Band – July 11 in Lucca; July 12 in Rome

Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals – July 17 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Mark Knopfler and Band – July 18 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova), July 22 in Lucca

Santana – July 20 in Verona; July 21 in Pistoia

Robbie Williams – July 23 in Lucca

Sting – July 24 in Pistoia

Anastasia – July 22 in Rome; July 25 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Lenny Kravitz – July 26 in Lucca; July 27 in Rome; July 29 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

U2 – Sept. 4-5 in Torino

Supertramp – Sept. 11 in Milan

Ennio Morricone – Sept. 12 in Verona

Take That – Oct. 13 in Assago (Milan)

Dave Matthews Band – Oct. 17 in Assago (Milan); Oct. 18 in Florence; Oct. 20 in Rome; Oct. 21 in Padova

Deep Purple – Oct. 30 in Padova; Oct. 31 in Assago (Milan); Nov. 5 in Florence; Nov. 6 in Rome

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

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