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Puppets from Sesame Street interact with children at the Ederle Fitness Center June 13. Vicenza Military Community members enjoyed two free shows sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the USO. The show focused on issues that directly affect military children, like moving and meeting new friends.

Photo by Laura Kreider/USAG Vicenza PAO

Adriatic Strike

By **James Matheson**

Regional Training Support Division South



U.S. Army paratroopers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Romanian and Slovenian soldiers and form a Joint Terminal Attack Controller team and prepare to call for fire during the Adriatic Strike exercise June 2 at Pocek Range in Postonja, Slovenia. The exercise brought together NATO allies from the United States and Slovenian militaries to rehearse critical skills in support of ground operations.

U.S. Army photo by Visual Information Specialist **Davide Dalla Massara**

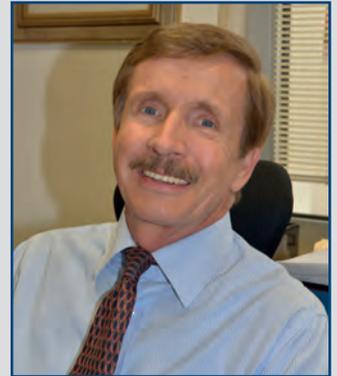


Pfc. Jacob Hamaker, a paratrooper assigned to 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade acquires a target June 2 during a Adriatic Strike exercise at Pocek Range in Postonja, Slovenia. This training gives U.S. joint terminal attack controllers the chance to work directly with the militaries of other partner nations.

U.S. Army photo by Visual Information Specialist **Davide Dalla Massara**

Speak Out

What is your favorite summer hobby or sports activity?



Bill Murphy

USAG Vicenza PAIO

"Mountain biking. It's a great low-impact all-around exercise. Riding in the mountains in Italy is fun and the sites are beautiful."



Capt. Ann Thompson

Vicenza MI Detachment

"Traveling with a good book."



Carla Giacomuzzo

DPW

"Walking and hiking outdoors."

173rd paratroopers conduct 'Unified Passage' from Italy to Estonia



U.S. Army paratrooper Capt. Thad Wilson, center, and 2nd Lt. Ezekiel Rangel, right, assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, speak with Lithuanian military police June 3 during a convoy crossing. The convoy demonstrated freedom of maneuver along NATO interior lines, close cooperation within the alliance, and prepared the 173rd Airborne to assume mission command of Atlantic Resolve North in June in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

Story and photos by

1st Lt. **Steven Siberski**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

KRAKOW, Poland – Paratroopers from Company G, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade conducted a ground convoy across Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, June 1-9, to transport equipment and vehicles required for deployment to Atlantic Resolve.

The convoy demonstrated freedom-of-maneuver capabilities along NATO interior lines. Soldiers successfully moved supplies and essential equipment for upcoming multinational exercises.

“The importance of this exercise is to affirm NATO’s ability to quickly and efficiently move personnel and equipment across international boundaries in Eastern Europe,” said Capt. Thaddeus Wilson, company

commander. “We are demonstrating NATO’s readiness to defend the alliance.”

A total of 32 military vehicles containing supplies, fuel and equipment traveled a total of 1,949 miles during the convoy.

In order to secure the routes ahead and coordinate movement with host nation counterparts, the 173rd Airborne joined with 554th Military Police Company based in Stuttgart, Germany, to escort the convoy to a final destination in Estonia.

“After securing and coordinating countless border crossings throughout NATO, we have realized one thing: in the face of every imaginable barrier, be it language, time or bureaucracy, NATO puts its allies before its differences,” said 1st Lt. Steven Dowell of 554th MP Co.

Border crossing required planning and close partnership with NATO allies, another benefit to paratroopers and Soldiers in convoy planning and execution.

“We were able to cross every border

without issue, and that is a testament to the excellent cooperation between our allies,” said Dowell.

While resting in Krakow as guests of the 6th Polish Airborne Brigade, the paratroopers received a cultural day to explore the city. Several paratroopers also conducted a staff ride to Auschwitz concentration camp, a Nazi concentration/extermination site where more than 1 million (mostly Jewish) prisoners died during Adolf Hitler’s reign.

“Having this opportunity for our younger paratroopers really broadens their knowledge of logistics and culture, and allows them to understand the level of coordination that goes into planning and executing a convoy across Europe,” said Company 1st Sgt. Shelby Reed. “We need our future leaders to see the interaction with our host-nation allies. In order for them to carry this alliance into the future, they need to understand how crucial these relationships are towards mission success.”

Spanish Legion, AFRICOM combine training



Spanish Legionnaire Cpl. Antonio De La Paz De Dios and U.S. Army Sgt. Justin Wallace shake hands June 8 in Almeria, Spain during African Readiness Training 15. ART 15 is a multinational, combined-arms exercise running through June 19. The exercise focuses on developing interoperability and working together as part of a joint force with strategic partners. (U.S. Army Africa photo by Pfc. **Craig Philbrick**)

By Sgt. **Lance Pounds**
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

ALMERIA, Spain – Even though 1st Lt. Brenton Westbrook had never worked with the Spanish Legion, he knew there would be challenges to face.

“It’s going to be a learning experience,” said Westbrook.

Westbrook is one of more than 150 Soldiers from U.S. Africa Command’s regionally aligned force, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, who recently arrived in Almeria, Spain, for African Readiness Training 15.

The exercise, which began June 1 and runs through June 19, brings together 4th Bn., 6th Inf. Rgt., troops from 8th Bandera, 3rd Tercio, 2nd Brigade, Spanish Legion. It also includes more than 25 U.S. Marines from the Marine Air-Ground Task Force to work on combined and joint interoperability of forces. The goal is to reduce response times to African

security challenges and threats to U.S. and Spanish interests.

According to Maj. Michael Gacheru, U.S. Army Africa operations officer, the exercise enhances trust and mutual understanding with allies, while strategically engaging with partners to deter future conflict and build a capacity to respond globally.

“This exercise is a key element in a broader series of bilateral activities,” said Gacheru, a native of Evanston, Ill. Initial challenges the group faces won’t be in Africa. In fact, they will face many challenges during the exercise and it will be the first time 6th Inf. Rgt. has partnered with the Spanish Legion, culminating with the Spanish and U.S. militaries swapping company-sized elements, said Westbrook. He added that the swap of companies is a tactic used to identify operational strengths and weaknesses.

“This type of training doesn’t happen very often,” said Pvt. Carlos Marrero, a gunner assigned to 4th Bn., 6th Inf.

Rgt. He said the experience gained from comparing how the Legion operates in relation to the Army is valuable knowledge to take back to his unit.

“I want to see how we stack up in comparison to the Legion,” said Sgt. Eli Ferguson, a team leader assigned to the infantry regiment.

Gacheru said the exercise demonstrates a strong partnership between the United States and all participating militaries.

“The ultimate goal is to enhance the readiness of U.S. forces, while also building relationships with our allies in order to advance U.S. national interest and to promote African security, stability and prosperity,” Gacheru said.

173rd Airborne Brigade conducts multinational radio training



Paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade Special Troops Battalion learn how to load communications security into radios at a radio course in Vicenza, May 8.

Story and photos by
By 1st Lt. **Matthew Garnier**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

VICENZA – Signaleers from 173rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade, hosted a combined radio telephone operators course for U.S. paratroopers and Dutch soldiers at Caserma Del Din here, May 4-8, to increase radio interoperability between the two NATO allies.

The course brought members throughout the brigade and Dutch military together to develop effective radio operators capable of performing in combat environments and instructing fellow troops on basic Army tactical communications systems.

“This course provides each commander with a team of Soldiers that encompass the knowledge and skills to be radio experts for their company,” said U.S. Army Spc. Derek McGarry, a signal support systems specialist. “The brigade benefits because the

class is designed as a train-the-trainer course leading to self-reliant units.” Students were educated, over a five-day period, on the operation, maintenance and proper procedures of Army communications systems. Students used classroom materials, and participated in hands-on activities. Additionally, the academy included training on

field-craft techniques, radio etiquette, communication security, reporting procedures and effects of terrain on communication systems.

“The academy was an in-depth course on what it takes to be a professional RTO,” said Dutch army Sgt. 1st Class Sheehan Cameron. “Interoperability is critical and it is important to know each other’s tactics, techniques and procedures in order to conduct successful partnership operations in the future.”

On the final day of training, Soldiers completed a comprehensive practical skills test for students to demonstrate skills they learned throughout the week.

The 173rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion plans to conduct the RTO course for allies, partners and their own troops quarterly. The focus will be on interoperability and tactical communication skills leading up to major field exercises in the fall, such as Immediate Response 15.



U.S. and Dutch Soldiers partake in a practical communications exercise at the culmination of the combined signal training in Vicenza, May 8.

Contracting Command recognizes 414th Contracting Support Brigade for excellence



George L. Brown (right) accepts 2014 Secretary of the Army Award for Outstanding Unit/Team Award for Installation Level on behalf of the 414th Contracting Support Brigade's Service and Construction Team. Presenting the award is the Expeditionary Contracting Command Team, Brig. Gen. Michael Hoskin and Cmd. Sgt. Maj. Angel Clark. This award recognizes the Service and Construction Team as the top installation level contracting team out of 146 teams throughout the Army Contracting Command. Photo by Aaron Talley, USAG Vicenza PAO

By Col. **Christine Beeler**

414th Contracting Support Brigade Commander
and Lt. Col. **Douglas Miller** 414th CSB Executive Officer

Brig. Gen. Michael Hoskin, commanding general of the Expeditionary Contracting Command in Huntsville, Ala., and Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Clark, ECC command sergeant major, traveled to Vicenza to recognize 414th Contracting Support Brigade personnel for their accomplishments over the past year. Recognition focused specifically on the successful contracting mission in support of Operation United Assistance, the U.S.-led coalition effort to eradicate the Ebola virus in Africa.

The award ceremony provided ECC and 414th command teams the opportunity to recognize the outstanding work of 414th CSB members, as well as key personnel in U.S. Army Africa and the Vicenza community who help 414th accomplish their mission on a daily basis.

Hoskin presented the 2014 Secretary of the Army Award for Outstanding Unit/Team Award for Installation Level -Directorate of Contracting - to 414th Contracting Support Brigade's Service and Construction Team, Regional

Contracting Office-Italy. The RCO-Italy Services and Construction Team was the driving force in providing customer support, increasing contract efficiencies, effectively managing human resources and process improvement, which made a direct impact to U.S. Army Garrison-Vicenza. The award recognizes the Service and Construction Team as the top installation-level contracting team out of 146 teams throughout Army Contracting Command.

During the visit, the general and command sergeant major also conducted a Town Hall meeting with 414th employees to update them on the future of the Army Acquisition workforce, discuss important career progression changes (actual and proposed) regarding civilian and Italian local national employees, and take questions from the crowd.

Finally, on the eve of her retirement, Clark wanted to directly thank members of 414th for support to the ECC during her three-year tenure.

The 414th has a diverse and complex mission supporting European Com-

mand / U.S. Army Europe missions and installation-level contracting for the USAG-Vicenza and Livorno, as well as operational planning and expeditionary contracting for USAFRICOM, USARAF, and SOCAFRICA missions across the African continent. RCO-Italy provides contracting business advice and support to all customers within the Vicenza Military Community. RCO-Africa supports its customers' missions on the African continent not only from their offices in Vicenza, but by sending contracting personnel to the continent to work side-by-side with Warfighter customers. As an example, the 414th CSB sent a contracting officer with the USARAF commanding general on the first flight to Liberia at the start of Operation United Assistance. Over the course of OUA, RCO-Africa awarded and/or administered contracts valued at more than \$93 million. The 414th CSB harnesses the capabilities and capacity of industry and local markets to provide commanders with critical enablers to fight and win in a complex world. The "Ethics and Oversight" Brigade personnel are proud members of every organization they support.

USAG Vicenza commander visits USA Pavilion at Milan Expo 2015



Vicenza garrison commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. looks at one of the interactive screens at the USA Pavilion during his May 29 visit to Milan Expo 2015. Menist is escorted by student ambassador Stafford Newsome. Newsome is one of 120 American college students selected by the University of California to act as escorts for the pavilion, greeting visitors and leading them through programs and experiences for the six-month run of the fair.

Story and photos by
Anna Ciccotti
USAG Vicenza PAO

The Vicenza garrison commander recently got a glimpse of U.S. involvement in a World's Fair when he visited Milan Expo 2015.

Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. toured the expo May 29 to show support for the USA Pavilion and host country Italy.

"We appreciate Col. Menist's support for our efforts to showcase U.S. engagement here in the heart of Europe, and the unique role that our nation can play in the future of food worldwide," said U.S. Consul General in Milan, Ambassador Philip T. Reeker. With Milan selected as the host city for this year's World's Fair, Italy then chose its central theme. For the first time in history since its inception in 1851, the theme of a world expo is food: Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life. This theme brings together more than 140 nations as well as world

organizations to focus on the question of how to feed nine billion people by 2050. Previous expos gave the world the Eiffel Tower, the sewing machine and ketchup. Milan 2015's ambition is to devise a plan to decrease food waste and combat hunger and obesity.

"I encourage members of the Vicenza Military Community to come and take part in this important event (and enjoy some great food!)," Reeker said. "With the World's Fair in Milan our Italian hosts have created a global platform to discuss food security, agricultural sustainability, climate, environment, trade and other issues. Our pavilion is a strong representation of America's creativity, innovation and leadership to feed the planet in a safe and sustainable way," he added.

Menist agreed that a visit to the Expo is a must. "I really enjoyed my time there. I appreciated the opportunity to connect with our team at the Milan Consulate and see in person the

tremendous effort they are investing to represent the United States. We also discussed ways to incorporate some of the messages of the U.S. Army into their efforts," he said.

The American contribution to the exposition is a sleek pavilion – the only one that has been completely privately funded – that rises vast and narrow in steel and glass on the expo's mile-long main concourse, with a popular terrace and a great view of the entire site.

Designed by New York-based Bibier Architects, the building features a mobile vertical farm of harvestable crops and an interior boardwalk made from salvaged lumber from Coney Island, post-Hurricane Sandy. The giant American flag (with a plate, knife and fork in lieu of stars) and the large-screen portraits of President

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Architect James Biber (right) gives Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. an overview of the pavilion's design highlights during a visit May 29 to Milan Expo. Because of the structure's open design, about 10,000 people can visit the USA Pavilion in four hours on a quiet day, according to Biber.

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Barack Obama and the First Lady on display are making it one of the most iconic places and a must-stop for selfie photos.

"I think the USA Pavilion is one of the most popular because people are interested in what the United States has to say about food and what we are doing to ensure food security," said Sharon Yang, chief of protocol at the pavilion.

Yang, who handles the non-stop flow of visits of many world-famous dignitaries traveling to Expo daily, said the pavilion is also built in a way to be inviting with an open boardwalk where visitors are allowed to walk freely. "It's a popular stop on the main concourse and we are proud of the narrative we get to share on American Food 2.0," she said.

At the pavilion, the theme is

communicated through interactive screens and video messages. The USA Pavilion, Menist said, approaches global issues such as food safety and sustainability. "It offers a learning experience that aims at creating awareness about the global challenge of how to feed a growing population with fixed resources."

One highlight of the pavilion is the Great American Foodscape exhibit on the ground floor. It offers a series of interesting videos on America's food diversity and how immigration has led to cultural and culinary intermingling.

Running from May 1 to Oct. 31, this giant exhibition site covers 272 acres, equivalent to 150 soccer fields, and is expected to welcome over 20 million visitors. With few exceptions, all buildings will have to be removed and recycled after the fair, in line with the sustainable approach of the energy-saving theme.

With food as the theme of this year's event, culinary delights from host Italy and beyond will be one of the main draws, along with the shows and attractions offered in several pavilions that opted to treat the Expo like an amusement park.

"It was interesting to see how participating countries approached the food theme and how the theme is being communicated with visitors," Menist said.

Visitors line up at the Brazilian Pavilion intent on climbing onto a tensile net structure suspended over a vision of a rain forest. Still, others happily exit the German complex by jumping onto a giant slide. These are just a few examples of the approaches taken to attract guests.

For this reason, Milan Expo 2015 can be an exciting round-the-world trip for the entire family in which each pavilion offers a fun journey through the culture, perfumes, colors and traditions of its people.

World expos are held every five years; the next one will be Dubai 2020 in the United Arab Emirates. Learn more about the event and its attractions at <http://www.expo2015.org/en>.



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New citizens celebrate with ceremony



New United States citizens hold naturalization certificates after the ceremony held in their honor June 10 in the Hall of Heroes. From left: Pfc. Timothy Madaraka, a native of Kenya; Nancy Carrasquillo, a native of Guatemala; Kenneth Ellis, immigration officer from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Rome Field Office; Ma Cristina Lopez, a native of the Philippines; and Pfc. Samuel Gene, a native of Argentina.

Story and photo by
Karin Martinez
USAG Vicenza PAO

A simple but memorable Military Naturalization Ceremony took place June 10 in the Hall of Heroes on Camp Ederle, where four of the newest United States citizens were honored and sworn in with an oath. Two Soldiers and two spouses became citizens after months of studying and preparing for their citizenship tests. They were Pfc. Samuel Gene, Pfc. Timothy Madaraka, Nancy Carrasquillo and Ma Cristina Lopez. Each hailed from different

countries around the globe-- Kenya, Argentina, Guatemala and Philippines, respectively.

The Hall of Heroes ceremony began with the National Anthem and welcoming remarks from Kenneth Ellis, immigration officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Rome Field Office.

"We are very happy to welcome our country's newest citizens and those who came out to support them," Ellis said. "This is a special day for all of us, and especially for all of you who worked so hard to become American citizens."

The group took the Oath of Allegiance, and Madaraka proudly led the Pledge of Allegiance. After a video message from President Barack Obama and closing remarks, the group celebrated with their families and friends.

The naturalization process is an involved one, and one these four did not enter into lightly. To qualify for naturalization, according to the USCIS Office, a person must be 18 or older; be a green card holder for a certain amount of time; have lived within the state from which they are applying for at least three months prior to the date of filing an application; be a person of good moral character under the principles of the Constitution with the best interest of the country; have a period of continuous residence and physical presence in the United States; be proficient in reading, writing and speaking basic English; and have an understanding of U.S. history and government.

The process for becoming a naturalized citizen should always start with the U.S. citizenship website, <http://www.uscis.gov>, said Corey Kerzmann, Central Processing Facility manager. That site, he added, always has the most current and up-to-date information. For assistance with understanding the process or packet review, the Embassy Liaison Office at the CPF, located in building 393, is able to assist.



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Mosquitoes are the buzz this season

Story, photo and graphic by

Anna Ciccotti

USAG Vicenza PAO

Mosquitoes love summer just as much as humans do, and they are out in full force. To combat their strength, the USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works Entomology office conducts community-wide surveillance and abatement activities throughout peak mosquito season, early June through September.

“The warmth, humidity and dampness of the season provide the ideal condition in which they can breed,” said DPW entomologist Franco Lidron, who leads the garrison’s mosquito control team along with Giacomo Toniolo and Davide Dona`. The priority is to attack mosquitoes at their source by treating the larvae as they hatch, Lidron said, adding that source reduction and the elimination of habitats is the most effective method of controlling any mosquito population.

“The most important part of mosquito control is denying mosquitoes a place to lay eggs, and any possible source of standing water must be looked at as a potential breeding ground,” he said.

To this purpose, a systematic treatment directed at larval mosquitoes is applied to the nearly 2,200 manholes throughout Caserma Ederle, Del Din, Villaggio, Lerino and Torri.

“Treating water with insecticide briquettes helps but it must be repeated every two to three weeks because mosquitoes return as soon as the insecticide biodegrades,” Lidron said. Water treatment is also done for catch basin or other surfaces and containers where water may stagnate.

If the larviciding treatment is the most effective control measure to reduce mosquitoes before they fly into open areas and become biters, the other line of defense is the spray treatment for adult mosquitoes, the



Franco Lidron (left), USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works Entomology Office, and Roberto Segato, DPW Operation and Maintenance Division, review the manholes’ map of Caserma Ederle as they plan the summer schedule for anti-mosquito water treatment with larviciding tablets.

so-called adulticiding. Lidron and his team manage the community-wide anti-mosquito spraying program that complements the water treatment. Employing an ultra-low volume fogger, the team conducts aerial

applications with small droplets of permethrin-based insecticide all around green areas in the community. According to the experts, smaller droplets have a much larger surface area per volume and provide better anti-mosquito control.

The two strategies are complementary, with six cycles of larvicide applications staggered with six adulticide sprayings throughout the summer, Lidron said. The spraying schedule for Caserma Ederle and Del Din generally occurs during the early morning between **4 and 8 a.m.**

EDERLE		
July 2 - 24	Aug. 21	Sept. 4-25
DEL DIN		
July 1 - 23	Aug. 20	Sept. 3-24

The DPW Housing office is coordinating the spraying calendar for Villaggio residents and it will be distributed soon. A community-wide effort is the best way to reduce mosquito population to tolerable levels; see the related information for useful tips on how to keep the biters away from your home and yard throughout the summer.

Here are a few tips to help keep mosquitoes away from you, your family and your home.

To protect your home:

- Keep all containers (flower pots, tires, pet bowls, holes in trees, etc.) empty of standing water.
- Keep grass cut in yard.
- Cover gaps in walls, doors and windows.
- Cover beds with netting.

To prevent exposure:

- Mosquitoes are more susceptible to fly and feed around day break and sunset, so use insect repellent.
- Tuck your shirt into your pants, and your pants into your socks to cover any gaps of exposed skin.



Teachers show students how to use social media as digital marketing tool

By **Cheyenne Pope**
USAG Vicenza PAO Intern

Elevating young minds, incorporating real-life scenarios, and utilizing social media trends are all visible in active 21st century learning tactics. Two dedicated teachers from Vicenza High School used this formula successfully.

Lori Encke-Bane and Desiree Horton used their computer science classes to turn social media into a useful career tool. From the beginning of the school semester in February until May, they teamed up to create a hands-on final exam project called the Digital Media Marketing Exhibition.

According to Encke-Bane, this type of learning is ideal for students to progress in the real world. "Having the students create their own companies, mission statements and logos-- and then using the knowledge, skills, and software learned in class to create sample digital medium marketing products to compete in a real world scenario-- truly integrated the 21st century skills that top companies today want in their employees."

It was Horton's first chance to collaborate with a colleague in her department, teaching the same class together. "It was the first successful project-based learning activity of this size," she said. "It was the first time we did a project that involved administrative, parent and community support all at the same time. I hope to continue to bring this type of real-world learning experience to more of my students at VHS."

Students were put into random



From left: Amber Tipton, Jaida Brown and Alexis Dekeyzer show off their marketing campaign, "Innovative Perception," at the Digital Media Marketing Exhibition event, held at the Vicenza High School gym May 26. Their mission statement was: "Your vision for your satisfaction: project based 21st-century learning." Photo by Lori Encke-Bane, Vicenza High School.

teams where they had to utilize social media in a professional manner. They had to create sample magazine ads, billboards, a 30-second marketing commercial for a random product, and a company website. As the final test, students presented their companies to 12 community members who acted as mock companies. The event took place May 26 at the high school gym and was called "An Exhibition of Mastery."

Students were judged by the mock companies, and those that scored highest were selected as the team companies would most likely hire in real life for digital media marketing. The scores were also used as final exam grades. Students, in turn, got to evaluate and judge their own group's participation.

Three teams were chosen as the best

of the event: JT Designs, M.A.P., and Out of the Box Marketing. Each team received prizes donated by the Post Exchange.

Two students who were involved in the event spoke positively about the alternative assessment. "Instead of simply picking the answer from a multiple-choice question, this type of project made you actually have to think and apply yourself just like you would in a real-world situation," said 11th-grader Maria Briskin.

"I liked being able to have a real-world experience and getting to interact with people, instead of simply taking a test," said 11th-grader Pearl Spencer. Overall the project was a display of interactive and career-focused 21st century learning tactics while encouraging and enforcing the professional use of social media.

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U.S.-Italian workshop addresses environmental protection while guaranteeing military training



Brig. Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli, commander of the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command, and Maria Grazia Santoro, Friuli Venezia Giulia's regional assessor for urban planning discuss environmental issues associated with maintaining Italian training areas during a workshop on sustainable management of training areas in Italy. The two-day workshop took place June 9-10 in Udine. Photo by Visual Information Specialist **Paulo Bolvo**.

transparency and regular dialogue, said Brig. Gen. Chris Cavoli, commander, U.S. Army Joint Multinational Training Command, as he addressed workshop participants. In addition to Friuli Region officials, the 70-person audience included representatives from the U.S. Embassy in Rome and senior Italian military officers from both Friuli and Rome. Cavoli outlined some environmental protection programs the U.S. Army is conducting in Europe and pledged an increased outreach in Friuli, which is fundamental for training needs of the U.S. Army here.

After outlining the types of U.S. training in Friuli and the technical ways the U.S. mitigates environmental impact, training expert Perry Doerr said that leaving behind clean training areas is a matter of pride and professionalism.

"There is an etiquette that outdoorsmen have: 'Leave no trace.' Return the outdoors in the condition in which you found it. It is a matter of personal discipline for Soldiers not to leave a mess—also because in a war zone it can be an intelligence risk."

Workshop participants spent one afternoon at the training site in Dandolo to gain a better understanding of U.S. Army training conducted in Friuli. Later this month, the U.S. Army will host Friuli Region officials to observe training that will include a parachute jump.

By 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command

UDINE, ITALY – There is no conflict between respecting the environment and ensuring that the United States and Italian armies can continue to train in Italy. This was the conclusion of the Friuli Venezia Giulia officials and the U.S. and Italian military representatives who gathered in Udine for a two-day workshop June 9-10.

"The biodiversity in Friuli is also

thanks to the presence of the American military," said Friuli Venezia Giulia Minister for Infrastructure Mariagrazia Santoro. "Without the U.S. Army here, there would be shopping centers and industrial plants in these training areas." Santoro underscored the importance of continued environmental monitoring, but also noted that all of ARPAV's recent tests have indicated that there are no problems.

The relationship the U.S. Army wants and needs with Friuli is one of trust,



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HERE IT COMES

are you ready for the heat?

- Implement work/rest cycles
- Hydrate properly to replace fluids lost through sweating
- Eat well-balanced and regular meals
- Avoid using salt tablets unless directed by a doctor
- Wear loose, lightweight clothing to encourage heat release



READY ... OR NOT?

Ready ... or Not is a call to action for leaders, Soldiers, Army Civilians and Family members to assess their “readiness” for what lies ahead—the known as well as the unknown.

Throughout our professional and personal lives, events happen all around us. We are often able to shape the outcome of those events, but many times we’re not. Navigating life’s challenges is all about decision-making.

So are **YOU** ready ... or not?



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Health Clinic wraps up undefeated soccer season

By **Rickey Jackson**
DFMWR Sports Office

The USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational Soccer league wrapped up the 2015 season June 2 with the U.S. Army Health Clinic Lions winning the season-ending tournament.

The Lions entered the tournament undefeated with a 10-0 record, and continued their run of dominance throughout the double elimination bracket. They reached the finals without losing a match, beating USARAF Football Club 4-1 in the final match to take the title. Finishing the tournament as the top unit-level team, USARAF FC qualified to participate in the USAREUR Unit Level Soccer Championship June 19-21 in Wiesbaden, Germany.



Members of the Vicenza Health Clinic Lions and U.S. Army Africa Football Club pose together at the awards ceremony following the final match of the 2015 USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational League soccer tournament. The Lions topped USARAF FC 4-1 in the finals to finish the season undefeated. Courtesy photo

Camp Darby basketball team helps raise money at charity tournament

Story and photos by
Chiara Mattiolo
DMC Public Affairs



The Camp Darby Basketball team poses for a group photo at the conclusion of a charity tournament to raise funds for palliative therapy at Livorno Hospital. The team took second place after competing against teams representing different military forces in the area.

Several basketball teams recently got together to participate in a charitable event for Famiglia Coraggio.

Famiglia Coraggio, or "Courage Family" is a cultural association that raises funds for palliative care at Livorno Hospital. The group hosted a basketball tournament for charity on May 31 and teams from Guardia di Finanza, Camp Darby, Italian Navy, and Folgore Brigade turned out to support the fundraising event.

"This is the sixth year that we have promoted sporting events



Staff Sgt. Leon Coleman, 511th MP Platoon, is about to score during the final game against Guardia di Finanza team at a basketball charity tournament in Livorno.

to support the particular needs of our town," said Arianna Paoletti, president of the association that organized the event.

"This was an amazing tournament, competitive and tough, yet nice and fun, very well organized," said Camp Darby's Ameer King. "We played in a very nice facility where the court was amazing."

The Camp Darby team won their first matchup against the Folgore Brigade team. Later in the day they faced off against Guardia di Finanza in the finals, but weren't able to pull out the victory.

The Guardia di Finanza team ended up as the overall tournament champion.



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ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES
MARKET

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Speak Out

What is your favorite summer hobby or sports activity?



Airman First Class **Daniel Payan**
731st Munitions Squadron
"Going to the beach, no doubt."



Alice Serra
Darby Community Club
"Long time on the beach and lots of surfing."



Airman **Nicholas Salvadia**
731st Munitions Squadron
"Living here will be, for sure, going to the beach."

Vicenza High School graduation ceremony

Vicenza High School held their graduation ceremony June 7 at the Teatro Comunale in Vicenza. The 61 graduates in the class of 2015 each walked across the stage to receive their diplomas in front of family and friends.



Photos by **Aaron Talley** | *USAG Vicenza PAO*



Library features photography exhibit

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

Francisco Sancho conversed with community members at the grand opening of the Walk of Light photo exhibit at the Ederle Library June 10. A native of Barcelona, Spain, Sancho has used pilgrimages to express his Christian life. During the exhibit he spoke about his nearly 7,000 km. trek in 2014 that took him from the Church of Saint Peter in Rome to the grave of St. James in Compostela, Spain. He also walked the entire way back, crossing the Alps on his way to Assisi to return to Rome. Along the way he wore out three pairs of shoes, visited more than 100 cities, met more than 1,000 people and took 6,500 photos. Sancho also announced his new 12,000 km. adventure that he will undertake from September to December 2016 that will touch the three most important places for pilgrims of the Middle Ages; Rome; Santiago, Spain; and Trondheim, Norway.



Francisco Sancho speaks with visitors who came to see the Walk of Light photo exhibit.

Children learn biking skills while having fun



(Above) Eight-year-old Mackenzie King rides her bicycle through one of the several stations during the Bike Rodeo held at Villaggio Basketball Court June 11.

(Right) Spc. Brittany Adams, 464th Military Police Platoon, assists King, before one of the stations. After having King's bicycle inspected and her helmet checked for proper fit, Adams explained how to deal with different obstacles while cycling.

The American Red Cross teamed up with the USO and the PMO bicycle squad to put on a course where children of all ages had the chance to learn basic and emergency biking skills. After their course, children received a certificate of completion, some snacks and drinks.



Photos by **Laura Kreider** | USAG Vicenza PAO

Quarterly awards

Sgt. Charles Douglas, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Tax Center, receives an Army Commendation Medal for his outstanding customer service while providing tax assistance to member of the Vicenza Military Community. The USAG Vicenza Quarterly Awards ceremony June 11 at the Golden Lion recognized members of the military and civilian workforce for their achievements and service to the garrison and the community.



Photos by **Laura Kreider**
USAG Vicenza PAO

Army birthday

Spc. Samuel Ngaropo, 106th FMSU (left), attaches streamers awarded for actions during the Spanish/American War to the Army flag during the U.S. Army 240th Birthday Celebration June 12.

The Vicenza Military Community celebrated the event with a cake cutting ceremony at The Arena (below). The garrison commander cut the cake together with the youngest and oldest Soldiers present.



New Mobile App OTG Outside The Gate



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and look for the circular logo.

If in your smartphone is installed the application for reading QR codes is sufficient to read the code below to directly enter the download area.

Community news briefs

Villaggio mosquito spraying

The Department of Public Works will be spraying for mosquitoes on Villaggio June 25, 7-9 p.m., weather permitting. If not, it will be done the next day. Please do not walk on the streets if at all possible for at least one hour afterwards. For more information, call DSN 634-8218 or comm. 0444-71-8218.

New Logisitcs Readiness Center Office

The LRC Italy Production Control Office (Building 267, Ederle) will be closed June 18 and 19 to relocate to its new location. On June 22, Production Control Office services for maintenance will be provided at Building 204 on Ederle. Building 204 is located near the AAFES garage and the SJA offices. New phone numbers will follow.

Passport delays

The Department of State has put out an advisory that, due to a systems-related problem, there is a substantial backlog in passport and Consular Report of Birth Abroad production at passport agencies in the United States. Priority is being given to resolving this problem but a delay of 6-10 weeks processing time is expected. They regret the inconvenience and will post any developments.

Teenvenuti Workshop & Tour

If you are new to the Vicenza Military Community and in grades 6-12, you can sign up for the Teenvenuti Workshop and Tour. This student-led and adult supervised event will help you get used to your new home. The next Teenvenuti is June 24, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Call DSN 634-5998 or comm. 0444-71-5998 for more information.

Vicenza Health Center change of command ceremony

Col. Andrew M. Barr will relinquish command of the U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza to Lt. Col. Brian J. Bender during a change of command ceremony Wednesday, July 1 at 10 a.m. on

Caserma Ederle's Hoekstra Field. Call DSN 636-9506 or comm. 0444-61-9506 for more information.

Dining facility closes

The South of the Alps Dining facility at Caserma Ederle will be closed June 1 to Sept. 30. Meals will be provided at the Caserma Del Din DFAC for Soldiers who receive subsistence in kind while the South of the Alps DFAC is closed. For more information, call DSN 634-6893 or comm. 0444-71-6893.

Running of the Herd

The 9th Annual "Running of the Herd" will be July 8-9 on Caserma Del Din. This 12-hour relay run honors past and present sacrifices of the Sky Soldiers of the 173rd. Late registration ends June 12. There will be no race-day sign-ups. If you would like to participate or need more info, call DSN 637-4335 or comm. DSN 0444-61-4335.

Advertise here

Do you have an event you'd like to announce to the community? Send an email to usarmy.vmc.pao@mail with a paragraph about what is going on, when it is and who is the contact person.

Volunteers wanted

The USAG Vicenza Community Relations office is always looking for volunteers to participate in various outreach projects performed in the local area. The COMREL office conducts a robust program of community neighborly initiatives aimed at strengthening relations with host-nation communities. Most service projects are done in partnership with the Vicenza Alpini Association and involve light trash pickup, light cleaning, weeding, school painting, fund-raising fun events or assisting with set up of local festivals. Those interested in future activities can contact the garrison PAO at 637-8009 or usarmy.vmc.pao@mail.mil.

Emergency operations number

The emergency number for work orders, alarm systems and other after hours questions is now 0444-61-8035.

Automotive Service Excellence Certification

The Vicenza Education Center National Testing Center has now added the Automotive Service Excellence Certification Exams to their lineup of electronically delivered testing programs. For more information, contact 634-7055

Vacation Bible School

Vicenza Military Community Chapel presents Vacation Bible School July 27-31 for grades 1-5 at Vicenza Elementary School. For more information, contact Linda Davis at 320-173-9776 or Virginia Sanchez-Valdez at sanchesvaldez@msn.com.

Maternal health education

The Vicenza Health Center is offering classes for expectant parents every Wednesday morning and afternoon. Wednesday mornings from 8-9 a.m. is "Pregnancy thru Postpartum." From 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. a variety of classes will be offered. The first week of the month will be "Having a Baby in Italy" OB Orientation. The second through fourth week is a three-week series on childbirth. No formal signup is required, and all expectant parents are welcome at any time. Classes are in the Health Center training classroom on the 2nd floor of the Health Center. For more information, call DSN 636-9508 or comm. 0444-61-9508.

USO operating hours

The USO is located in building 9A (between 3rd and 4th streets) and offers free food, drinks, movies, activities, internet and phones to call the United States. Hours are: Mondays closed; Tuesday-Thursday 1-8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 1-9 p.m.; Sundays 3-8 p.m. For more information, call 0444-71-7156. Anyone can "like" the Vicenza USO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vicenzauso.

Vicenza Sergeants Major Association

The Vicenza Sergeants Major Association meets at the Ederle dining facility 8-9 a.m. the last Friday 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

Volunteer opportunities

EFMP – Volunteer coordinator, Athletic Volunteer Coordinator, Administration and Activities Support, teen volunteer. For more information email leigh.a.strain2.civ@mail.mil.

Cub Scouts – Activities chair, STEM coordinator. For more information, email pack295chair@gmail.com.

USO – Volunteer coordinator, photographer, administrative assistant. For more information email fjackson@uso.org.

CYSS Coaches – Baseball, track and field, tennis, softball. For more information call 0444-71-7206 or stop by building 108.

Passport office hours

The passport office, located in the Central Processing Facility, building 393, will be open Monday through Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. They are closed Thursday mornings.

Sergeant Morales Club

The Sergeant Morales Club is a robust network of noncommissioned officers who champion the corps by taking care of Soldiers, families, and giving back to the community. All NCOs are welcome to attend the monthly meetings held at 11:45 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month in Bldg. 80C. SMC membership is exclusive and gained through a rigorous and competitive selection process.

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? The Department of Defense sponsors Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs in Europe. Efforts are being made at Camp Darby to get its program started again. For more information, contact David Kemp at david.kemp@eu.navy.mil or DSN 626-3192.

Vicenza Cub Scouts

Do you have a child interested in joining Cub Scouts? Email pack295chair@gmail.com.

Medical inprocessing

The Medical Benvenuti program takes place every Tuesday 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Central Processing Facility, Room 2.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Building 395, Room 5, behind the Mensa. Meetings are also held on Del Din on noon on Thursdays at the ASAP building, No. 2. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the 12-step process. Call 634-7554 for more information.

At the movies



MAX

A dog that helped US Marines in Afghanistan returns to the U.S. and is adopted by his handler's family after suffering a traumatic experience. Starring Robbie Amell and Lauren Graham. This movie is rated PG.

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

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

Film ratings and reviews are available at www.imdb.com

Ederle Theater

June 18	7 p.m.	Jurassic World (PG-13)
June 19	7 p.m.	Inside Out (PG)
	10 p.m.	Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13)
June 20	3 p.m.	Inside Out (PG)
	6 p.m.	Jurassic World (PG-13)
June 21	3 p.m.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Inside Out in 3D (PG)
June 24	11 a.m.	Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Jurassic World (PG-13)
June 25	7 p.m.	Inside Out (PG)
June 26	7 p.m.	Max (PG)
	10 p.m.	Ted 2 (R)
June 27	3 p.m.	Max (PG)
	6 p.m.	Ted 2 (R)
June 28	3 p.m.	Max (PG)
	7 p.m.	Ted 2 (R)
July 1	11 a.m.	Spy (R)
	7 p.m.	Max (PG)



Family and

Vicenza Military Community



Vicenza SKIESUnlimited Summer Programs

There's something for everyone! Pick up a copy of the latest edition of SKIESUnlimited catalog or visit vicenza.armyMWR.com and start browsing today.

Arts & Crafts Classes

Looking for a place to keep cool this summer? Why not practice some of those creative skills. The Arts and Crafts Studios are open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday. For just \$2.50 per hour you can use the equipment, space, tools and some supplies to practice. Staff are on hand to get you started.

ODR Culture & Adventure Trips

When you decide to visit Europe's most remarkable places, do it right! Outdoor Recreation offers escorted and guided cultural trips, challenging high adventure activities, water sports, hiking and biking. Pick up a copy of their latest six-month calendar or visit vicenza.armyMWR.com.

CYSS Summer Programs

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the YC Summer Camp, June 15- August 28 for children in grades K-5. Camp is held Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on days when there is no field trip and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on trip days. Each week there is a different theme with corresponding activities and trips planned.

School Age Center offers an exciting way to experience summer camp with a variety of unique activities! Campers can participate in a fun-filled camp offering character building activities each week. Plus, once a week, campers will enjoy swimming, a movie and a field trip day! Drop by the center to pick up the summer camp catalog today.

Teenvenuti Workshop and Tour

Join the "Teenvenuti Workshop & Tour". This student-led and adult-supervised event will help you get used to your new home. Enjoy a tour of downtown Vicenza, learn how to shop in Italy and to ride the bus and train. Plus there are tours of the Youth & Teen Centers, Caserma Ederle and the Vicenza Middle School & Vicenza High School. There are several tours scheduled throughout the summer, so call 634-5998 to sign up for one that suits your schedule.

Romp-N-Stomp Playgroup

Romp-N-Stomp playgroup is a time for learning through play for children ages 0-3 years every Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m. in Bldg 395. Working parents are encouraged to drop-in and spend time with their Families during their lunch hour.

5:01 Bar

Miss the laid-back atmosphere of your hometown pub or bar? You can find a cozy place at the 5:01 Bar located in the Golden Lion Conference Center. Enjoy a beverage and munch on some popcorn while listening to your favorite music Mon-Fri, 5-7 p.m., and it's the perfect place to book your small party or gathering.

Youth Summer Bowling Special

Come to the Arena and beat the heat all summer every day from 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. and bowl a few games with your friends. All youth 18 and below can enjoy the fun, music and friendly atmosphere! Just \$1.00 per game and \$1.00 shoe rental. Special offer good June 1 -August 31.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities



Darby Military Community



*Reserve for
special events and parties!*

Special Events and Parties

Looking for a special to hold a party or special event? The Bowling Center is the perfect place! Ask about the four-hour party package including use of bowling lanes and party area. Contact 633-7855 to reserve.

Tax Relief Office (TRO) Saves You Money

The TRO offers savings programs to authorized command sponsored personnel living in private rentals. These programs help you save money on utilities such as city gas and liquid petroleum gas (GPL).

In addition, get info about removing the Value Added Tax (VAT) on certain large purchases and vehicle repairs (typically 21% of the total cost).

For more information, visit darby.armyMWR.com

BOSS Monthly Meetings

Join the Darby Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers (BOSS) program for our bimonthly meetings, taking place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings take place in the Library conference room at 5:15 p.m.

Group Fitness Classes

Looking to get in shape? Strengthen your muscles and increase your heart rate! Find the monthly class calendar in the Fitness Center or visit darby.armyMWR.com

Airport Shuttle Service

Need a ride to the airport? No worries! Contact the Airport Shuttle Service at Outdoor Recreation. This service is provided 7 days a week. Reservations must be made at least 3 business days prior to required service.

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Outdoor Recreation Trips

Make the most of your days off with ODR trips to the most famous and renowned spots in Italy! Find information on upcoming trips by visiting darby.armyMWR.com

Summer Travel

Last minute travel plans? Check out the travel guides available at the Army digital Media Library! We have thousands of ebooks for all your travel needs as well as audio books and streaming movies. Download to your phone, tablet, and computer or read in your browser. Access the site with your library MyAccount login. For assistance, contact the Darby Library.



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

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

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

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



**724th Air Mobility Squadron
Space-A
Travel Briefing**

June 25

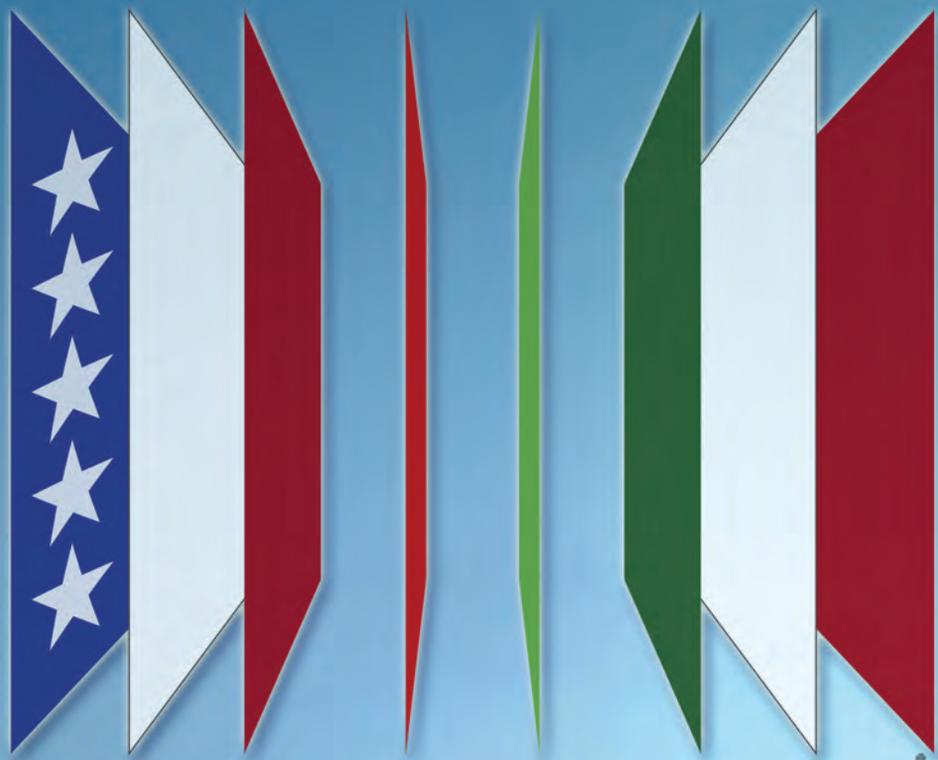
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Aquae Venezia 2015

Through **Oct. 31**, Monday-Tuesday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; in Venice Marghera, Via Galileo Ferraris 5; entrance at the corner of Via Pacinotti and Via Galileo Ferraris; concurrent event of Milan Expo, this exhibition focuses on the importance of water as a fundamental resource for life, never losing sight, however, of the fact that it is also a limited commodity; for full details in English and booking online, visit <http://www.aquae2015.org/learn-more/?lang=en> <http://www.aquae2015.org/explore/dive-into-the-experience/settimana-di-apertura-aquae-2015/?lang=en>.

Killing Cangrande – Mystery guided tour

June 27, July 11, and July 25, in Verona; led by an English-speaking guide, discover medieval Verona and play the role of a detective; walking through downtown Verona, with the help of riddles, games, monuments, legends and clues, solve a murder case of 700 years ago; the three-hour mystery tour departs from Castelvecchio Courtyard, Via Corso Castelvecchio 2; the €30 ticket includes Italian aperitivo in Piazza Erbe; free for children younger than 12 accompanied by two adults; reserve your tour by sending an email to info@livinginvicenza.com <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/killing-cangrande-mystery-guided-tour-downtown-verona-2067>.

La leggenda di Giulietta e Romeo The Legend of Romeo and Juliet

June 20, July 4, and July 18, 5-8 p.m., in Verona; the three-hour tour starts from Gran Guardia Palace in Piazza Bra; an English-speaking guide will explain the history of Verona and the legend of the two lovers; participants will have a chance to explore the city while playing games to discover another ending of the Shakespearean drama; the €30 ticket includes an Italian aperitivo; free for children younger than 12 if accompanied by two adults; to reserve your tour, send an email to info@livinginvicenza.com <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/the-legend-of-romeo-and-juliet-mystery-guided-2506>.

Fiaccolata di Solferino 2015 Torchlight walk in Solferino

June 20 - The Italian Red Cross has invited national Red Cross societies around the world to join in Fiaccolata di Solferino, a celebration of the ideals of the Red Cross, and to participate in a seven km. torchlight walk between the towns of Castiglione and Solferino.

The event commemorates Henry Dunant's experience of giving care to the wounded in the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino, which took place June 24, 1859. While Dunant did not participate in the battle, he witnessed its aftermath and was motivated by the horrific suffering of wounded soldiers left on the battlefield to begin a campaign that would eventually result in the Geneva Conventions and the establishment of the International

Red Cross. The participation fee is €5 per person; Caserma Ederle's Red Cross is organizing a bus for its volunteers and their families and, space permitting, to other community members; reservations will be accepted until all seats are taken. To sign up, stop by the Red Cross office in Building 333. Call the Red Cross at 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 or email vicenza@redcross.org for information.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/744000865642569?ref=110>.

Aqualandia **Amusement and Adventure Parks**

In Jesolo, Via Buonarroti, 15, about 64 miles east of Vicenza; open **June 13 – Sept. 13**; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; water games, extreme sports, water gym, animators and clowns for children; bungee jumping; admission: €30, reduced €26 for children up to 39.37 inches.

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

CanevaWorld Resort

In Lazise sul Garda, Fossalta 58, about 51 miles east of Vicenza; Movieland Studios, AquaParadise, Medieval Times, and Rock Star theme areas; open through **Sept. 13**; for more details about opening times and prices in English visit <http://www.canevaworld.it/prices.php>

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

Aquafollie Water Park

In Caorle, Via Aldo Moro 1, about 86 miles east of Vicenza; open **May 30 – Sept. 13**; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; admission: €20 for adults and children taller than 51.18 inches; €16 for children up to 51.18 inches; €16 for senior citizens over 65; discounts for families and free for children up to 39.37 inches. <http://www.aquafollie.it/>

Cavour Water Park

In Valeggio sul Mincio (Verona), Loc. Ariano, about 53 miles west of Vicenza; open through **Sept. 27** and on weekends and holidays through **Jan. 6**; for more details on opening times in English and tickets, visit <http://www.gardaland.it/park/index-en.php>.

Gardaland

In Castelnuovo del Garda (Verona), Via Derna 4, about 45 miles west of Vicenza; open through **Sept. 27** open also for Halloween and for the Magic Winter in December; admission: €38.50, reduced €31 for children younger than 10 and senior citizens over 60; for detailed info on opening times and reduced tickets on line in English, visit <http://www.gardaland.it/park/index-en.php>.

Padovaland Water Park

In Padova, Viale della Regione Veneto, 6, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza; open **June 6-Sept. 6**; Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.; wave pool, water slides for children and adults, playground built on piles, restaurant, and game rooms;



admission: €20 all day pass and €14 euro from 3 p.m. to closing; €12 all day pass for children (2-12) and €10 from 3 p.m. to closing. <http://www.parcopadovaland.it/>

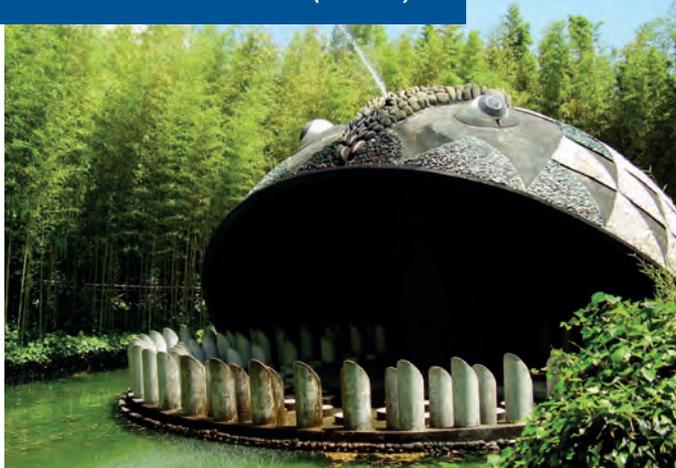
Park Jungle Adventure

In San Zeno di Montagna (Verona), Via Pineta Sperane, about 60 miles west of Vicenza; open through **Sept. 15**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; from Sept 15-Oct. 16, open on weekends, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; admission varies (€29 to €8) according to the difficulty level of the obstacle course; credit cards are not accepted.

<http://www.jungleadventurepark.com/Default.aspx?lang=ENG>



Pinocchio's Park - Collodi (Pistoia)



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Festa del Pesce Fish Fair

June 20-21, in Rosignano Marittimo (Livorno); food booths feature a wide variety of seafood; live music and entertainment.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=4&city=&date=13&page=1&post=120>

Amusement and Adventure Parks Acqua Village Park

In Cecina (Livorno), Via Tevere 25; **June 13-Sept. 7**; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; one of the main attractions is the Intrigo super slide, winner of the Awards Parksmania; there are also a variety of swimming pools with interactive water games, water massage, a playground with slides, waterfalls, an aqua bubble, a children's pool with two small slides, and a wave pool with animation and games; for prices and more details, visit <http://www.acquavillage.it/en/tariffe/prezzi> <http://www.parchionline.it/parco-acquatico-acqua-village-cecina.htm>.

Acqua Village Park

In Follonica (Arezzo), Via R. Sanzio; **June 13-Sept. 5**; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; admission: €20; €16 for children aged 3-11; free for children younger than 3.

<http://www.acquavillage.it/en/attrazioni/scivoli>

Il Cavallino Matto

In Marina di Castagneto (Livorno), Via Po 1; open **June 1-30**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., closed on Wednesdays; **July 1-Sept. 13**, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; **Aug. 12-23** it closes at 7 p.m.; **Sept. 18-19**, and **Sept. 26-27**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; among the many attractions, there is a Shocking Tower, which shoots visitors to a height of 55 meters in only 1.8 seconds and Rock'n'Roll, a ride that has five "arms" and 25 swinging

cars; it has a number of different eateries and also a picnic area for those who would rather bring a homemade lunch; admission: €22; free entrance for children not taller than 39.37 inches and for disabled; reduced €17 for children not taller than 51.18 inches; for detailed info in English, visit http://www.cavallinomatto.it/english/Biglietti_individuali.aspx.

Il Giardino Sospeso Parco Avventura Hanging Garden Adventure

In Riparbella (Pisa), open weekends and Italian holidays from 10 a.m. to 3 hours before sunset through **May 31**, and **Sept. 17-Nov. 30**; open daily **June 1-Sept. 16**; the park offers acrobatic tree top trails that include fixed and suspended platforms linked by crossings through the tree tops of varying lengths and degrees of difficulty; before attempting the courses, everyone has to go through a briefing and a little test provided by the park instructors; visitors are supplied with all the necessary equipment to travel the heights in complete safety; admission: €15; reduced: €12 children shorter than 55.11 inches; instinctive archery lessons, € 7.

http://www.ilgiardinosospeso.it/site_ita/pub/PPagina.asp?IdPagina=arco

Parco Avventura Parco Avventura il Gigante Il Gigante Adventure Park

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<http://www.parcoavventurailgigante.it/biglietti/?lang=en>

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Parco di Pinocchio Pinocchio's Park

In Collodi (Pistoia), Via S. Gennaro 3; open through **Nov. 2** daily 8:30 a.m.-sunset; **Nov. 3-Feb. 28** open weekends and Italian holidays; Pinocchio's tale was written by the Florentine writer Carlo Lorenzini, known with the pseudonym of Carlo Collodi (take from the name of his mother's native village); walking through this park, you'll find

all the main protagonists of the story; admission: €12; reduced €9. <http://www.pinocchio.it/parco-di-pinocchio-c4/>

Parco Avventura Cielo Verde Adventure Park Green Sky

In Marina di Grosseto, Via della Trappola 180; open through **June 11** and **Sept. 12-Oct. 16** on weekends, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; **June 12-Sept. 12**, daily 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; **Sept. 15-21** open only on Saturdays; outdoor adventures include swinging through tree tops, sliding through the air on a zip line, balancing on trunks and much more; admission: €15; reduced €12 for children aged 13-18; €10 for children aged 3-6; the fee includes equipment rental and mandatory safety training.

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Saltalbero Adventure Park

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http://www.saltalbero.it/en/images/foto_intro.jpg

CONCERTS



Deep Purple

Bob Dylan – June 27 in San Daniele del Friuli; July 1 in Lucca; July 2 in Torino

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

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

John Legend – July 5 in Lucca

Hozier – July 7 in Pistoia

Stromae – July 8 in Rome; July 14 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

AC/DC – July 9 in Imola

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

George Benson – July 12 in Milan

Lauryn Hill – July 13 in Rome; July 20 in Lucca

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Santana – July 20 in Verona; July 21 in Pistoia

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The mystery of **Romeo** and **Juliet** and the **Ghost of Montorso**

By **Susan Hedblad**

Shakespeare found loads of inspiration for his tragedies in the Veneto but where exactly did Romeo and Juliet come from? Fact or fiction? Verona, Vicenza or Udine? There is a good bit of evidence that the story plot used by Shakespeare was written by a Vicentino.

Verona staked a solid claim to the tale over a century ago. The small home in a courtyard adored by millions of tourists in Verona was bought by the city of Verona in 1905 to give a venue for Shakespeare lovers to pay homage to Juliet. The house had no balcony until the 1930's, when it was added to appease the demands of tourists after they watched charming Leslie Howard play Romeo in the first film rendition of Shakespeare's most famous play.

Juliet seems to get all the attention in Verona, whether rubbing the right breast of her bronze statue or leaving her a love wish in the courtyard. However, there is Romeo's house which I prefer visiting because it is definitely Romeo's home, is infinitely less crowded, is now home to a cozy Osteria, Al Duca and close to the delicately ornate Scaligere tombs.

Dante first mentioned the Capuleti and Montecchi (Capulet and Montague) families in the Divine Comedy and was himself in Verona on more than an occasion. Yet the story line as we know it from Shakespeare most likely came from Luigi Da Porto,



a highbrowed member of a wealthy bourgeois family. There is a plaque commemorating his birthplace in Contrà Porti in Vicenza in the year 1485. There is no absolute certainty as to how he came to write of Romeo and Juliet, but there are two substantiated theories.

Theory 1:

Romeo and Juliet is autobiographical Luigi was a dashing, brave soldier head-over-heels in love with his cousin Lucina Savorgnan, daughter of a ruling lord near Udine. They were trapped in the midst of an ugly battle in 1511 during Carnival in Friuli. Luigi was severely maimed and disfigured during the battle. He renounced or perhaps lost his true love due to his appearance. He retired to his country house in Montorso near the Castles of Montecchio where he would romanticize and mourn his loss by writing Romeo and Juliet. The palladian Villa Barbarano Da Porto was built where his house once stood.

Theory 2:

Luigi was broken hearted over a girl and so on the road between battles his friend Pellegrino told him a popular story of two young lovers in Verona.

After being injured in the war, he became a hermit near Montecchio where he found the inspiration to further elaborate on this common tale of tragic love in Verona.

Whichever theory is true, the guy was undoubtedly inspired when he wrote his version of the love story of all time. Locals swear that the ghost of Luigi Da Porto, who never accepted losing love, still haunts a hill near his home in Montorso.

The Bellaguardia and Montecchio Castles have nothing to do with the Capulet or Montague families

but have nonetheless been renamed after Juliet and Romeo. Do not expect much if you make the hike up to visit them. Honestly, the best way to look at them is from a distance, just like Luigi Da Porto many centuries ago.

If you're not the love-lorn type, Shakespeare has an impressive line-up of alternative tourist destinations with a plot: Merchant of Venice (too obvious), Taming of the Shrew (Padova) Othello (begins in Venice), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Mantua) All's Well that Ends Well (Florence) Much Ado About Nothing (Messina, Sicily) The Winter's Tale (Palermo, Sicily) Vulcano: The Tempest (The Aeolian Isles).

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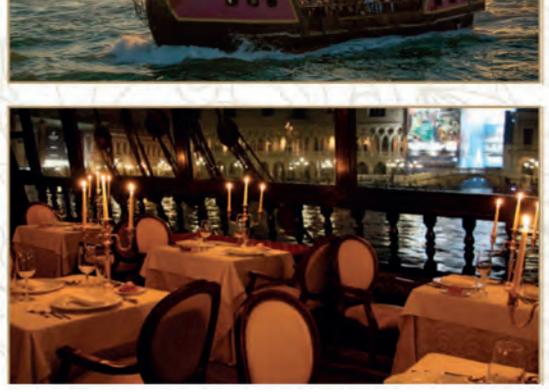
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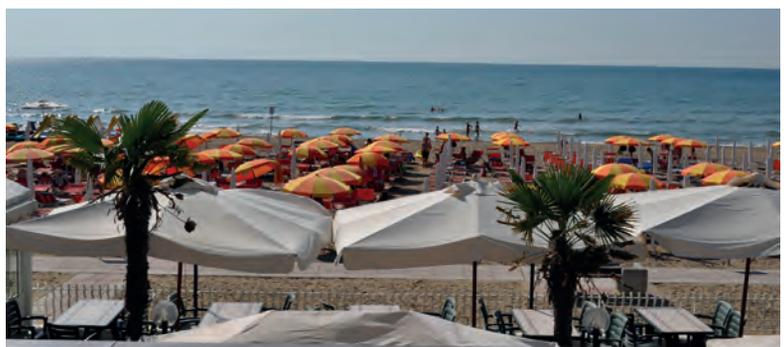
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Easy Lobster Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 - pound cream cheese
- 2 - scallions, sliced fine
- 1 - Tablespoons ginger, grated fine
- 8 - ounces Maine Lobster meat, cooked, sliced
- 24 - Wonton wrappers
- oil for pan frying



DIRECTIONS:

In a medium sized bowl cream together cream cheese with the sliced scallions and grated ginger. Blend in the sliced Maine lobster meat. Position a wonton wrapper with 1 point toward you. Spoon a generous teaspoon of filling in the center of the wonton. Moisten the sides of the wonton wrapper lightly with water and fold the wrapper in half to make a triangle, pressing down on the sides to seal the moist edges. Make an additional fold on the two long points of the triangle up for a crown-like appearance. Repeat with remaining filling and wrappers.

Fry wontons in hot 375°F oil in deep fry or shallow pan fry, a few at a time, turning once, about 30 seconds each side, or until golden brown. Drain on paper towel and serve immediately or keep warm and crisp in warm 200°F oven.

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