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39th Chief of Staff of the Army Initial Message to the Army

We have the most skilled, ethical, and combat hardened Army in our Nation's history. No matter where we are around the world, America's Soldiers are displaying courage, commitment and character. We are demonstrating unparalleled competence and agility. And no matter the challenge, no matter how complex the environment, or how dangerous the situation, our Soldiers fight and win.

I am honored to lead this remarkable team.

I have three priorities:

#1. Readiness: (Current Fight) Our fundamental task is like no other – it is to win in the unforgiving crucible of ground combat. We must ensure the Army remains ready as the world's premier combat force. Readiness for ground combat is – and will remain – the U.S. Army's #1 priority. We will always be ready to fight today, and we will always prepare to fight tomorrow. Our most valued assets, indeed, the Nation's most valued assets, are our Soldiers and our solemn commitment must always be to never send them into harm's way untrained, poorly led, undermanned, or with less than the best equipment we can provide. Readiness is #1, and there is no other #1.

#2. Future Army: (Future Fight) We will do what it takes to build an agile, adaptive Army of the future. We need to listen and learn – first from the Army itself, from other services, from our interagency partners, but also from the private sector, and even from our critics. Developing a lethal, professional and technically competent force requires an openness to new ideas and new ways of doing things in an increasingly complex world. We will change and adapt.

#3. Take Care of the Troops: (Always) Every day we must keep foremost in our minds our Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families. Our collective strength depends on our people - their mental and physical resilience is at our core. We must always treat each other with respect and lead with integrity. Our Soldiers are the crown jewels of the Nation; we must love them, protect them, and always keep faith with them.

I am honored and proud to serve with you. Thank you for your service and commitment to a cause larger than yourselves.

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Mark A. Milley
MARK A. MILLEY
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On the pottery wheel is Stephanie Henigin, family member. Henigin is trying her hand at pottery during a wheel-throwing class at Vicenza's Arts and Crafts Center. Assisting her is USAG Vicenza MWR Arts and Crafts Center Supervisory Arts Specialist Michelle Sterkowicz.

See page 19 for more photos and information about the Arts & Crafts Center.

Photo by **Laura Kreider, USAG Vicenza PAO**

Speak Out

What is your advice to students at the start of a new school year?



Karin Tramm

DoDDS-Vicenza Elementary School
"Get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast. And, to my little friends in kindergarten, read lots of books."



Linda Thomas

DoDDS-Vicenza Elementary School
"Be positive, expect great things. Know that you can achieve great things."



Stacy Knappe

DoDDS-Vicenza High School
"Come with an open mind and the willingness to take risks. Learning is an adventure!"



Newly sworn in Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley addresses attendees at the Army change-of-responsibility ceremony on Summerall Field, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va., Aug. 14. (U.S. Army photo)

Wars fought by ground troops, new Army chief says

By **C. Todd Lopez**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- Continued freedom in America requires a continued commitment to maintaining strong, equipped, well-led and well-trained ground forces, said the Army's 39th Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley.

"There are many who think wars only can be won from great distances - from space, the air, the sea. Unfortunately, those views are very, very wrong," Milley said.

Milley spoke immediately following his oath as the new chief, assuming responsibilities from Gen. Ray Odierno, who retired during the same ceremony Friday morning on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va.

"War is an act of politics, where one side tries to impose its political will on the other," Milley said. "And politics is all about people. And people live on the ground. We may wish it were otherwise. But it is not. Wars are ultimately decided on the ground, where people live, and it is on the ground where the U.S. Army, the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Special Operations forces must never, ever fail."

The general warned that flagging commitment to maintaining ground forces will have a devastating cost in terms of lives and freedom.

"If we do not maintain our commitment to remain strong, in the air, on the sea, and yes, on the ground, we will pay the butcher's bill in blood, and we will forever lose

the precious gift of our freedom," he said. "As your chief of staff, I will ensure we remain ready as the world's premier combat force. Readiness to fight and win - ground combat is and will remain the U.S. Army's No. 1 priority. And there will be no other No. 1. We will always be ready to fight today, and we will always prepare to fight tomorrow."

Milley most recently served as commander of U.S. Army Forces Command on Fort Bragg, N.C., before replacing Odierno, who served as chief of staff for nearly four years and retired after having served 39 years in the Army.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter told those at the change of responsibility ceremony that he has great confidence in Milley's ability to lead the Army into an uncertain future.

"He's the right officer to lead the Army over the next four years, to shape our force, to continue restoring its readiness, to get there quickly and to win - as our nation expects of its Army. Mark is a leader, a warrior and a statesman," Carter said.

The secretary said he has had personal visibility of Milley's command ability. In 2013, he said, the two were together on the day Taliban fighters attacked the U.S. consulate in Herat, Afghanistan.

"As we flew there, I saw him take decisive command of the scene," Carter said. "In addition to decades of such operational experience, Mark clearly also has the strategic vision needed to build on what Ray started. I have confidence; I know he'll succeed because he carries that same unyielding commitment to Army, to Soldier, and to family."

First female Rangers share thoughts on Ranger School experience, future

FORT BENNING, Ga. -- For the first two women who earned the Ranger tab, attending Ranger School was all about honing leadership skills and being better leaders for the Army.

First Lt. Shaye L. Haver and Capt. Kristen M. Griest, both graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., were among the 96 Soldiers who graduated Ranger School at Fort Benning on Aug. 21.

"I knew how badly I wanted to go [to Ranger School] when I was a second lieutenant, before I became a platoon leader," Griest said, during an Aug. 20 press conference. "I was hoping to go to this course because it is the best training the Army can provide."

Haver, an AH-64 Apache pilot, said she wanted to go to Ranger School because she knew it would make her a better leader.

"The reasons I chose to come were the same as the men here: to get the experience of the elite leadership school ... and to give me the opportunity to lead my Soldiers the best that I can," she said.

Maj. Gen. Austin S. Miller, commander of the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, said the two women accomplished every trial and test, both physically and mentally, that was exacted upon the 94 men who also finished.

"Up front, what we've been very consistent on is we've said there will be no change to the standards ... and there weren't," he said.

While Griest and Haver are the first two women to graduate Ranger School, they said it was evident from male classmates that their performance in the school -- and as teammates -- was more important than their gender.

"We immediately integrated in our squad and became teammates that way," Haver said. "It was never about the women trying to beat the men through Ranger School, or the women banding together."

Fellow Ranger School graduates said they were impressed with Griest and Haver's abilities, and that it didn't make a difference that they were women.

"At the end of the day, everyone was a Ranger," said 2nd Lt. Erickson D. Krogh, an infantry officer.

"When we were given resupply and you're given 2,000 rounds of machine-gun ammo, the last thing you're caring about is whether your Ranger buddy is a man or a woman

For future, Griest said she wants to consider further roles in combat arms that might one day open to women. Already she said she is looking into civil affairs, a part of the special operations community. She said she is open to doing more.

"I am interested to see what new doors open to women," Griest said. "I think Special Forces is something I would definitely be interested in, if my timeline permits for that. Currently I am trying to pursue civil affairs,



First Lt. Shaye L. Haver (fourth from left) answers a reporter's question about her 62-day journey through Ranger school at a press panel Aug. 20 at Fort Benning, Ga. From left to right are class graduates: 2nd Lt. Erickson Krogh, 2nd Lt. Anthony Rombold, 2nd Lt. Michael Janowski, Haver, Staff Sgt. Michael Calderon, Spc. Christopher Carvalho, Capt. Kristen M. Griest and 2nd Lt. Zachary Hagner. (Photo by Patrick A. Albright)

-- because you're not carrying all 2,000 rounds by yourself," added 2nd Lt. Michael V. Janowski, also an infantry officer.

Spc. Christopher J. Carvalho, who serves as a medic, also earned his Ranger tab. He said he saw that the two women had finished some tasks ahead of the men.

"One event in particular was the 12-mile ruck march in which we had about 50 pounds-plus whatever weight we carried in water on our backs," Carvalho said. "These two women finished well ahead of some of the males and well ahead of 60 other men ... So right then and there, that's what validated it for me ... these women are for real, they're here to stay."

which is under the special operations umbrella, and which is open to women."

Haver said she wants to stay in aviation, to be the best she can be, and to go as far as she can.

"I think in the past decade ... females have served in those combat roles. I myself am attack aviation, which I plan to continue to serve in, in my role as an aviator."

Another Ranger School assessment takes place in November and will also be open to women.

(Army News Service)

Soldiers must complete school before promotion

By **C. Todd Lopez**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON -- Soldiers will no longer be promoted without first having successfully completed related professional military education courses, according to a recently signed Army directive. Soldiers will need to complete their schooling before they are allowed their new stripes.

"By linking structured self-development and the NCO Education System [NCOES] to subsequent promotion, we better prepare NCOs [noncommissioned officers] for the complexities of today's operational environment while reinforcing the benefits of a deliberate, continuous, sequential and progressive professional development strategy," wrote Army Secretary John M. McHugh in Army Directive 2015-31, released Aug. 13.

Beginning with January 2016 promotion, pinning on sergeant stripes will require Soldiers to complete the Basic Leader Course, formally known as the "Warrior Leader Course." For Soldiers who want to pin on staff sergeant rank, they must first complete the Advanced Leader Course.

"Soldiers on the recommended list who are not graduates of the respective course will not be considered fully qualified for promotion pin-on regardless of their accumulated promotion points," the directive reads. "These Soldiers will remain on the recommended list in a promotable status, but they will not be selected for promotion pin-on until they become fully qualified by completing the required course and a promotion requirement exists."

Soldiers expecting to pin on sergeant first class as a result of a fiscal year 2016 selection board must first complete the Senior Leader Course before pinning on.

According to Gerald J. Purcell, personnel policy integrator within the Army G-1, a Soldier who is otherwise qualified to be promoted from corporal or specialist to sergeant, will be on the promotion list. But when that Soldier's name is next to fill an Army promotion requirement, if that Soldier is found to have not completed PME then the Soldier will be passed up for that promotion.

"There will be a filter in place that takes their name off the list of fully qualified names," Purcell said. "They will get skipped. Even if they have more promotion points, they will not be considered fully qualified to pin the grade of sergeant on."

The Soldier who is skipped for promotion due to a



Soldiers will no longer be promoted without first having successfully completed related professional military education courses, according to recently signed Army Directive. Soldiers will need to complete their schooling before they are allowed their new stripes. (Courtesy photo)

lack of PME still stays on the promotion list. But once that Soldier gets the PME, he or she doesn't automatically get stripes. Instead, the Soldier will have to wait for a future requirement.

Since the 1980s, Purcell said, the Army has allowed "conditional promotions," where Soldiers could get their stripes without having had the corresponding professional military education.

"We had NCOs walking around who weren't school-trained, with a follow-on requirement they complete the training or they were going to be reduced," he said. "Today, the leadership believes there is a capability to provide Soldiers an opportunity to go to training, complete the training, and consequently, have all of fundamental training in place before they are asked to perform at the next higher grade."

With the new PME requirement, a Soldier's stripes will not just be an indicator of rank or pay -- it will be an indicator that the Soldier has been trained as a leader, Purcell said.

"When you see a Soldier wearing a sergeant rank, you know that Soldier is going to have been trained formally through an education system to prepare him or her and give them tools to succeed at that grade," Purcell said.

The new policy also affects National Guard Soldiers where enlisted Soldiers on a promotion list whom have completed their structured self-development requirements will be selected and assigned to higher grade vacancies. Soldiers selected for higher grade vacancies without the NCOES requirement will have 24 months to complete the level of NCOES required for promotion pin-on or will be removed from the position.

Additionally, the directive makes changes to the retention control point for active-duty and Army Reserve Soldiers. According to the regulation, effective October 1, Soldiers selected for promotion to sergeant first class and master sergeant will not get an extended retention control point until they actually pin on their higher rank.

Application deadline looms for new cyber MOS

The Army cyber branch is looking for Soldiers who want to earn military occupational specialty designator 17C.

By **Laura Levering**
Army News Service

FORT GORDON, Ga. -- The Army is looking for Soldiers who want to sign on as part of the cyber branch. An Army Military Personnel, or MILPER, message published in June

"It's on the individual," said Master Sgt. Mike Perry, Cyber Protection Brigade career counselor on Fort Gordon. "I always believed that if you want to get something, you'll motivate yourself to get it."

Highly motivated individuals are precisely what the cyber branch is seeking, he said.

The primary duty of a cyber operations specialist is to "provide offensive and defensive cyberspace operations in support of the full range of military operations by enabling actions and generating

months and is conducted in two phases. The first phase happens at the Cyber Center of Excellence on Fort Gordon. The second phase happens in Pensacola, Fla., where Soldiers will attend the Joint Cyber Analysis Course.

Newly minted 17C MOS Soldiers will be assigned to one of its seven functional areas. Though individuals are designated one functional area, there will be ample opportunity to cross-train in the other associated skill areas.

There is also unmatched potential for additional training, schools and professional growth development. The 17C course alone is enough reason for some Soldiers to consider changing fields. Perry said the certification Soldiers will get by having attended the course is significant.

Acceptance into the course will be determined by the strength of the Soldier's application packet. It's a packet that requires careful planning, Sgt. Sandra Richter said.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance or denial in October. Perry said the best advice he can give to Soldiers who miss this round's deadline would be to have their packet prepared well in advance of the next round, which is yet to be determined.

The first training date is projected for the second quarter of 2016. Soldiers should talk with their career counselors and visit the cyber school's website for more information and tips on how to complete the packet.



Members of a 7th Signal Command Cyber Protection Team work in a virtual-training environment on Fort Gordon, Ga., June 5. (Photo by Bill Bengston)

notified Soldiers of the opportunity to reclassify into the 17C military occupational specialty, called cyber operations specialist. Soldiers have until Aug. 31 to submit their packet for the first school date. Those who miss it will have to wait until the next course announcement.

effects across all domains."

Despite it being a field that might seem most suitable for those with an intelligence or technical background, the 17C MOS is open to all Soldiers in ranks E-1 through E-8, per MILPER message 15-164.

Training for the new MOS lasts 12



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U.S. Army Garrison change of command

VICENZA – The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza invites community members to bid farewell to the outgoing commander and welcome the incoming commander at the change of command ceremony.

The ceremony takes place Friday, 9:30 a.m.

on Hoekstra Field. A reception will follow at 10 a.m.

The community bids farewell to Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. and welcomes new Garrison Commander Col. Steven M. Marks.



United States Army Europe's Command Sgt. Maj. Sheryl D. Lyon, talks to Soldiers of the Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC) after a friendly game of soccer for morning physical training, 5 Aug, at Hohenfels High School athletic field. (U.S. Army photo)

USAREUR CSM talks women's equality

By **Sgt. Alicia M. Brocuglio**
130th Public Affairs Detachment

HOHENFELS, Germany -- Command Sgt. Maj. Sheryl D. Lyon, U.S. Army Europe, visited Joint Multinational Readiness Center at Hohenfels, Germany, on Aug. 5 in celebration of Women's Equality Day, which is recognized in the United States on Aug. 26.

Lyon was invited to attend the Women's Equality Day events, not only because of her title and position, but because of an historical precedent: she is the first female command sergeant major of U.S. Army Europe.

For her first event with Soldiers at Hohenfels, she participated in an early morning soccer game with dozens of JMRC Soldiers, including Col. Thomas Mackey and Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas A. Rolling, commander and command sergeant major of JMRC, respectively. She addressed the group and emphasized her appreciation for JMRC and the work being done here.

Following the soccer game, female Soldiers were invited to join Lyon in a professional discussion. In recognition of Women's Equality Day, Lyon and attendees held a question-and-answer session relating to women's roles in today's Army, including women in combat arms units.

The informal discussion allowed female soldiers to be more candid and ask their questions to the most senior non-commissioned officer in U.S. Army Europe. She was able to relate to the room full of women who are in predominantly male units.

"I am used to being the only woman on all-male teams. I could do that because I trained with them on a day-in-day-out basis, we gained that level of trust. I knew what their capabilities were, they knew what mine were, we [female soldiers] can be physically fit all day long but we have to be mentally tough," said Lyon in reference to women's role in the Army.

Lyon went on to talk about how women can react and contin-

ue to be successful while mindsets change with new roles for women in combat arms.

Lyon reiterated the importance of female leaders continuing forward with their military careers, "If you take nothing else out of this, it is opportunities and grabbing them."

For Lyon, now serving as the first female command sergeant major of U.S. Army Europe, the hardest barrier she has faced as a female NCO was people telling her she could not do something simply because she is a woman.

"I am not in this position because I am woman, I am here because I am good at what I do," she said.

Lyon also spoke to Soldiers and gave a presentation on the history of female service in the military and how it has evolved.

"We are being given opportunities we were not given twenty years ago. That is the bottom line, it is a question of whether we want to capitalize on those opportunities or not," Lyon said.



Military and civilian authorities conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 21 near the entrance to Caserma Del Din to mark the completion of the upgrade to the access road to the installation. (Photo by Laura Kreider/USAG Vicenza PAO)

Ceremony marks completion of access road

By **Anna Ciccotti**
USAG Vicenza

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

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

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

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

"The new road enhances accessibility and general safety around Del Din 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," Menist said.

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

"This road had several traffic concerns, particularly for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles sharing the same lane-way. The upgrade is incredibly valuable," said Balbi. She added that the value of the work is for road users who live and work at Del Din and for residents, as well as for the entire community as the bike path connects to the city network and encourages sustainable transportation.

Praising the great teamwork that led to a safer road and a more accessible installation, Cicerone said that Vicenza sets the example in Italy of the successful synergies resulting from collaborative efforts

and transparent dialogue between civilian and military agencies.

Local residents congratulated the military for the new road and appreciated the investment that will bring long-term benefits for Soldiers and Italian neighbors alike. They were also pleased to hear from the city official that the new road will accommodate the public bus transportation system as early as September.

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



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

Amazing Quest wrapup:

Vicenza BOSS deems local initiative a success

By **Karin J. Martinez**
USAG Vicenza PAO

VICENZA - Upon receiving a tasking from the Army Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program to create a local program as part of a "life skills" initiative, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza BOSS pulled off a maze of logistics that would make a wedding planner proud.

Their event, The Amazing Quest -- designed with the "Amazing Race" concept in mind -- was a series of classes and activities that targeted specific life skills and took place Aug. 4-10.

"We focused on life skills that are important to Soldiers stationed in Italy," said Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel B. Dennison, USAG Vicenza. Those skills included public speaking, personal courage, finances and outdoor skills, just to name a few.

Nine teams of two, made up of Soldiers from Caserma Ederle and Camp Darby, participated in the pilot program that included participating in classes and making their way from

Rome to Pisa to Florence and beyond. Overall, said Sgt. Amanda Donohue, BOSS president, it went well.

"It was awesome," Donohue said. "It was a huge undertaking with a lot of moving parts, but it all worked out really well. Soldiers had fun and learned a lot along the way."

The teams covered 2,400 kilometers in three days, she added.

Donohue and Paul Rosarius, BOSS adviser, said the Quest was one of the best experiences they've had in their roles with the BOSS program.

"It was eye-opening," said Rosarius, who has worked for Morale, Welfare and Recreation for 20 years. "I learned so much from the Soldiers (who participated)."

Soldiers also learned a lot from the experience, and one in particular said, although she was trepidatious at first, she finished with a feeling of tremendous personal success.

"It was a wonderful experience," said Pvt. 2 Candace L. Walker, who was on Team VI with Pfc. Brian M. O'Leary. "I went in having to face

some challenges and I think I grew in the area of personal courage."

Walker, a dental specialist with Dental Activity Command here, said she has a fear of heights and a fear of water-- both obstacles to contend with on the Quest.

"I completed the challenges, though," she said of having to canoe and go rock-climbing on parts of the journey. "My mindset was that I wanted to try, and even though the option not to do it was always there, I wanted to overcome my fears. I'm really proud of what I accomplished."

As far as the many logistical items that needed to be accomplished to pull off such an event, Donohue said she couldn't have had better support from every organization involved.

"So many agencies helped throughout," she said. "Army Community Service, the Warrior Zone, the 6th Alpini Regiment, Camp Darby BOSS, Outdoor Recreation, and so many more. There was incredible support, and we appreciate it."

Amazing Quest teams

Following are the participants of the Amazing Quest, listed in their respective teams, in alphabetical order:

Team I

Pfc. David Killian, 529th MP Co.
Pfc. Dillion C. Wright, 529th MP Co.

Team II

Pfc. Markell Gibson, HHC, U.S. Army Garrison
Sgt. Angela Noble, HHC Garrison

Team III

Sgt. Joshua J. Rohr, VMID
Spc. Matthew T. Wheeler, VMID

Team IV

Pvt. 2 Wyatt C. Finifrock, HHC 1/503
Pfc. Stephen W. Wildey, HHC 1/503

Team V (2nd Place)

Cpl. Dylan A. Widener, HHC 2/503
Spc. Michael B. Hommel, HHC 2/503

Team VI

PFC Brian M. O'Leary, VDCC
Pvt. 2 Candace L. Walker, VDCC

Team VII (1st Place)

Spc. Nathan M. Deline, 511th MP Plt.(Camp Darby)
Spc. Joseph F. Dallas, 511th MP Plt.

Team VIII

Sgt. Ryan L. Facklam, HHC BDE
Sgt. David L. Kisling, HHC BDE

Team IX

Spc. Justin L. Andrew, HHC 54th BEB
Spc. Leticia M. Valle, HHC 54th BEB

Darby Protestant community gathers for beach service

By **Chiara Mattiolo**
DMC Public Affairs

TIRRENIA -- The first beach service of the year, officiated by Chaplain (Maj.) Samuel Cabrera for the Camp Darby Protestant community, took place Aug. 23 at Corallo Beach in Tirrenia.

"This service is (always) open to anyone who wants to participate," said Cabrera. "Visitors are welcome and they are just part of the (church) family."

During the service, participants spent some time wishing each other a good day, then the community celebrated a birthday before praying together. The community sang together following the incredible voices of Capt.

Mary Awoniyi, Staff Judge Advocate office, and Anna Cabrera.

Cabrera said a special prayer to all students who will be starting a new school year soon.

All participating families had the opportunity to enjoy a day at the beach after the service with the intent of reinforcing friendship.

It seemed a good time was had by all. "I really enjoyed watching kids playing in the waves and experience a different atmosphere out of post," said Awoniyi.

The chapel plans to hold more outdoor services; the next service may take place at the Camp Darby pool.



Music Cafe

Many Vicenza Military Community members and more than 50 Italians joined at the Soldiers' Theatre on Caserma Ederle to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Music Café Aug. 22. At the event, a diverse group of musicians and singers performed a variety of musical genres starting in the afternoon until 11 p.m. The next monthly session will take place Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Vicenza PAO)

Speak Out

What is your advice to students at the start of a new school year?



Leonard Baird-Boyd

405th Army Field Spt. Bn.-Italy

"Concentrate on homework prior to beginning school. Remember intelligence begins with questions."



Monica Mechur

Second Glance Store

"Start studying at the beginning."



Patricia Graham

Contractor

"Rest well and have a good night's sleep."

Family members whip up resiliency recipes

VICENZA -- Army Community Service staff and volunteers conducted a class Aug. 5 for a family readiness group that helped with community resiliency.

The "Recipe for Resiliency" class is based on the premise of creating a great product with the ingredients one is given and with the teammates one has. It is a bit Master Chef-meets-Army Family Team Building.

"The effort was basically a grassroots way to provide support and resiliency skills to our community members," according to Julia Sibilla, ACS director. "It's the perfect example of meeting the changing needs of our community and helping to build strong Army families, one person and one family at a time."

This August class was conducted with nine spouses, and attendees made up three teams. It commenced with a short presentation on fun things to do in the local area, such as camminate (weekend walks in the area that are similar to Volksmarches in Germany), leather shopping and upcoming resiliency classes and events.

After a short overview of the event and its rules, Sibilla introduced



Family members participate in the Recipe for Resiliency class provided by Army Community Service. The August class had nine spouses, with attendees making up teams of three. The class motto: "Doing the best with what is in your kitchen and working well with those around you to create great things."

Frannie Packard, a professional chef and Family Action Plan specialist. Packard talked about the importance of working together, collaborating, and planning so that creative and delicious "dishes" could be developed.

This best explained the motto for the class: "Doing the best with what is in your kitchen and working well with those around you to create great things."

Each group received four core ingredients and one hour to create an appetizer and dessert for the group, Sibilla said. A table with more than 50 ingredients was set up on the other end of the room, and each group sent a representative one at a time to see what was there and take one item at

a time to create their dishes. After 1 1/2 hours, the dishes were ready for judging. Three judges tasted them and then selected the dishes that were the most creative, tasty and beautiful.

The original concept of the class was created in 2014, Sibilla said. "A senior spouse contacted me to ask how she could generate teamwork among spouses and help them develop their leadership skills

so they could mentor and help junior spouses. We conducted three "Recipe for Leadership" classes at that time to help develop and mentor her team."

"Recipe for Resiliency" was developed as an offshoot of that program when FRG leader Kristan Wilson contacted ACS to help spouses in her group be more resilient during their Soldier's deployment to Eastern Europe. Sibilla said Wilson was looking for creative ways to get them involved in positive activities during a potentially stressful time.

"Everyone had a great time at this most recent class," Sibilla added.

(Information provided by ACS)



Need to get the word out?

Contact the Public Affairs Office: DSN 637-8020/8040/8031, to be included in The Outlook or for your other publicity needs.

Free preschool program gives children a 'sure start'

Enlisted families with preschool-age children are provided with a good option for education

By **Karin J. Martinez**
USAG Vicenza PAO

VICENZA -- Families who have children ready to begin school will not want to miss out on Vicenza Elementary School's preschool program: It just may be the best deal in town!

The Sure Start program offers a free, full-day preschool designed for four-year-old children of Soldiers who rank E-6 and below, with priority being given to sponsors who are E-4 and below.

According to Nancy De Caro, teacher for Sure Start, the federally funded program offers two classes, with spots for 18 students in each.

"Sure Start is a great way for four-year-olds to begin their formal education," De Caro said. "The program focuses on the academic, social, emotional and physical needs of preschoolers. Children learn how to be part of a group setting, learn how to share, take turns and express their needs and wants with their peers. They will also learn social skills, problem solving, pre-reading and early math skills."

A typical day for children in the program begins at 9 a.m. and includes both structured and non-structured time. Children have educational group time, work in centers and participate in outdoor education. There is family-style dining, rest time, story time and journal time, she added.

The program is student-centered and focuses on the whole child.

"Children have opportunities to learn in whole groups, small groups and one-on-one with the teachers," she said. "Activities are carefully chosen by teachers with teaching degrees and many years



Above: During outdoor education children strengthen large muscle groups, reinforce social skills and burn off energy so they are focused and ready to learn. Below: Inside the classroom children learn social skills through dramatic play. (Courtesy photos)



of experience."

Sure Start also fosters parent education. According to educational research, preschool programs with a strong parent component provides growth in children that goes on for many years. De Caro said parents with children enrolled in the program have opportunity to attend parent workshops, volunteer in their child's classroom, and have individualized information about their child's growth and learn-

ing through home visits.

Families interested in the preschool program must fill out an application at the elementary school located on Villaggio. Children must be four years old by Sept. 1.

It's back-to-school time!

Students riding buses must know rules

Per the Vicenza Student Transportation Bus Service, behavior standards for bus riders are as follows:

1. Comply with all school rules and with these standards.
2. Board and exit the bus in an orderly, safe manner.
3. Present bus pass when boarding the bus, and upon demand.
4. Remain seated while on the bus.
5. Talk with other passengers in a normal voice.
6. Keep all parts of the body inside the bus windows.
7. Keep aisles, steps and empty seats free from obstruction.
8. Remain fully and properly clothed.
9. Treat the driver and fellow students with respect.
10. Promptly comply with the bus driver's or attendant's instructions.
11. Treat the bus and other private property with care.

*Special note:

School bus transportation is a privilege that may be suspended or revoked. DoDEA will strictly enforce school bus rules. Students failing to comply with school bus rules may find their bus riding privileges suspended or revoked up to the rest of the school year. When this happens, sponsors assume all responsibility for transporting their student(s) to and from school.

AFN TV adds 12 new shows to fall line-up

By **George A. Smith**
Defense Media Activity

Fall is an exciting time for Stateside TV fans eagerly waiting for fresh episodes of their favorite shows and new program debuts. The American Forces Network (AFN) is bringing a similar viewing experience to the overseas military audience with 12 new primetime shows and more than 60 highly rated returning shows.

"We are excited to offer viewers many new programs, such as *Minority Report*, *Scream Queens* and *Supergirl* as well as returning favorites like *Scandal*, *The Blacklist* and the *NCIS* franchises across the AFN platforms," said AFN Broadcast Center's Chief of Entertainment Programming Karreem Lowe. "We believe our audience will thoroughly enjoy our fantastic line-ups

on AFN/prime, AFN/spectrum, AFN/family and AFN/pulse."

Throughout the week, AFN is scheduling many similar shows on the same channel and same night to lessen the chances of a viewer choosing one favorite program over another. Saturdays on AFN|prime it's *Supernatural*, *Grim* and *Sleepy Hollow*. Sundays on AFN|spectrum it's *Superhero Sundays* with *Flash*, *Arrow* and *Gotham*. Mondays on AFN|pulse it's *Muppets*, *Fresh off the Boat*, *Last Man Standing* and *Dr. Ken*.

"The AFN lineup showcases the freshest, most popular programming from U.S. cable and broadcast networks as well as informative programs that connect with our diverse audiences," Lowe said. "Our goal remains to serve our valued overseas viewers by achieving quick turn-around scheduling and air shows within days of the U.S. airing of shows."

In addition to the exciting new primetime shows, AFN is debuting two

additional high profile shows: the *Late Show* with Stephen Colbert and *The Daily Show* with Trevor Noah.

AFN's TV entertainment programmers have scheduled a live social media chat to talk about the new fall TV season. Find out how shows are selected and share your thoughts on AFN's Television programming. The chat will be on Twitter @afnlistens Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. Central European Time and 7 a.m. Japan/Korea Time Sept. 16 using #afnchat. Facebook users can join in the chat on Facebook.com/myAFN.

For a complete listing of the start dates for all of the new and returning shows on AFN TV, go to <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/SeriesCycle.aspx>.



Community members gather for new parent, student orientation

New students and parents gather at the Vicenza Elementary School New Parent/Student Orientation held Aug. 21 at Vicenza Elementary School on Villaggio. They met with teachers and other students after an introduction and welcome from VES Principal Allison Peltz in the multipurpose room.

Each group of students and parents, guided by a teacher and a student, had a tour of the classrooms, library and playground. Youth from the Vicenza Military Community will return to school Aug. 31.

All Vicenza schools have plans for back-to-school events, to include orientations and barbecues.

(Photos by Laura Kreider, USAG Vicenza PAO)



Local community extends invitation to fair, grill contest



GRISIGNANO DI ZOCCO -- Italy is bursting with events and festivals to fit the taste of just about anyone. In that tradition, the taste of barbecue comes with the annual Fiera del Soco, or "tree trunk fair," in Grisignano di Zocco.

From **Sept. 11 to Sept. 17**, the community that lies about 12 miles southeast of Vicenza plays host to this annual "tree trunk fair." *Soco* means "tree trunk." The name derives from a 1250 apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary by a tree trunk.

The fair includes a large market with hundreds of booths, exhibitions, and carnival rides. Local products will be on exhibit and for sale; there will also be art exhibitions and workshops, as well as many food booths.

The schedule is as follows:

**Please note: All food booths open at 7 p.m. unless otherwise specified.*

Sept. 11: 6 p.m. Fair grand opening. At 8:30 p.m., Kizomba, a popular Angolan dance demonstration takes place followed by Latin American music and dancing at 9 p.m. in the SO...COuntry Area. A DJ marathon is also on the schedule and live music with Ubermensch (Ramstein Tribute Band).

Sept. 12: 9 a.m., 8th Belly & Budelli Track Rally on Via Rossini. From 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., there are pony and horse shows, and 3-8 p.m. brings tourist helicopter flights. An eight-minute ride costs €40/person. The market opens at 3 p.m., and at 4:30 p.m. there will be a historical reenactment, with live music and flag-thrower shows. Beginning at 6 p.m. in the SO...COuntry Area is an art and trade exhibit; 7:30 p.m. dance and fitness shows. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m. with the Diapason Band.

Sept. 13: The market opens at 8 a.m. Dog training demonstrations take place 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. From 10 a.m.-8 p.m. are more tourist helicopter flights. Food booths open at noon; and from 5 to 6:30 p.m., there will be free pony rides for children and horse-drawn carriage rides.

The big event that day will take place from 3 to 6 p.m.: the BBQ Soco Contest "Friends by the Grill," an American-Italian barbecue contest. Ten American and 10 Italian teams will compete in two categories: Steak and Chef's Choice, where grillers have to come up with a recipe of their own.

Anyone interested in participating may participate alone or in a team of no more than three people. Barbecue grills, charcoal and grilling tools will be provided, but competing teams must supply their own ingredients. Dishes will be judged on taste, smell, moisture, cooking grade, etc. Additional points will be given for best presentation and best team attire. First-second- and third-place winners will be awarded with new barbecue grills. See application, next page.

Later in the evening, around 7 p.m., will be The Millennium Dance Show – Caribbean and Latin American dance show; at 9 p.m. there will be live pop/rock music.

Sept. 14: The market opens at 8 a.m., along with a vintage agricultural vehicles exhibit and antique trades demonstrations. At 9 a.m. is an antique market on Via Mazzini. From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., tourist helicopter flights; 2-7 p.m. dog training demonstrations; 7 p.m. Zumba fitness festival. Live music and dancing begin at 9 p.m. with the Horseman Saloon Group.

Sept. 15-17: Beginning at 4 p.m., the market is available as well as the cars and agricultural vehicles exhibit. Carnival rides with 50 percent discount for children; in the SO...COuntry area, didactic farm workshops; 8:30-10 p.m. is live music and dancing; and fireworks at midnight on Sept. 17.

The fair will take place on Via Ungaretti, Via Serenissima, Via Garibaldi and Via Cedri. For more information, go to <http://www.fieradelsoco.it/programma>.



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Domenica 13/09/2015 – Grisignano di Zocco (VI) / Sunday 13 September 2015

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Questo indirizzo sarà utilizzato per comunicare la conferma di partecipazione solo ai team selezionati per il Contest entro il 10 Settembre 2015.

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Discover Tuscany:

Santuario di Montenero

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

MONTENERO -- Not far from Camp Darby is a famous shrine that Soldiers, civilians and families may want to visit.

Montenero is one of the best known touristic areas in Tuscany, its fame due principally to the sanctuary that originated with a small oratory in the Middle Ages and has been transformed over centuries to become a large basilica consecrated in 1818.

The 17th-century altar houses the tabernacle and sacred image of the Madonna of Montenero, a 14th-century painting from the Pisan school.

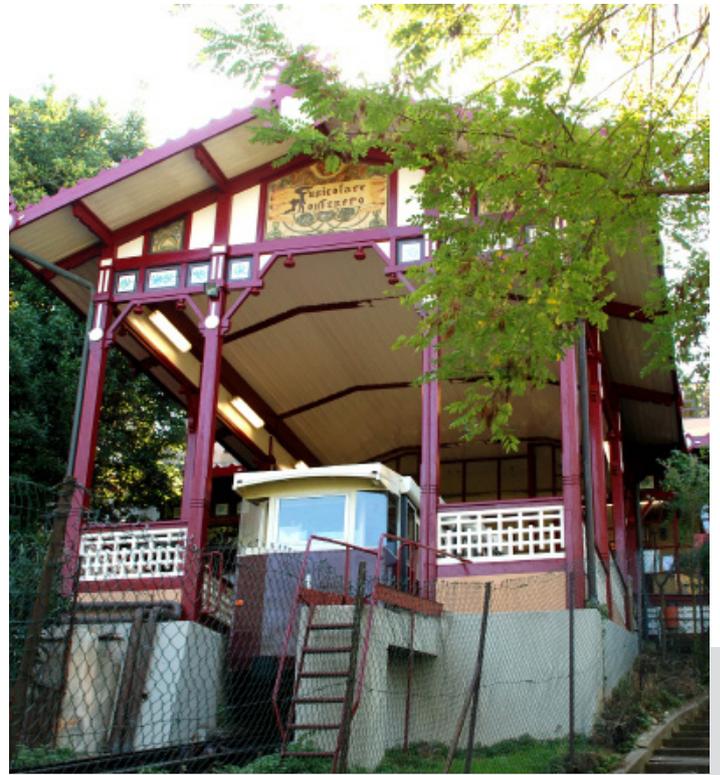
Visitors may find the galleria degli ex-voto in the church interesting. It is a huge collection of paintings, model ships, and a variety of objects given by the faithful in thanks for being saved by the Madonna di Montenero from various disasters, from domestic accidents to storms at sea and shipwrecks.

Camp Darby Military Community has another connection to Montenero besides the close proximity: DMC played a relevant role in the recently renovated oratory.

When Santa Maria of Montenero Parson, Don Luca Bernardo Giustarini asked for assistance with construction of a new area for children in May 2014, the deputy manager of DMC did not hesitate to agree to help.

"The church in Montenero supports over 240 families in need, and it is getting more and more difficult to be able to grant assistance," said Don Luca. "We are in need of any help we can get to give the youngsters of our community a safe place to play and pray."

Some fitness equipment donations, including

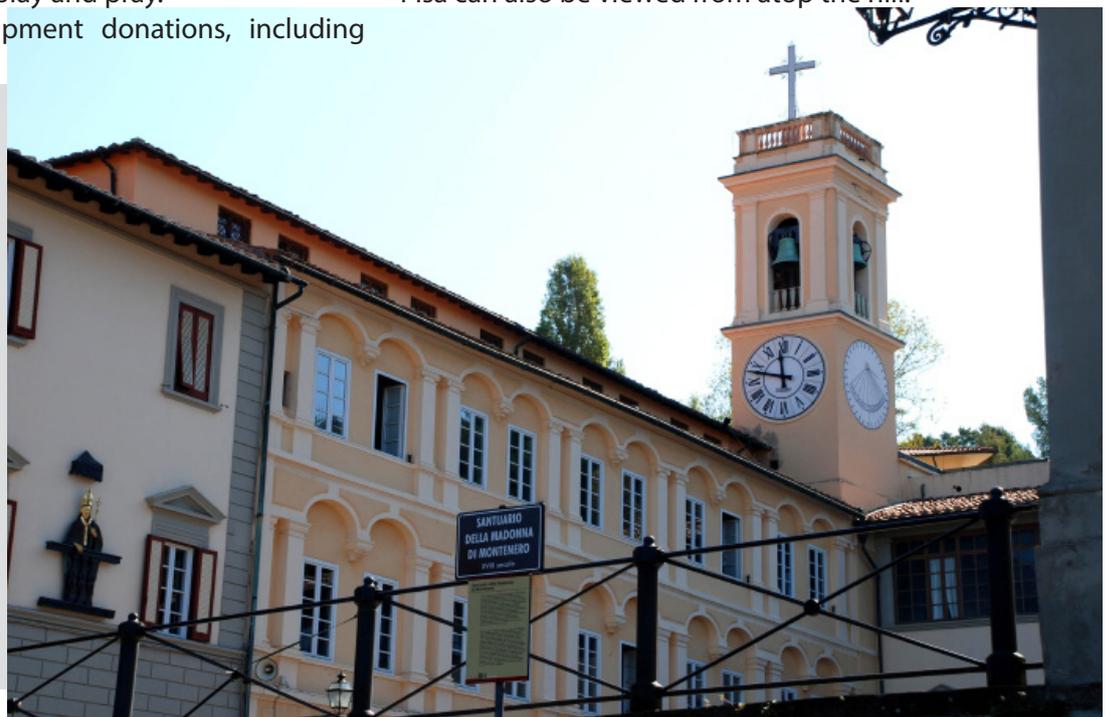


The Funicular of Montenero connects the city of Livorno with the sanctuary. It runs every 10 minutes and a parking area close by makes it the easiest way to reach the top of the hill.

a volleyball net and volleyball, basketball, football, and assorted roller skates, were rapidly put together and delivered to the church.

The oratory is now open to the public and children can play in a safe environment.

Located on a hill at 300 meters above the sea level, Montenero offers a spectacular view overlooking the sea. From the hill it is possible to observe Meloria Island, Elba Island, Corsica and Sardinia, as well as the minor island of Gorgona. The coast from the port in Livorno all the way to Pisa can also be viewed from atop the hill.



About five miles south of Livorno is the Sanctuary of Montenero. The sanctuary is open daily from 7 a.m. to noon and from 2:30 to 7 p.m.

Indulge in the arts

Show off your artistic flair at a class of your choosing at the Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center

Bottom photo: USAG Vicenza MWR Arts and Crafts Center Supervisory Arts Specialist Michelle Sterkowicz (left) teaches the Adult Wheel Throwing class at the Arts and Crafts Center Aug. 20. Participants from left to right are Shannon Torres and her daughter Daysha, Arlene Ledoux, Stephanie Henigin and Maria Abondano.

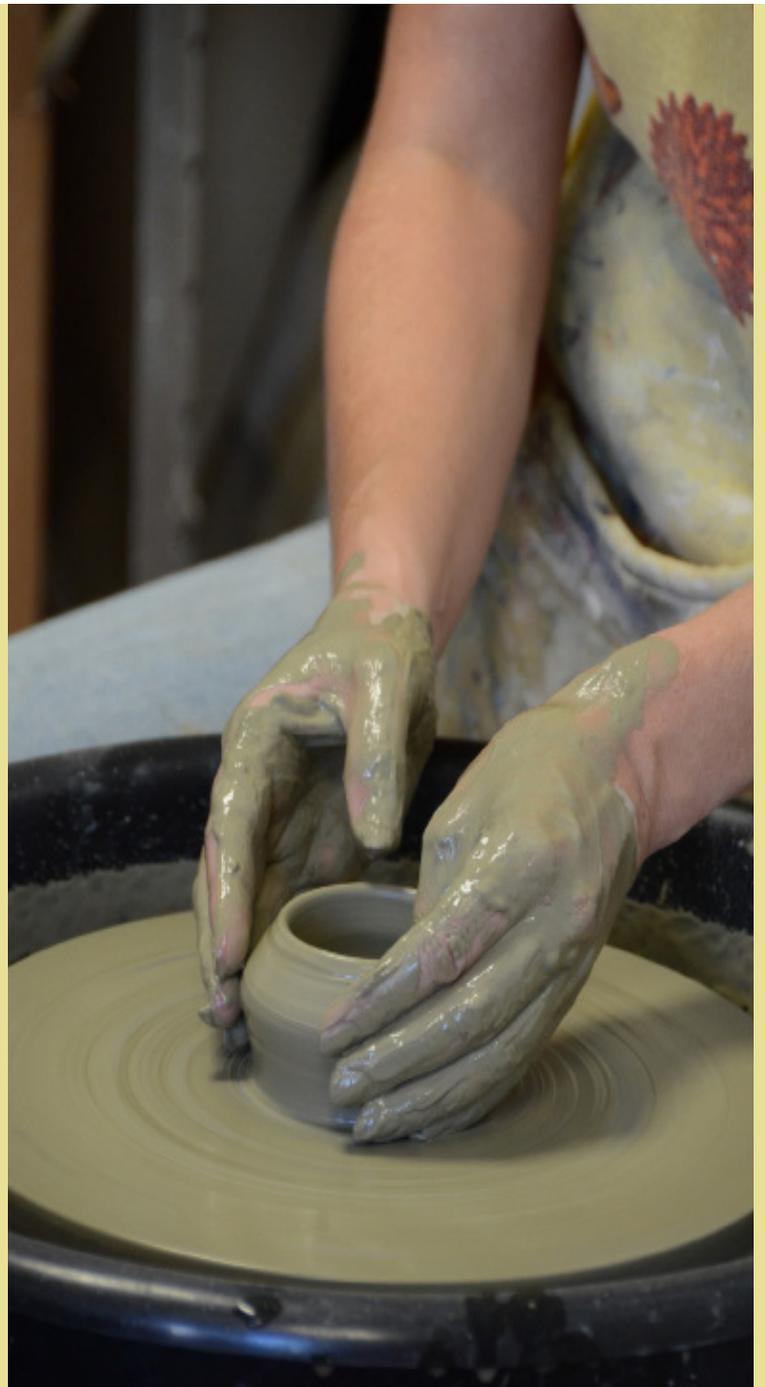
The class covered several steps including how to prepare the clay, the technique of centering on the wheel and shaping up to three pieces. The final stage of trimming and glazing will be covered during a drop-in time at a later date once the pieces are ready.

In addition to clay (hand building and wheel work), other classes are offered at the Arts and Crafts Center in the following areas: wood shop safety, intro to framing, drawing, painting, photography, Italian cooking and sewing.

"We provide custom framing and engraving for plaques, awards, gifts, family photos, and more. In addition, we have a variety of classes for children as young as nine months all the way to adults of all ages." Sterkowicz added that, for those who work and are busy during the day, the center may assist at lunchtime, evening or on Saturday with classes that would work with the customers' schedule.

"We are also always looking for volunteers to help out. We are a busy place, and an extra hand is always put to good use," she said.

For more information about upcoming classes and open studio option, call the center at 634-7074, check the website, Facebook, or visit Building 306, located near the post theater. The center is open Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Photos by Laura Kreider, USAG Vicenza PAO



On left, Joshua Haskins, 731st Munitions Squadron, runs while Mark Ashman, 731st Munitions Squadron, catches the ball during the BOSS kickball tournament held at Camp Darby Aug. 21. Austin Prichett, also from 731st, assists.

Camp Darby BOSS sponsors kickball tourney

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

Eight teams took part in the Darby Military Community Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsored a kickball tournament Aug. 21 at Camp Darby softball field.

“DMC BOSS had a great opportunity to host a joint service competition to instill pride and a sense of community during a time of transition for post,” said Spc. Christopher Gribble, DMC BOSS president.

The teams represented the units/shops of DMC. They were: 839th Trans Bn., PM (Precision Maintenance), the Storage, Team Grandpa, Prestige Worldwide, SrA Powerwall, Dip Spit and the Darby Misfits.

“This event allowed community members to

network and create a positive atmosphere to increase morale and welfare across all organizations within the community while encouraging an active physical lifestyle,” said Gribble.

He added that the BOSS program plan to host quarterly sports events like this tournament. Look for more BOSS kickball this fall.

“With all of the changes coming to the DMC, the BOSS program wants members to know we will still be here to host events and programs to (maintain) good quality of life here on base,” said Sarah Galon, sports and fitness director here. “By promoting physical activity we hope to boost morale and promote esprit de corps for every service and community member.”

The SrA Powerwall team were the winners of this year’s summer tournament. The next BOSS event will take place in October with a fall dodgeball tournament.



Del Din Water Splash Party

Cool off at Vicenza’s Warrior Zone on Caserma Del Din, Building 41, Sept. 5. Grab your swimwear and flip flops for beach-theme games, party music, and fun. The fun begins at noon and will go into the night. Water games like slip & slide kickball, water balloons and more! Call 637-2715/2712 for more information.

'Best Commissary' winners include USAG Vicenza store

FORT LEE, Va. -- The Defense Commissary Agency announced the selection of its best stateside and overseas stores for 2014.

DeCA's selections for the Best Commissary awards acknowledge the agency's leading stores based on exceptional service and dedication in delivering the commissary benefit. The awards recognize the best of the best in commissary operations, said DeCA Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu.

"Our commissaries world-wide deliver the commissary benefit every day, and these awards highlight the best examples of supporting our service members and their families," Jeu said.

"It's important to note that a Best Commissary award speaks to superior teamwork – a collaboration of excellence involving our employees, industry members (vendors, suppliers, and brokers) and military stakeholders."

To win, a store has to exceed DeCA's normal criteria for customer service, accountability, safety, operations and sales.

Awards are named in honor of American statesmen who

championed quality-of-life issues for the military community.

Winning commissaries by category are:

Bill Nichols Award for Best Large Commissary in the United States

First Place: Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
Second Place: Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Richard M. Paget Award for Best Small Commissary in U. S.

First Place: Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif.
Second Place: Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Dan Daniel Award for Best Large Commissary Overseas

First Place: Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
Second Place: U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, Italy

L. Mendel Rivers Award for Best Small Commissary Overseas

First Place: Izmir Air Station, Turkey
Second Place: USAG Camp Humphreys, South Korea

Director's Award for the Best Superstore

First Place: McGuire Commissary at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
Second Place: Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.



Get ready:

September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month begins Tuesday. This year's theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today." Each week will focus on a different type of emergency and how you and your family can prepare.

Week 1
Sept. 1-5
Floods

Week 2
Sept. 6-12
Wildfires

Week 3
Sept. 13-19
Tornadoes

Weeks 4 & 5
Sept. 20-30
Earthquakes

For more details, look for information on the Vicenza Military Community Facebook page, or contact the Emergency Management Office, 637-8015/8022.

www.ready.gov/september

For your safety, ONLY use legitimate taxis



Legit taxis have:

1. A luminous sign marked TAXI
2. A meter on the dashboard

To order a taxi, send an SMS text to **338-844-2000** with your place of departure and your destination.

Ex: VI Caserma Ederle Gate 2 Destination Centro
or visit www.taxivicenza.com and click on the English icon for info or to place a reservation for a taxi.



Family and MWR



Pet Awareness Day

Pets are lifetime commitments! Meet the pet professionals to help you make the right decision on the pet you want to adopt or buy and info that is specific to owning a pet in Italy. From chipping to shipping, you'll find lots of information on Sept 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Ederle Library Parking Area.

Oktoberfest Express

More than 6 million people from around the world will attend. How about you? Experience this centuries old celebration of beer late into the night with Outdoor Rec as we head off for Munich on Sept 26. Register at ODR or on WebTrac.

"Perpetual Laughter"

Expect maximum laughter and pure entertainment at Soldiers' Theatre with "Perpetual Laughter", a series of short, hysterically funny adult comedies. Show runs Sept 26-Oct 4. Call Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281 for tickets.

SKIESUnlimited Fall & Winter Programs

Pick up a fall and winter catalog and start choosing your classes today. Enrollment opens Sept 1 and closes once classes are filled or the start of the session. For more information, contact 634-5563.

Darby BOSS Monthly Meeting

Join the Darby Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers (BOSS) program for our bimonthly meeting on Sept 2. Meetings take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month in the Library Conference Room.

This is a great forum to learn about; recreation and leisure activities, community service projects and volunteer opportunities. BOSS meetings will keep you informed to return to your unit and spread the word. Don't miss out!

Music Café

Music Café nights are casual improve jam nights for music lovers by music lovers. Great music and amazing community talent await at the next Music Café on Sept 18, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Theatre.

Labor Day Bowling

Celebrate Labor Day bowling at the Arena Soldier and Family Entertainment Center and hear the bowling thunder with \$1 games and \$1 shoe rental! For more info, call 634-7013.

BOSS Casino Night

Take a chance towards some amazing prizes on September 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Warrior Zone. First prize is a Macbook Air. Other prizes include; BOSE headphones, BOSE docking stations, Kindle Fires, Apple TV's. Open to US ID cardholders age 18 and above and their guests. Visit www.italy.armymwr.com for more information.

Darby Tuscan Tots

Meet other parents while children learn through play! Darby Tuscan Tots meets every Thursday, 10-11:30 a.m. at Army Community Service.

Darby Run to Remember

Take part in the Run to Remember to reflect and remember the attacks of September 11 with the 5K run or 2 mile walk on Sept 11 at 7 a.m. beginning at the Darby Fitness Center.

Hail and Farewell for Youth and Teens

On September 1, 3-4 p.m. we welcome the new youth to the community and salute the ones leaving. Enjoy free pizza for all middle school and high school students Villaggio Youth Center (Bldg 702) for grades 6 through & the Teen Center (Bldg 373): grades 9 through 12. Call 634-7659 for additional information.

Racquetball Open Registration

If racquetball is your favorite sport, it's time to register! Whether you want to coach or just play for fun, sign up to be a part of the fun!

Open registration: Sept 1-Oct 3

Participants meeting: Oct 8 at 6 p.m. Ederle Fitness Conference Room

Whether you're online or on your mobile device, get all the latest info!



Featured Events



Darby RUN TO REMEMBER *Nonno è la forgotten*



5K Run / 2 mile walk
September 11 | 7 a.m.
Darby Fitness Center

*Take us a look
we welcome too!*



www.italy.armyMWR.com



Friday, September 11
Beginning at 6:30 a.m.

LOCATIONS

Ederle Track and Field
&

Del Din (Outside Bldg. 173)

These Simultaneous Runs Are Free | Solidarity Run T-Shirts Cost \$10 While Supplies Last
For more info, call 634-7616 or 637-2705. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

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Vicenza Family and MWR



Call...

Community news briefs

College seeks instructors

Central Texas College is looking for instructors to teach EMT, Homeland Security, Automotive, and Hospitality Management in the Vicenza area. If interested, call JoAnne Combs, Vicenza site coordinator, at DSN 637-8145 or commercial, 0444-61-8145. Qualified, interested persons may also send an email to Vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu.

Mosquito spraying

Mosquito spraying will take place today, 7-9 p.m. at Villaggio. One treatment will be done; inclement weather plan is to spray the next day. Residents are asked not to walk on the streets for at least one hour after spraying. For more information, call 634-8888.

USAG change of command

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza change of command ceremony takes place Friday, Aug. 28, 9:30 a.m. on Hoekstra Field. A reception will follow at 10 a.m. The community bids farewell to Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. and welcomes new Garrison Commander Col. Steven M. Marks.

Register for racquetball

It's time to register for racquetball. Whether you want to coach or play for fun, you can sign up to be part of this racquetball season. Sign-up is required to participate; sign up at Ederle or Del Din fitness centers. Joining a team is a great way to meet friends who love to play and to get some exercise. Open registration begins Sept. 1 and goes through Oct. 3. There will be a participants' meeting Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. Ederle Fitness conference room. Meeting attendance is mandatory. League play is Oct. 23 through Jan. 31. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, call DSN 634-7616, or commercial 0444-71-7616.

Suicide Awareness Month

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and many events have been planned.

Yoga for Every-Body takes place Sept. 2 at the Track & Field on Caserma Ederle,

2-3 p.m. The event is open to everyone; dress comfortably.

Stress Bingo takes place Sept. 10 at Building 305, behind the post laundromat. First session takes place 10-11 a.m., and second session is 1-2 p.m. Come play a favorite, familiar game with a therapeutic touch and prizes. First-come, first-served. Seating is limited to 30 people per session.

Join the Financial Fitness class, open to the community, Sept. 14, 9-10 a.m., at Bldg. 305. Topics covered will be IRA vs. Roth IRA, big purchases, ID theft, How Credit Works, and Saving for the Future. The class is free.

A "take action" terrain walk will take place Sept. 18, 1-3 p.m. for Soldiers, families and civilian employees and Sept. 25, 8-10 a.m. for leaders and supervisors. Learn about resources available. Meet subject-matter experts, and enjoy snacks. Prizes also available.

Free movies at the post theater: 9-10:30 a.m., Sept. 21, *The Bridge*. Filmed at the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge in 2004. The film captured a number of suicides and featured interviews with family and friends of some of the identified people who had thrown themselves from the bridge that year. Warning: Movie contains graphic material. Sept. 22, 9-10:30 a.m., U.S. Army film *Suicide: The Unheard Cry*. The movie portrays five different types of personalities and the behavior and warning signs that indicate serious depression and possible suicide. ASAP will run a panel for discussion after each movie.

For more information on any of the activities, call 634-7858/5275.

New LRC office

The LRC Italy Production Control Office services for maintenance is now provided at Bldg. 204 on Ederle, near the AAFES garage and the Staff Judge Advocate offices. New phone numbers will follow.

Passport delays

Department of State advisory: 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 six to 10 weeks processing time is expected.

Dining facility hours

The South of the Alps Dining facility at

Caserma Ederle is closed until Sept. 30. Meals are 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.

Save dates for Fall Bazaar

Don't worry about the hassles of parking downtown when doing holiday shopping -- Vicenza Family and MWR will bring holiday shopping to you! Vendors from Sicily to Belgium are coming to Caserma Ederle Oct. 2 at Building 311, the Golden Lion Conference Center, 4-8 p.m.; Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Shop among the many international vendors selling everything you need for the upcoming holiday season. Some things visitors will find are cheese, purses, wine, jewelry, chocolates and art. Save the dates!

Technology Expo

A USAG Vicenza Technology Expo will take place Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Golden Lion Conference Center. More than 20 exhibitors will be there, featured technologies to include digital imaging, supply operations, broadband services, cables, fiber optics, telecommunications, VPN services, and more. The expo is open to everyone and is hosted by the Office of the Science Advisor, U.S. Army Africa.

VFW offers essay contests

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is sponsoring two essay contests: Patriot's Pen for students in grades 6 through 8 and Voice of Democracy for students in grades 9 through 12. The theme for Patriot's Pen is "What Freedom Means to Me" and must be a written essay of 300-400 words. The Voice of Democracy theme is "My Vision for America and must be a taped recording of 3-5 minutes.

Local winners will receive \$250 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$150 for third place, and there is a chance to compete for national prizes. Entry deadline is Nov. 1.

For more information, visit the VFW website at www.vfw.org. Local school contacts are John McKinney at Vicenza High School and Lorrie Vallone at Vicenza Middle School. Point of contact for the Vicenza VFW post is Thomas Bankston, 349-830-4925.

Del Din learning center

The Del Din Army Learning Center is now open! The center opened Aug. 3 and will provide opportunities and resources for unit and individual

computer-based training. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. The center is located in the education center, Building 2.

Medical Benvenuti

Learn more about health care in Italy each Tuesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Central Processing Facility, Room 2.

Medical beneficiaries brief

The Vicenza Health Clinic is holding an information brief for beneficiaries in the Health Center second floor training classroom Oct. 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Registration is required, call DSN 637-9761 or comm. 0444-61-9761.

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 program of 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 should contact the garrison COMREL office at 637-8009 or us-army.vmc.pao@mail.mil.

Emergency operations

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

Automotive certification

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

Maternal health education

The Vicenza Health Center is offering classes for expectant parents every Wednesday morning and afternoon. Wednesday mornings from 8 to 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 sign-up is re-

quired, 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.

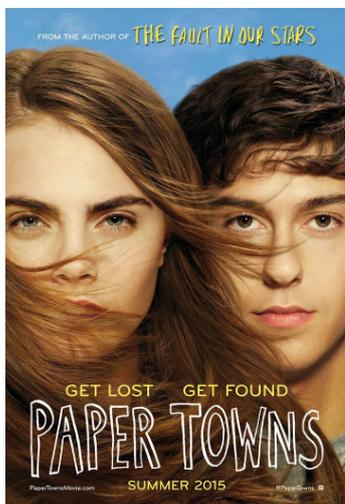
USO operating hours

The USO is located in Building 9A (between 3rd and 4th street) 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.

Passport office hours

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

At the movies



PAPER TOWNS

Young and shy Quentin (Nat Wolff) is in for the night of his life when Margo (Cara Delevingne), the most popular student in high school, recruits him to help her play mischievous pranks on the friends who betrayed her. The next day, however, the mysterious Margo is nowhere to be found. With help from a few buddies and some cryptic clues that she left behind, Quentin embarks on an obsessive mission to find the girl who stole his heart and made him feel truly alive.

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

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

Film ratings and reviews are available at www.imdb.com; SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Ederle Theater

Aug. 27	7 p.m.	Fantastic Four (PG-13)
Aug. 28	7 p.m.	War Room (PG)
	10 p.m.	Hitman: Agent 47 (R)
Aug. 29	3 p.m.	War Room (PG)
	6 p.m.	Fantastic Four (PG-13)
Aug. 30	3 p.m.	Ricki and the Flash (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Shaun the Sheep Movie (PG)
Sept. 2	11 a.m.	War Room (PG)
	7 p.m.	Paper Towns (PG-13)
Sept. 3	7 p.m.	Southpaw (R)
Sept. 4	7 p.m.	Mr. Holmes (PG)
	10 p.m.	No Escape (R)
Sept. 5	3 p.m.	Pixels (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Southpaw (R)
Sept. 6	3 p.m.	Shaun the Sheep Movie (PG)
	6 p.m.	Hitman: Agent 47 (R)
Sept. 9	11 a.m.	Paper Towns (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Mr. Holmes (PG)

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



ARMY FAMILY
ACTION PLAN

Army Family Action Plan

We're recruiting delegates and staff for the 2015 Vicenza AFAP Conference

- Hourly childcare is paid for participants
- Snacks and lunch are provided



Interested?

Please stop by or call ACS at
DSN 634-8582/7500 DSN 637-2726

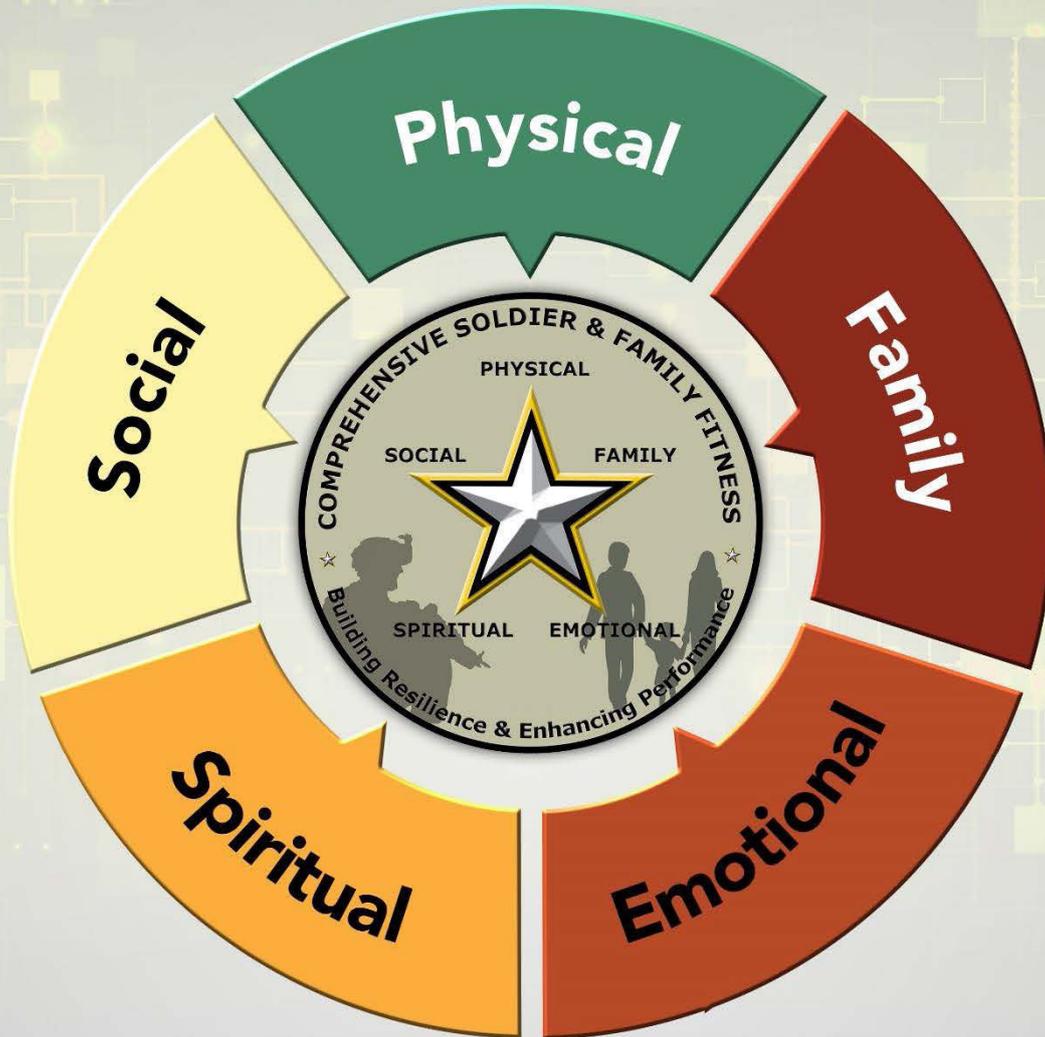


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Vicenza Military Community

RESILIENCY EXPO

and Information Fair



Wednesday, September 9

from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Ederle Library Parking Lot

Community members both new and old, come get ready and resilient during the **Resiliency Expo**. You'll also find your one-stop-shop for community info!



For more information, call 634-5087.

www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



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Blessed Mary celebration

The Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Berico (Madonna di Monte Berico) celebration is Tuesday, **Sept. 8**.

In Italy, each town has its own patron saint; in most cases, the patron saint has a relation to the place. Their celebrations are varied and reflect the local history and character of their inhabitants. For this reason, the celebrations are a great way to get to know the town where you reside. Vicenza's patron saint is the Blessed Virgin of Mount Berico. The story tells that the Virgin Mary appeared twice to Vincenzo Panini, a humble peasant, in 1426 and 1428. Vicenza had been stricken with a devastating plague between 1425 and 1428. The Virgin Mary spoke through Vincenzo to let people know the only way to stop the plague was to build a church dedicated to her. Nobody believed Vincenzo at the time of the first apparition; but the persistency of the plague led them to put their trust in him after the second apparition. Church construction started in August 1428 and the plague was finally defeated. In 1978, Pope Paul VI proclaimed the Madonna di Monte Berico as patron saint of the city.

VENETO

Luna Park Carnival Rides

Aug. 28-Sept. 20, in Vicenza, Campo Marzo, Viale Dalmazia, directly across from the train station. Open Monday-Thursday, 4 p.m. to midnight; Friday-Sunday, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sept. 8, open 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/festa-dei-oto-2015-amusement-park-or-le-2461>

Il giro della Rua The Rua Parade

Sept. 5, in Vicenza. This 2,000-person parade departs from Piazza Duomo at 8:15 p.m., goes through Piazza Castello, Corso Palladio, Piazza Biade and arrives at Piazza dei Signori where, at 9 p.m., there will be a lighting ceremony of the historical wooden tower, symbol of Vicenza, as well as live music and shows. Rua means "wheel" and it was originally the insignia of Vicentine notaries in the festival commemorating an ancient victory of Vicenza over its Paduan rulers in the thirteenth century. It will be possible to admire the Rua in Piazza dei Signori through Sept. 30.

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/131970>

La Rua



Palio dei 10 Comuni Medieval Festival and Horse Race

In Montagnana (Padova), about 27 miles south of Vicenza.

Aug. 29: 9 a.m.-10 p.m., flag throwers and live medieval music; free entrance.

Aug. 30: 9 a.m.-10 p.m., at Porta Padova, historical parade and arch competition to select the ten the knights who will be assigned to the ten town districts; free entrance.

Sept. 4: 7 p.m. art exhibit opening at Castel San Zeno, Via Carrarere 24. Free entrance. Cena Medievale in Piazza V. Emanuele II, a typical medieval party and dinner with ladies and sirs, knights and jesters

Sept. 5: From 3 p.m., medieval market and old trades exhibit on Via Matteotti and Via Carrarese; 9 p.m. historic parade; 10 p.m. reenactment of the 1242 battle and burning of the castle, which commemorates Ezzelino da Romano's revenge against



the village of Montagnana. Entrance fee €7, reduced €5 for children aged 6-12 and senior citizens over 65.

Sept. 6: Entrance fee: €2; medieval market and old trades exhibit open at 9 a.m.; 2 p.m. historic parade, flag throwers, and musicians playing medieval music; 3 p.m. annual historic celebration with the participation of 10 of the town's boroughs. Cost: €9; reduced €5.

<http://www.palio10comuni.it/#/>

S. Andrea in Festa Saint Andrew Festival

Through Sept. 6, in Vicenza, Saint Andrea District, Via Pizzocarro 49. Food booths featuring bigoli, gnocchi, grilled meat, goulash and trout open at 7 p.m. Art exhibits and charity raffle; live music and dancing nightly at 8:45 p.m.

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

Festival della Cultura e Musica Celtica Brintaal Celtic Folk Festival

In Bosco delle Fontane, Cison Del Grappa, about 34 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths and local crafts market.

Aug. 27: 9:30 p.m., live Irish folk music with the Midnight band; 11:30 p.m., live punk folk music with the Dirty Bastards band

Aug. 28: 9:30 p.m., live folk music with the Spanish Folk on Crest band; 11:30 p.m., live Irish folk music with the Micro Irish band

Aug. 29: 9:30 p.m., live folk rock with the Clan band; 11:30 p.m., live punk folk music with the Mosche di velluto grigio (Grey Velvied Flies) band

Aug. 30: 9 p.m., live Irish punk folk music with The Mahones band (from Ontario); 11:30 p.m., live Irish folk music with The Ladies Craic and Pints.

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

Regata Storica Venice Historic Regatta

This event, famous for its spectacular historical water parade that precedes the race, is the most important one in the annual Venetian rowing calendar. It dates back centuries, probably as far back as the mid-13th century when Venice needed to train the crews of its navy in the art of rowing. Nowadays there are four different races divided in terms of age and type of craft: the young rowers' twin-oared *pupparini*; the women's twin-oared *mas-*

carete; the six-oared *caroline* regatta, and the twin-oared-*gondolini* regatta.

Aug. 29: from 4 p.m., in Arsenale, opening of the historic regatta

Sept. 3: 6 p.m., in Campo della Salute, presentation of the teams and blessing of the gondolini

Sept. 6: 4 p.m., parade along the Grand Canal of historical crafts with costumed crews, boats and gondolas; 4:30 p.m. two children regattas; 4:50 p.m. pupparini regatta; 5:10 p.m. women's regatta; 5:40 p.m. six-oared regatta; 6 p.m. International Universities Boat Challenge; 6:10 p.m. twin-oared regatta.

<http://www.regatastoricavenezia.it/rs.php?pg=7&lang=en&ed=2015>

Festa del Baccalà Cod Fish Festival

Sept. 4-8, in Gaianigo di Gazzo, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local fish specialties open at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 6, exhibit of vintage vehicles and antique market; charity raffle; large lighted parking lot available. Live music and dancing starts nightly at 9 p.m.

<http://www.movai.it/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/bacalagaianigo0815.jpg>

Festival delle Mongolfiere Hot Air Balloon Festival

Aug. 29-30, Sept. 5-6, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Ippodromo Le Padovanelle, Via dell'Ippodromo 4, Padova, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Entertainment for children with bounce houses, shows, and old-fashioned games; fitness, sports, and dance shows; kite workshops for children. Food booths feature local specialties; hot air balloons light up at 9 p.m.; fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Tickets: €5; get a discount ticket (€4) by visiting the web site. Free parking.

<http://www.festivaldellemongolfiere.it/PressComunicati.aspx>

Passeggiate in carrozza Horse-Drawn Carriage Tours

Through Sept. 30 in Vicenza on Saturdays, 8-11:30 p.m.; **in October,** 3-8 p.m. Enjoy this unique way of seeing the most beautiful sites in Vicenza; 20-minute tours depart and return to Piazza Biade. Cost is €15 for a maximum of four people at a time.

Outdoor free fitness classes

Through Sept. 6, in Vicenza, Parco Querini, Viale Rodolfi

Mondays: 6:30-7:30 p.m., boot camp (marines style fitness classes); 7-8:30 p.m., Tai Chi; 7-8:30 p.m.; 7-8 p.m., Do-in (exercises for physical and mental well-being); 7:30 -8:30 p.m., FITeMOTION, music fitness workouts that include cardiovascular activity, toning and stretching

Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jazzercise; 7:30-8:30 p.m., belly dancing

Wednesdays: 9-10:30 a.m., Tai Chi,, and 9:30-10:30 a.m., fitness and body balance (yoga, Pilates, and Tai Chi); 6:30-7:30 p.m., Zumba fitness; 7-8:15 p.m., yoga; 6:30-8 p.m., Tai Chi

Thursdays: 7-8:30 p.m., Hatha yoga and Capoeira classes (August only)

Fridays: 7-8:30 p.m., body balance and sh'bam fitness; 7:15-8:15 p.m., Zumba fitness

Saturdays: July 31, 6-7 p.m., Kung Fu class

Sundays: 9-10:30 a.m., Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m. to noon, self-defense courses

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/cittadino/scheda.php/42729,61194>

Antique markets

Cerea: Aug. 30, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in downtown streets and squares 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

Piazzola sul Brenta: Aug. 30, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

Marostica: Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (135 vendors)

Soave: Aug. 16, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza

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

Vittorio Veneto: Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (70 vendors)



Regata Storica, Venezia

TUSCANY

Festa della Bistecca Steak Festival

Aug. 27-30, in Pieve Fosciana (Lucca). Taste typical Tuscan specialties with local cheeses and meats and the renowned Florentine steak. Food booths open at 7:30 p.m.; live music and entertainment start at 9 p.m.; Aug. 27 special American dinner instead of the traditional one.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/lu/pieve-fosciana/festa-della-bistecca.html>

Sagra del Tortello Tortello Fair

Through Aug. 29, in Castagneto Carducci (Livorno). *Tortello* is a local specialty prepared with flour, water, salt and a variety of filling, from potatoes-- nutmeg to meat ragu. Food booths open at 7 p.m. from 9 p.m. bingo, live music and dancing.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/li/castagneto-carducci/sagra-del-tortello-donoratico.html>

Bravio delle Botti Barrels Competition and Festival

Through Aug. 30, in Montepulciano (Siena). This event dates back to the 14th century when races were run on horseback. Only in more recent times has it been transformed in a competition with barrels (*botti*). Since Montepulciano is famous worldwide for its red wine Nobile di

Montepulciano, the idea came about of using wine barrels for the eight districts to compete against each other to win the *bravio*, a painted banner depicting the city's patron saint, Saint John.

Aug. 27, 9:15-11:45 p.m., historical costume parade with knights and noblemen along the streets lit only by flashlights and torches, accompanied by flag-wavers and drummers

Aug. 30: The race takes place with contestants pushing heavy wooden wine barrels for about a kilometer uphill along the narrow streets of the town's historical center. Each barrel is pushed by two strong *spingitori* (pushers) up to the finish line in Piazza Grande. Along the way, many other residents and fans run alongside each team to encourage them to keep going. Winners receive the *bravio* at the end of the race in Piazza Grande.

<http://www.braviodellebotti.com/>

Salamarzana Medieval Festival

Sept. 5, 6 p.m.-midnight; Sept. 6, 4 - 9:30 p.m., in Fucecchio (Florence). Live medieval music and games, jugglers, historical parades and old trades exhibit; food booths feature local wines and medieval dishes. Entrance fee: €3; free for children younger than 12.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=2&area=&city=&date=&page=1&post=1844>

Giostra del Saracino Saracen's Joust

Sept. 6, from 5 p.m., in Arezzo, Piazza Grande. This is one of the most important Tuscan festivals held twice every year, in June and September. The whole city turns up in medieval costumes to recreate the atmosphere of medieval Arezzo as the city's districts compete against each other in a joust to win the Golden Lance. The event has its origins in the Middle Ages, when knights used to simulate a battle by using their lance on a puppet of the bad guy; at the time of the Crusades, the bad guy was a Saracen. In medieval society, jousts and tournaments were the means to celebrate special events; the tradition has appeared and disappeared throughout the centuries, but it has been occurring twice annually since 1931 (except for the years of WWII). Historical parade; flag-throwers show; competition of the four city district, each one represented by two knights; each one gallops on horseback with a wooden lance and aims at the Buratto, which is an armor-plated dummy holding a shield that is divided into sectors corresponding to points; each knight has two runs along the *lizza* (jousting track). The competition is won by the district whose knights obtain the most points.

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

Festa Medievale Staffoli Staffoli Medieval Festival

Sept. 6, in Staffoli (Santa Croce sull'Arno -Pisa), Via Livornese. Historical parade at 5 p.m.; 6 p.m. historical reenactments; entertainment with magicians, witches and medieval lunch from 7 p.m. in Piazza Panattoni; 8 p.m. medieval dinner. Free entrance.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=12&page=1&post=741>

Camminamento di Ronda Walk along fortress walls of Cittadella

Through **October 31**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m.; in Cittadella, (Padova), about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza; entrance from the tourist office, Via Porte Basanesi; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; last entrance: one hour before closure. On Saturday and Sunday, 6-8 p.m., the tour is accompanied by medieval music. The walls and fortifications were built in 1220 to protect the town from territorial attacks; from the walls you can experience views of downtown and even the Dolomite Mountains on a clear, sunny day. Ticket: €5.

<http://turismo.comune.cittadella.pd.it/>



Salamarzana

Antique markets

Cecina (Livorno): Aug. 30, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

Florence: Aug. 30, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Via Ciompi

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): Aug. 30, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

Arezzo: Sept. 5-6, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Grande

Carmignano (Prato): Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti

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

Orbetello (Grosseto): Sept. 5-6, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia

Pietrasanta (Lucca): Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo

San Giuliano Terme (Pisa): Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia

San Miniato (Pisa): Sept. 6, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo

CONCERTS



*Dave Matthews Band
Photo by Cesare Greselin*

Alpha Blondy - Aug. 28 in Reggio Emilia; Sept. 5 in Ravenna

U2 - Sept. 4-5 in Torino

David Garrett - Sept. 2 in Milan; Sept. 3 in Florence, Sept. 5 in Verona; Sept. 6 in Rome

Glenn Hughes - Sept. 15 in Milan

Linkin Park - Sept. 6 in Rome

Tony Allen - Sept. 11 in Bologna

Ennio Morricone - Sept. 12 in Verona

David Gilmour - Sept. 14 in Verona; Sept. 15 in Florence

R5 - Sept. 17 in Ciampino; Sept. 20 in Milan

Mika - Sept. 27 in Assago, Sept. 29 in Rome; Sept. 30 in Florence

Steve Hackett - Sept. 29 in Padova

Crosby, Stills and Nash - Oct. 1 in Milan, Oct. 3 in Padova, Oct. 4 in Rome

Joe Satriani - Oct. 5 in Assago (Milan), Oct. 6 in Florence, Oct. 7 in Rome

Take That - Oct. 13 in Assago (Milan)

BeatleStory - Oct. 17 in Bologna

John Mayall - Oct. 17 in Bologna; Oct. 10 in La Spezia; Oct. 19 in Milan

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

Epic Rap Battles of History - Oct. 21 in Bologna

Nickelback - Oct. 25 in Rome; Oct. 27 in Turin

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

Kid Ink - Nov. 1 in Milan

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

Supertramp - Nov. 9 in Assago (Milan)

Marilyn Manson - Nov. 9 in Florence

Simply Red - Nov. 14 in Rome; Nov. 15 in Assago (Milan)

Zelda - The Symphony of Goddesses - Nov. 15 in Rome

Simple Minds - Nov. 21 in Assago (Milan)

Madonna - Nov. 19, Nov. 21-22 in Torino

Europe - Nov. 28 in Milan

Jethro Tull Rock Opera feat Ian Anderson - Nov. 29 in Bologna

Rae Sremmurd - Nov. 30 in Milan

SPORTING EVENTS

Formula 1 Gran Prix - Sept. 4-6, in Monza

MotoGP - Italian Grand Prix - Sept. 11-13, at Misano Circuit, San Marino

BlancpainGT Series - Oct. 2-4, in Misano Adriatico

Misano Classic Weekend - Vintage motorcycles on stage - Oct. 9-11, in Misano Adriatico

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