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Team RWB Italy 2015 Moving Tribute



Join TeamRWB chapters around the world in memorializing those lost on and following September 11, 2001 by moving the American flag continually across Caserma Ederle from 0650 beginning with the Solidarity 5K and continuing until sundown at 1933 on Friday, 11 SEP 2015

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- Teams are encouraged to **sign-up for 30 minute blocks** – at least – throughout the day, and can bring a flag or one will be provided for several teams each time block
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Open Community Sessions:

Junior Leaders, Community & Family Members	
• Sept 16, 9:30 a.m. – Noon	Sigholtz Center Golden Lion
• Sept 16, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	
DA Civilians & Local Nationals	Ederle Post Theatre
• Sept 17, 3:30 – 5 p.m.	
F2F Community Families Lunch & Learn	
• Sept 17, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Golden Lion

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Speak Out

What is your advice on how to handle a natural disaster?



Monica Lim

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"Find the safest place to shelter."



Tech Sgt. Rhyannon Sawin-Vaughn

731st Munitions Squadron

"Have a plan for you and your family, talk to the kids and establish a meeting point."



Sgt. Maj. James Harris

839th Trans Bn.

"Be prepared. Plan year-round for facing a natural disaster; don't wait till it happens."

On the cover

Michael D. Formica, Region Director, Installation Management Command Europe, passes the colors to Col. Steve Marks at the garrison change of command ceremony on Hoekstra Field, Caserma Ederle. Marks is the first commander of the newly designated United States Army Garrison Italy as the USAG Vicenza colors were cased for the last time by outgoing commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr.

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Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JTMC-RTSD South

By
Laura Kreider



Michael D. Formica (right), Region Director, Installation Management Command Europe, assists Col. Steve Marks in unrolling the new USAG Italy colors at the garrison change of command and redesignation ceremony on Hoekstra Field, Caserma Ederle, Aug. 28. Marks is the first commander of the newly designated United States Army Garrison Italy. (Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JJMTC-RTSD South)

U.S. Army Garrison changes leadership, name

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

VICENZA -- Soldiers, civilians, family members and many local dignitaries looked on as Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. relinquished command of United States Army Garrison Vicenza to incoming commander Col. Steve Marks at Hoekstra Field here, Aug. 28.

The ceremony also marked the end of USAG Vicenza, as the colors of the unit were cased for a final time under Army guidance to redesignate the unit to United States Army Garrison Italy. The redesignation will better define the organization, making sure all communities belonging to the garrison are included, according to Michael D. Formica, Region Director, Installation Management Command -- Europe.

"To better illustrate that this garrison supports the Vicenza military community and areas throughout Italy, the U.S. Army is redesignating U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza to U.S. Army Garrison Italy. This name change solidifies our position as the Army's service provider everywhere south of the Alps," said Formica.

Before he leaves for an Army fellowship in Washington, Menist praised the community "South of the Alps" as he bade farewell to the people who have made this what, he said, an amazing experience.

"Each and every one of us helps make this a better

place to work, a more vibrant place to live, a more enjoyable experience for us all," Menist said. "I have had the privilege of sharing memorable experiences with our Italian hosts and neighbors. I couldn't have asked for more reliable partners or better friends. It is the strong partnership between our two nations today that enriches and benefits each member of both our communities here in Vicenza."

As Marks took the reins, he welcomed the attending Italian dignitaries and guests as he tried his hand at speaking Italian in a short speech, much to the surprise of the crowd. Marks thanked distinguished visitors Formica and Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commanding general, U.S. Army Europe, for their faith and trust in his abilities, and then made some promises.

"I promise that I will do all that I can to ensure that this garrison remains ready to provide support and services to our diverse communities, enabling mission readiness, and enhancing quality of life," he said. "To my mentors, I promise that the time you invested in me will not be in vain. I promise that I will not let you down. ... To my wife Myra and our two boys, Hayden and Jacob, I promise to do my best to balance my duties at work with my responsibilities at home.

"And to all of you, I promise the best of me. You deserve nothing less. I am humbled to stand in your ranks and grateful for this opportunity to continue to serve our great nation here in Italy."

New commander talks mission, philosophy

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

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

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

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

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



A native of Columbia, Mo., Marks knew when he was 18 that he wanted to serve in the military. He worked his way to a commission from the University of Missouri ROTC Department in December 1992 and began life as an Army officer at Fort Bragg, N.C. Over the years, Marks says he has worked for



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some incredible leaders who became mentors and helped shape his leadership style and philosophy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With his philosophy firmly in

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learn and willing to trust."*

*--Col. Steve Marks
USAG Italy commander*

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

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



Make emergency plans during September

By **Raymond S. Jackson**
USAG Italy Emergency Manager

Week 3 (Sept. 13 – 19): Tornadoes
Weeks 4 and 5: (Sept. 20–30): Earthquakes

VICENZA -- September 2015 marks the 12th annual National Preparedness Month Campaign. NPM is a commemorative event held to highlight the importance of being prepared for the emergencies that can affect our communities.

This year's theme is "Don't wait. Communicate. Make your emergency plan today."

The USAG Italy Emergency Management Office, American Red Cross, and Darby Military Community Emergency Management support office, have teamed up to educate, enable and involve the USAG Italy communities in preparedness activities that improve the resilience of the community and increase USAG Italy's readiness for all-hazard events that we plan for.

Each week throughout the month there will be a focused theme which targets the specific hazards that may affect Soldiers, civilians and your families while living in Italy.

Members of the community are encouraged to stop by and see the staff at Emergency Management and be informed, make a plan, build a kit and get involved.

Weekly Focused Themes

Week 1 (Sept. 1 – 5): Floods

Week 2 (Sept. 6 – 12): Wildfires



Venice, July 2015

VMC and DMC Information

Booth Schedule:

Week 3 (beginning Sept. 16)

VMC: PX

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

DMC: Commissary

1 a.m.-1 p.m.

Week 4 (Sept. 23)

VMC: PX 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

DMC: Commissary 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

By **Gretchen Zinno**

American Red Cross

VICENZA -- September is National Preparedness month and someone new to the area may not be aware that Vicenza has had weather-related emergencies.

On November 1, 2010, it was decided that the post should be shut down early because of heavy rains. The rains persisted for several days causing the Bacchiglione, Retrone and Astichiello rivers to exceed the limits of their banks. The flood affected the Vicenza community and shut down its operations for two days.

The goal of the American Red Cross here is to make the community

aware of the extensive resources Red Cross has to offer to prepare for an unexpected flood. One can prepare ahead of time by downloading emergency apps, creating an emergency plan and preparing an emergency kit.

Emergency apps

The Red Cross has created a series of emergency apps for the public. One application, created specifically for children, is called Monster Guard. In the application, a child follows Maya, Chad, Olivia and all of the monsters as they teach children about how to prepare for real-life emergencies at home and in other environments in a fun and engaging game. The app is free to download.

American Red Cross announced its newest emergency app that gives people instant access to weather alerts, life-saving information and ways to contact family and friends in one free and easy-to use app for mobile devices. This all-inclusive app provides expert advice on what to do in case of disasters, such as hurricanes, homes fires, tornadoes, wildfires and more. The free emergency app is available in app stores for smartphones and tablets by searching for the American Red Cross or visiting www.redcross.org/apps.

Beginning Sept. 2, the Installation Emergency Management Office, in conjunction with the Red Cross, started reminding the community about how to prepare for

New fire chief arrives

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

VICENZA -- A new fire chief has arrived and taken control of the mission at United States Army Garrison Italy's Fire and Emergency Services Department.

Coming from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Scott M. DeLay has been here since July 1 and brings with him a wealth of knowledge from his more than 24 years of experience in the field.

DeLay has provided service to U.S. citizens as a volunteer, municipal and federal fire and emergency services responder, instructor, and chief fire officer. A veteran of Operation Desert Storm, he has lectured on leadership to graduating classes at the Army Management Staff College at Fort Belvoir, Va., and is currently the only Army fire and emergency services leader to graduate from the AMSC Continuing Education for Senior Leaders Course. All of this and more has prepared him for his new mission in Italy.

"I'm happy to be here serving Installation Management Command and the Army," said DeLay, who is here with wife Holly and daughter Kendall. "This organization serves all USAG Italy assets, and the organization is guided by a commitment to provide world-class

customer services to our military community. I'm dedicated to doing just that."

DeLay said he has been evaluating the department and getting acclimated to the area since his arrival. There are some challenges ahead, he added, but he is ready to meet them head on. The chief has met with his team throughout the garrison to learn more about the organization and its employees, and to allow them the opportunity to voice any concerns. From all of the feedback, the fire chief said he hopes to "better balance and blend two cultural mindsets about the service they provide."

The fire chief also said he aims to establish a trusting relationship with the community and let customers know that Fire and Emergency Services offers something to an actual customer base.

"Our personnel respond to over 1,600 calls for service annually throughout the garrison. But it's not just fires that we respond to," DeLay said. "Today's response organizations are built to provide an all-hazards response to the community. Our personnel are professionally educated and trained across the spectrum of emergency response activities in order to provide this community a piece of mind. It's what the Army has put us here for."

The capabilities include re-



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sponse to fires, emergency medical services, technical rescue, urban interface, code review and compliance, public education, and responses/preparedness to all natural and manmade disasters.

Working with the Italian community adds another layer of service.

"We have current mutual aid agreements with the local community," said DeLay. "These agreements are key to a lot of our successes. We will continue to share resources, training and professional development to ensure we can provide a quality services to our Soldiers, civilians and Army families."

The chief encourages customers to use Fire and Emergency Services for home safety inspections and assistance in developing a safety escape plan.

TRICARE phone line available to beneficiaries

The TRICARE Nurse Advice Line is a standardized benefit that makes health care advice available to beneficiaries 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

While the advice line is not an emergency service or a pre-authorization for care, it is a convenient way to get answers to a variety of health care questions.

By calling this toll-free service, callers can either speak with a TRICARE nurse or listen to more than 400 recorded messages about a variety of health topics stored in the Audio Health Library. Nurse advice is a part of the TRICARE benefit and is available to anyone eligible for medical care in TRICARE service facilities.

Call the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line when you need to make decisions about surgery, tests, medical

treatments or managing a chronic illness. Beneficiaries can also talk with a nurse about preventing illnesses and improving family health.

Callers have the option to remain anonymous if they are simply seeking advice. However, if requesting that the nurse fax the resulting information to your local medical facility in order to initiate follow-up care, callers will need to supply the nurse with personal information.

The toll-free number to the TRICARE Nurse Advice within Italy is 800-877660. (TRICARE)

Leaders build foundation for African Horizons

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

VICENZA -- Have you ever caught yourself daydreaming about the perfect home? You picture how big the yard has to be, should you add a bedroom for guests or not, and type of pool you want. The list goes on. These thoughts keep you motivated to someday have the perfect home. Over time, thoughts turn into plans, then actions. Eventually you break ground and lay the foundation for your dream house. Along the way, there might be setbacks or struggles, but the final outcome keeps you motivated.

The same could be said for U.S. Army Africa. However, it's not a daydream, it's a goal. The list could consist of what an operation has to be, the number or level of partnerships required, should it add this element or that, number of personnel, and type of missions needed. The USARAF team has made its list to achieve its desired goal: to assist their African partner nations to achieve peace, security and stability.

Conference

Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, USARAF commander, hosted a Training and Leader Development Conference and a Senior Leader Strategy and Orientation Session Aug. 17-20 in the Golden Lion conference center. The events brought together Active, Guard, Reserve and Army Civilians who have cultural and subject-matter expertise on the continent of Africa. Among attendees were Secretary of the Army, Honorable John McHugh, and Commander of U.S. Africa Command, Gen. David Rodriguez.

"Africa is a challenging place today and one that, if left unattended, is likely to be the birthplace of many more challenges in the future. That's why it's so important that U.S. Army Africa, working alongside AFRICOM, is here and doing important

work," said McHugh.

The USARAF conference featured a variety of ideas intended to turn dreams into reality. In this case, the blueprints are in the form of a strategy called African Horizons.

African Horizons articulates the framework of the plan's construct, establishes objectives supporting USAFRICOM's goals and describes responsibilities as a Theater Army. The plan aids in prioritizing efforts, requesting and applying Army resources, directing specific activities in support of USAFRICOM and improving upon core functions.

Learning, growing

The TLDC was designed to help the USARAF team understand Army Chief of Staff's guidance on Army training and leader development in order to apply that guidance to their program. Other topics discussed during the conference included regionally aligned force lessons learned, RAF readiness, training on the continent, and the National Guard's State Partnership Program lessons learned.

RAF assets serve as the boots-on-the-ground element.

"We show them ways to achieve success," said Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Weiss, command sergeant major of the current RAF asset, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. He added the development of a non-commissioned officer corps was one of those ways to success.

Planning

USARAF planners also take advantage of specialists. The SPP is a Joint Department of Defense program that aligns state National Guard units with African nation partners in a long-term relationship according to the National Guard website. Through the program, military-to-military events are conducted to support defense security goals. It also leverages capabilities to facilitate broader inter-agency engagements spanning mil-

itary, government, economic and social spheres.

Involving all assets

"Not only do our Guardsmen get their own training but they also provide help to a nation that they may not ever travel to," said Maj. Gen. Steven Cray, the Vermont National Guard adjutant general. Cray added, many Soldiers and Airmen rarely go outside of U.S. except for occasional deployments, and even fewer have been in Africa.

"They see it as a real honor to represent the National Guard and their service in a foreign nation," said Cray.

During a panel discussion, Cray shared that there are countries in Africa that are proficient in military skills sets such as peacekeeping operations.

For instance, the Vermont National Guard has been in partnership with Senegal since 2008. Cray said Senegalese taught Guardsmen how to organize, train and equip soldiers for peacekeeping missions.

"It's applicable for what we do," said Cray. "We take those lessons learned and we make our force better."

Question and answer segments followed each speaker's brief which opened the floor for an exchange of ideas.

Shaping the future

Many topics discussed were geared towards the future – the how to's of implementing African Horizons strategy as described in the 2015 USARAF Campaign Support Plan.

In the CSP, Williams stated: "In an area of operation as large and diverse as Africa, this requires USARAF to plan, support and conduct operations ranging from the protection of U.S. embassies to training African militaries, and enabling both ally and partner operations."



Ambassador Colleen Bell wears a T-11 parachute assisted by 1st Lt. Liz Brunette, left, and Sgt. Angie Trejo in the 173rd Airborne Brigade conference room on Caserma Del Din Aug. 26.

VMC honors women's equality

Story and photo by
Laura Kreider
 USAG Italy PAO

VICENZA -- The Vicenza Military Community honored the annual observance of Women's Equality Day with an event at the Sigholtz Center on Caserma Del Din Aug. 26.

Women's Equality Day commemorates American women achieving full voting rights under the U. S. Constitution by passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

The event, hosted by 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), featured guest speaker Ambassador Colleen Bell, appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to Hungary.

Before the observance, Bell took part in a parachute rigging demonstration in the 173rd IBCT (A) conference room.

During her speech Bell highlighted the progress made by American women and their support throughout the years.

"There is no question that American women have contributed to every aspect of building our society," Bell said at the event. She mentioned how many roles women have filled from World War I to the recent opera-

tions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I am sure everyone in this room knows women were serving as medics, military police and other roles in combat situations," she continued.

"Being equal does not mean that you have to be exactly the same. A diversity gives a strength as a nation and as a people," Bell said.

One volunteer for the event was Sgt. Angie Trejo, paralegal with 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, who had the chance to meet Ambassador Bell during the parachute rigging demonstration, and later had the opportunity to sit down and have lunch with Bell and other female Soldiers.

"We talked to her, told her what our daily duty day is like and asked her some questions.

I think her speech was inspirational, especially when she talked about how the women played very important roles not only in the military but also holding higher leadership positions, and then, when talking about herself, she said 'I am an Ambassador, and 95 years ago I would never imagined myself being here.'"

"We've come a long way from 95 years ago, but we can go much farther. So I just encourage all women, everyone to pursue what they want in their careers and don't give up, don't let anybody tell you that you can't do it," said Trejo.

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for local disasters. A series of lunchtime information sessions will highlight disasters that affect our area such as floods, wildfires, tornados and earthquakes.

The goal of these sessions is to highlight the resources available to the community and to provide everyone an opportunity to speak directly with the disaster assistance professionals.

Everyone is encouraged to take the time to attend and receive free information on situations that might affect Soldiers, civilians and their families. Red Cross apps will be demonstrated. Templates will be given to create emergency plans for families.

Emergency supplies will be on display and are now available for order at the Red Cross store. It's important to be prepared for unexpected emergencies with supplies like first-aid kits and hand-crank radios that can charge your cell phone.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of all store products funds the life-saving mission of the American Red Cross.



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Policy change

Military same-sex spouses receive benefits

WASHINGTON - The Department of Defense announced its plan to extend benefits to same-sex spouses of uniformed service members and Department of Defense civilian employees, according to a DoD news release issued Aug. 14.

After a review of the department's benefit policies following the Supreme Court's ruling that Section Three of the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional, and in consultation with the Department of Justice and other executive branch agencies, the Defense Department will make spousal and family benefits available from Sept. 3, 2013, regardless of sexual orientation, as long as service member-sponsors provide a valid marriage certificate.

The DoD remains committed

to ensuring that all men and women who serve in the U.S. military, and their families, are treated fairly and equally as the law directs.

Entitlements such as TRICARE enrollment, basic allowance for housing and family separation allowance are retroactive to the date of the Supreme Court's decision. Any claims to entitlements before that date will not be granted. For those members married after June 26, 2013, entitlements begin at the date of marriage.

The DoD recognizes that same-sex military couples who are not stationed in a jurisdiction that permits same-sex marriage would have to travel to another jurisdiction to marry. That is why the department will implement policies to allow military personnel in such a relationship

non-chargeable leave for the purpose of traveling to a jurisdiction where such a marriage may occur.

This will provide accelerated access to the full range of benefits offered to married military couples throughout the department, and help level the playing field between opposite-sex and same-sex couples seeking to be married.

For civilian benefits administered government-wide to federal employees, the DoD will follow the Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Labor's guidance to ensure that the same benefits currently available to heterosexual spouses are also available to legally married same-sex spouses.

(American Forces Press Service)

USO seeks input from customers

VICENZA -- Help the United Service Organizations serve you better! If you're a military member or family, take a short, five-minute survey at www.TellUSO.org so USO can collect your ideas and opinions on how to improve the programs and services they provide. The survey started Sept. 2 and is available until Oct. 1.

As a thank you, 15 lucky survey participants will win a \$500 Visa gift card. The first 50 patrons who come into

the USO Vicenza to do the survey will have their choice of an Xbox game, a children's DVD, a stuffed animal or a box of chocolates while supplies last.

Every moment counts, so take the survey today.

Any questions may be ad-

ressed to the USO office, DSN 634-7156 or comm. +39-0444-71-7156.

Find out what's happening at your local USO. See their September calendar, next page.



Capt. Daniel Panighello, outgoing commander of the Carabinieri Company, SETAF Vicenza, says farewell in English in a speech he prepared to thank his American counterparts and supporters during his command in Vicenza. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy PAO)

Carabinieri commander says farewell to Vicenza

VICENZA -- Leaders of the Vicenza Military Community bade farewell to Capt. Daniel Panighello, outgoing commander of the Carabinieri Company at SETAF Vicenza during a ceremony here Sept. 3.

The event provided an opportunity to honor Panighello for the important work done by the Carabinieri in his seven-year command at Vicenza.

A native of Pordenone, Panighello holds a degree in law and arrived here in 2008. He is recognized for guiding Carabinieri during a time when the American military here underwent historical transformations. From the establishment of United States Army Africa, to the opening of new base Del Din, with Soldiers engaged in training and missions throughout Europe, the SETAF Carabinieri have always been ready to support, showing full interoperability with the U.S. forces.

The SETAF Carabinieri area of responsibility comprises Caserma Ederle, Del Din, Longare, Tormeno and the Villaggio housing area. Panighello led a team whose main duties include the physical protection of the installations used by U.S. military, escort of military convoys, intelligence, criminal investigation and traffic incidents involving U.S. personnel.

Incoming commander is Capt. Francesco Provvidenza, from the Carabinieri Company of Legnago in Verona.



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Your Home Away From Home.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00AM Event/Programs Meeting 5:30PM Taco Tuesday	2 1:30PM Spontaneous Trunk or Treat Mtg.	3 5:30PM Thank You Thursday-Baseball Subs Dance Harley & The Home Cooking Club	4 11:00AM-1:00PM Community Outreach and Info Table at PX	5 Labor Day Movies
6	7 CLOSED	8 10:00AM Event/Programs Meeting 5:30PM Taco Tuesday 5:30PM VHS Info Fair	9 10:00AM-1:00PM Realteasy EXPO & Info Fair at Ederle Library Parking Area	10 Open Ice Cream Social Host: Fire Dept. 5:30PM Thank You Thursday-SSG Amanda Hoover & Able Co. PFC	11 6:30AM 871 50k charity Run & 8:30AM 5111 Moving Tribute Run 11am VTHL Commander-in-Chief Visit	12 Marvel Marathon Movies
13	14 CLOSED	15 5:30PM Taco Tuesday	16 5:30PM National Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-off Meal-Chicken Enchiladas Host: Sandra Class ASAP	17 5:30PM Thank You Thursday-Luanna USAGAF-Arma Wheaton	18 1:00PM-3:00PM PG SPA Terrain Walk-Community	19
20	21 CLOSED	22 5:30PM Taco Tuesday	23	24 5:30PM Thank You Thursday-Hal Kim Blimberg	25 8:00AM-10:00AM PG SPA Terrain Walk-Leadership	26 10am-4pm Magic: The Gathering Workshop
27	28 CLOSED	29 5:30PM Taco Tuesday	30			

AER provides direct access to junior Soldiers

By **J.D. Leipold**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Army Emergency Relief, or AER, has just made it easier for junior Soldiers to request interest-free loans and grants.

Effective Sept. 9, many junior Soldiers will be able to apply for emergency financial assistance without involving their chain of command.

The new policy pertains to privates through corporals and specialists, who have completed Initial Entry Training and have a minimum of 12 months service or have completed Advanced Individual Training - whichever comes first. They will no longer be required to request an AER loan or grant by going through their chain of command.

Charles Durr, who serves as assistance chief for AER, said the change was brought on because AER feels that first year of service is essential in establishing trust between leader and a service member, and it's a kind of integration period where good financial fitness is being developed.

Another reason for the policy shift is because AER has seen about a 35-percent decline over the last six years in the number of active-duty Soldiers seeking assistance, Durr said.

During calendar year 2014, AER had 35,000 requests for assistance and disbursed nearly \$46 million to help active-duty Soldiers set up homes, repair autos and take care of expenditures that were unforeseen, he said.

"We attributed the decline in asking for help to what was an intimidating, time-consuming process in that Soldiers would have to go to the squad leader, the squad leader to the platoon sergeant, the platoon sergeant to the first sergeant and so on," Durr said. "We think our Soldiers deserve to be afforded a streamlined process for resolving any of their short-term financial issues."

Durr said that no-interest loan requests and grants were down for fear of a perceived stigma that's associated with asking for help and being labeled as "bad Soldiers" because they had financial issues. Some Soldiers felt their need for financial help would threaten future promotion

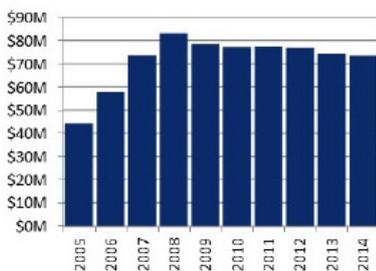
and selection for leadership positions or that they might lose their security clearances.

Direct access to AER has been gradual. In 2013, sergeants first class were given direct access to AER without going through their chain of command. After a further worldwide assessment, Jan. 1, 2014, AER extended direct access to sergeants and above, so it's been an incremental change over time, Durr said.

The retired command sergeant major said when Soldiers had to move through the laborious and embarrassing process of the chain of command, they would seek out alternatives like payday lenders for emergency finan-

SOLDIERS HELPING SOLDIERS

AER Total Annual Assistance



Since its beginning in 1942, AER has provided more than \$1.7 billion to 3.7 million Soldiers and their Families. In 2014, we provided \$64.8 million in no-interest loans and grants to 47,117 Soldiers and their Families. This includes \$1.2 million of assistance to 714 Army Reserve Soldiers, more than \$727,000 in assistance to 513 Army National Guard Soldiers and \$15 million in assistance to 9,058 Retirees and their Families. AER also provided 1,448 surviving Spouses and Orphans with more than \$1.9 million in grants. With scholarships, total assistance came to more than \$73.5 million.

Since its creation in 1942, Army Emergency Relief has provided more than \$1.7 billion to 3.7 million Soldiers and their Families. On Sept. 9, 2015, AER granted direct access to privates through corporals, who have completed Initial Entry Training and have a minimum of 12 months service or have completed Advanced Individual Training - whichever comes first. (Graphic courtesy of AER)

cial assistance. Then they'd be stuck with high-interest loans. Ways in which AER has assisted Soldiers and their Families in the past include initial deposits for utilities needed for establishing a new household, Durr said. He added that AER can also assist with the purchase of washers, dryers, beds and other furniture instead of renting-to-own.

"We have a significant investment portfolio - so we're postured for disasters, payless paydays, things of that nature... and this is the Soldiers' fund, so they should be able to draw from it as needed," Durr said. "We continue to look for ways to meet the emergency financial needs of our Soldiers and their Families, so we have to be an organization that evolves as the Army changes."



**Toxic Dragon exercise
brings together troops
from United States, Italy**



(Top and bottom) U.S. Army chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense from Headquarters Company, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade, inspect a mock contaminated subway station Sept. 3, 2015 in Rieti, Italy, during bilateral exercise Toxic Dragon 15. Toxic Dragon brought together CBRN troops from both the U.S. and Italy to share techniques and improve interoperability.

(Left) U.S. Army 1st Lt. Cassandra B. McDonald (standing, center), a platoon leader assigned to 54th Engineer Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade conducts a briefing for Italian Army soldiers from 7th Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Regiment.

(Photos by VI Specialist Elena Baladelli)



Expert to speak about offenders, victims

VICENZA -- Russell Strand, a nationally recognized expert in the areas of domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer support, sexual assault, trafficking in persons and child abuse investigations, will be at Casermas Ederle and Del Din from Sept. 15-17.

Strand is chief of the U.S. Army Military Police School Behavioral Sciences Education and Training Division. During his visit here, he will present "Offenders & Victims - Trauma, Deception, and Impact." All community members are invited and encouraged to attend the speaking engagements. There are various sessions for different audiences.

The Family Advocacy Program, under the authority of AR 608-18, and the Sexual Harassment Assault Response Prevention Program, under the authority of AR



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600-20, support Strand's presentations to the community.

Session schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 15

9-11 a.m.: CRC/SARB/VA Breakout Session – Army Community Services Conference

Room, Caserma Ederle
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Law Enforcement Luncheon - ACS Conference Room, Caserma Ederle
3-5 p.m.: Senior Leader Session - Golden Lion

Wednesday, Sept. 16

9:30 a.m.-noon: Junior Soldiers/Leaders/Non-supervisory GS/NAF Session #1 - Sigholtz Center, Del Din
1:30-4:30 p.m.: Junior Soldiers/Leaders/Non-supervisory GS/NAF Session #2 - Golden Lion

Thursday, Sept. 17

8:30-10:30 a.m.: Health Care Provider Session - Golden Lion
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: F2F/Community Families Networking Event - Golden Lion
3:30-5 p.m.: Keeping It Safe at Work And At Home - Golden Lion (Army Community Services)

Russell Strand biography

Russell W. Strand is currently the Chief of the U.S. Army Military Police School Behavioral Sciences Education and Training Division. Strand is a retired U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Division Federal Special Agent with an excess of 39 years law enforcement, investigative and consultation experience. He is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of domestic violence intervention, critical incident peer support, sexual assault, trafficking in persons and child abuse investigations.

Strand has established, developed, produced and conducted the U.S. Army sexual assault investigations, domestic violence intervention training, sexual assault investigations and child abuse prevention and investigation techniques courses and supervised development of the Critical Incident Peer Support course. He has also assisted in development and implementation of Department of Defense training standards, programs of instruction and lesson plans for Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC), victim advocates, chaplains, criminal investigators, first responders, commanders and health professionals. He is a member of the Defense Family Advocacy Command Assistance Team

and Department of the Army Fatality Review Board. Strand developed the DoD Trafficking in Persons Law Enforcement First Responders and Investigators training modules.

He continues to conduct interviews of child and adult victims of physical and sexual abuse, and provides investigative and consultation support as requested in ongoing sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse investigations, interventions, and military and civilian criminal trials.

Other highlights of Strand's career include:

- Response assistance to Fort Hood, Texas, following the November 2009 mass shooting to provide critical incident and trauma victim interview support

- Developed a new trauma-informed interview technique known as the Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI)

- Induction into the U.S. Army Military Police Hall of Fame in 2011;

- Received the 2012 End Violence Against Women International Visionary Award in recognition of his impact, vision and leadership in ending violence against women around the world

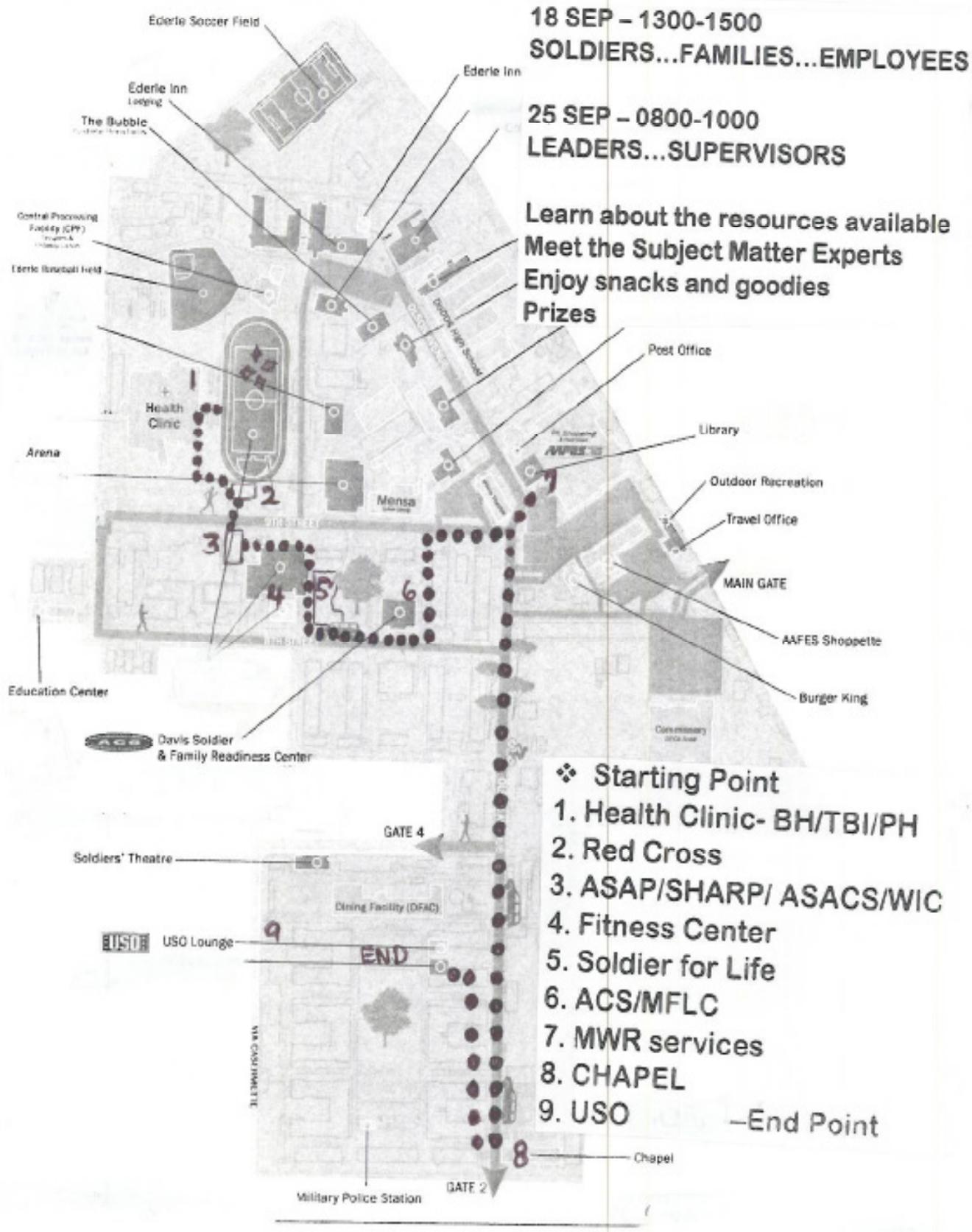
- A feature subject-matter expert in "The Invisible War" documentary on sexual assault in the military, which was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Feature Length Documentary in 2013

- Received the St. Luke's Health System Forensic Committee Visionary Award in 2014 for years of executive direction, education and leadership in providing effective multidisciplinary training and expert consultation at the 7th National Forensic Sciences Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

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- imitation arms, paintball guns
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- nutmeg, vanilla, salt
- mineral salt, saffron
- fruit & vegetables
- plants, soil
- salted, smoked, dried or canned meat

University offers extension

University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) announces the extension of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certification testing through Nov. 30.

Testing services are offered in cooperation with military education centers; ASE testing initially began in March.

ASE is trusted by consumers and employers nationwide as a sign of automotive technician knowledge and skills. The program offers 40-plus exams grouped into specialties such as automobile, medium and heavy truck, collision repair and more.

Interested individuals can test at specific National Test Center

(NTC) locations on military bases in Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Kuwait. Any U.S. military member, family member, or government service civilian with a DoD ID card can take the test.

To schedule an exam, please contact your local NTC coordinator.

For more information on ASE, NTC's, CLEP, DSST or Pearson VUE testing, please contact a local UMUC Europe NTC coordinator, or visit www.europe.umuc.edu/ntc. Get updates from UMUC Europe on Twitter and Facebook at www.twitter.com/UMUCEurope and www.facebook.com/UMUCEurope

(Contributed by UMUC Europe)



CTC Europe Class Schedule

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TERM 1

CDEC 2307 ~ Math and Science for Early Childhood (3 s.h)

Independent Study (online) with Skype option
This course is sponsored via the CTC Vicenza Office, and is available Europe-wide for enrollment

(Registration accepted until the Thursday before the class starting date)
Course Dates: 14 Sep – 6 Nov 2015



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FREE SHOWING
0900-1030

21 SEPT 15— *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. ASAP will panel a discussion after the movie.

22 SEPT 15— U.S. Army Film *Suicide: The Unheard Cry*

1968— *The Unheard Cry* portrays five different types of personalities and the behavior and warning signs that indicate serious depression and possible suicide



ASAP will panel a discussion after the movie.

Attendance counts towards the mandated Suicide Prevention Awareness Training



A
day
in
Milan



(Clockwise from left) A view of Milan from the Duomo di Milano, a Gothic cathedral that took nearly six centuries to complete.

The Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, one of the world's oldest shopping malls that dates back to 1877.

Expo Milano is celebrated and "advertised" throughout the city, as the Expo is this year's World's Fair and takes place until Oct. 31.

Plazza Duomo features the Duomo and Galleria, as well as shops, museums and places to people-watch.

For more information about Milan and tickets to the Expo, stop by the Outdoor Recreation center on Caserma Ederle.

(Photos by Karin J. Martinez)





Sports day for Darby kids

The Child Development Services Sports and Fitness program at Darby Military Community sponsored a sports day Aug. 26. After warm-up exercises, a fun run took place, followed by a variety of sport games. According to Jeff Pagliaroli, Child Development Services Sports and Fitness program director, the event was designed as an occasion to bring children together with some motion before school started the following Monday. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs)

Winning is no sweat with Exchange fitness contest

DALLAS -- Military shoppers can exercise their right to win with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's \$11K Get Fit Giveaway.

The giveaway is part of the Exchange's Because of You program, a yearlong effort to recognize and reward service members for their sacrifice and dedication to America. With the giveaway, six winners will take home a fitness prize package valued at nearly

\$2,000 each.

Each prize package includes:

- *\$500 GNC gift card
- *GNC duffel bag stocked with GNC Total Lean products—a \$300 value
- *Nautilus Schwinn 170 upright bike worth \$379
- *Xbox 360 gaming system valued at \$350
- *Schwinn 1.0 700c hybrid bicycle worth \$240
- *Fitbit Charge wristband valued at \$129.95
- *Champion athletic wear worth \$100

Authorized shoppers 18 and older can enter the \$11K Get Fit Giveaway at www.shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou <<http://www.shopmyexchange.com/BecauseOfYou> from Sept. 1 to Sept 30. Winners will be chosen at random and notified no later than Oct. 19. No purchase is necessary.



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Making difference could net \$5,000 scholarship

DALLAS -- Students who go above and beyond in making a difference in their community could reap a handsome reward for their service in the Army & Air Force Exchange Service Unilever Rewards of Caring Scholarship contest.

To enter, authorized students in grades six through 12 with a 2.5 or higher grade-point average can submit an essay explaining their involvement in community service projects and why their community is important to them.

Essays must be written in English, with 500 words or fewer. Four winners worldwide will

each be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship.

"Giving back and serving the community are important at any age," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, the Exchange's senior enlisted adviser. "This contest gives us the opportunity to recognize and reward those students who are truly making a difference."

Essays are due by

Oct. 1 and should be mailed to:

**Exchange Rewards of Caring Scholarship Contest
P.O. Box 7837
Melville, NY
11775-7837**

Winners will be chosen Nov. 10.

173rd brigade sends two paratroopers to Military World Games

By **Sgt. A.M. LaVey**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

VICENZA -- Two 173rd Airborne Brigade paratroopers have been selected to represent the U.S. military at the International Military Sports Council (CISM) World Military Games, to be held in Mungyeong, Korea, October 2015.

Capt. Jose Solis, an assistant brigade military intelligence officer, and 1st Lt. Kyler Martin, deputy brigade engineer, will be competing in cycling and track and field respectively, at the 6th annual military games, founded in 2009 in order to increase friendship through sport.

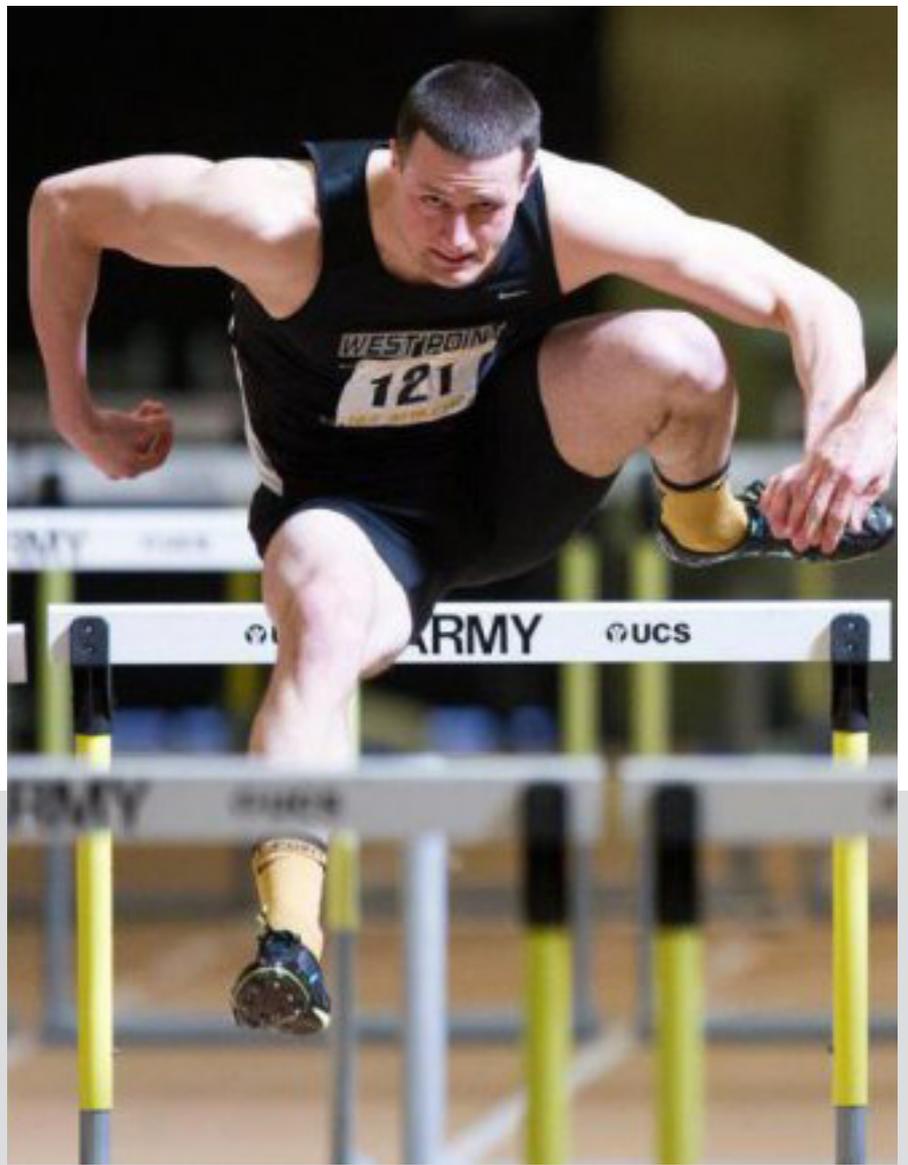
CISM, founded in 1948, organizes sporting events for service members in 133 member countries, who, according to their website, may previously have met on the battlefield and now meet in friendship on the sporting field.

These two men take their sports seriously, with both holding Italian sports licenses and competing in local competitions. This will be the first time they represent America on the world stage.

Solis, a serious cyclist for eight years, previously was a triathlete, but then decided he preferred cycling to running and swimming. He credits his time at the 173rd for perfecting his game.

"Racing in Italy helped me out," said Solis. "It's a pretty big sport here and the competition is pretty high. I think that the competition I'll see at the World Games will be similar to what I've been experiencing here."

Solis trains daily, spending about 14-16 hours on the bike per week. He also participates in two different types of events in Italy: the "gran fondo" - an Italian-style marathon of cycling, a pro-am race often at distances of 80-100 miles with hundreds of people participating, and timed racing circuits - 50 miles in two hours or less, for more serious cyclists.



Cadet (now 1st Lt.) Kyler Martin runs the 60-meter hurdles during an Army-Navy meet at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 2013. (Courtesy photo)

Martin is in his 10th season of running track and field events, starting as a teenager, then representing the U.S. Army as a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

"I've had the World Military Games on my mind the last few years now," said Martin. "So I've been training and running while I'm here in Europe."

Martin, who runs the 110-meter hurdles, has larger dreams beyond Korea.

"This is a good opportunity, being that it's a world stage and a chance for a world title," he said. "I hope that this meet will propel me into that next level."

Both men credit the military for making them better athletes, and their athletic training for making them better paratroopers.

"Discipline connects sports and being a paratrooper," said Solis. "It's not easy waking up early every day and training before work. But my ability to stick

to the plan and follow through with it comes from being a disciplined Soldier."

Martin concurs.

"Being a Soldier, I have a regimented lifestyle, starting with physical training each morning, which I use to better my run time," said Martin. "It's built right into my schedule. And being a runner helps me be a better Soldier by building endurance, speed, strength and coordination."

The paratroopers plan to combine the best attributes of being Soldier-athletes while in Korea and do their best to represent the brigade.

"When you're an athlete, your main focus is winning - it's your only goal, the only option," said Martin. "Being a paratrooper I understand this. Like Gen. Douglas MacArthur said 'there is no substitute for victory.'"

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Baby and Me Infant Playtime

Baby and Me Infant Playtime is a time to get together with other parents of infants to socialize and learn through play. If you have children ages 2-12 months, come along to this infant playgroup every other Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 395. For more info, call ACS at 634-7500.

Design Your Own Class

The Vicenza Arts & Crafts Center provides a full range of creative options and professional equipment in do-it-yourself studios for woodwork, pottery, framing and a large multi-craft classroom. Private classes are available with a minimum of just six people perfect for Homeschool Art, Mom's Club, Girl and Boy Scouts earning badges, Family Readiness Groups, Ladies Night Out, Birthday Parties and Groups of Family and friends.

Tell us what you're interested in and we'll do the rest. Call the Arts & Crafts Center at 634-7074 for more info.

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.

Group Fitness Classes

Sports and Fitness will get you started off on the right foot with popular classes such as Pilates, Yoga, Taekwondo, Kickboxing, Zumba®, Cycle and many, many more! For a complete list of classes, visit italy.armyMWR.com

Soldiers' Theatre

Soldiers' Theatre invites you to volunteer with the company. Your generous support makes you a part of our theatre Family! We're looking for actors, directors, choreographers, designers, musicians, stage managers and other volunteers. We have a role you can fill! For more information, contact Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281.

5:01 Bar

Do you 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 with friends or colleagues after work.

The 5:01 Bar is available for bookings for birthday parties, promotion ceremonies and other special events for a nominal fee. For more info, contact 634-8064.

Darby Children's Story Hour

Story time begins again on September 1. Designed for children aged 3-7 years, meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library. Come join us for activities. Establish with your children the reading habit of a lifetime and enjoyment of books.

Darby BOSS Monthly Meeting

Join the Darby Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers (BOSS) program for bimonthly meetings. 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!

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Community news briefs

Cleaning at garages

The Directorate of Public Works will clean Del Din parking garage #14 on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In accordance with Directorate of Emergency Services, anyone who parks in the garage is asked to remove his/her vehicle from the lot in order to ensure cleaning is not obstructed. Anyone with questions should call Giovanni Zanon, DPW O&M Division, DSN 634-7214 or comm. 335-876-2487.

Central Texas College offers class on police brutality

Sign up now for the CJSA 1171 Police Brutality course through Central Texas College Europe Campus. The course will provide students with basic information about the excessive use of force by police. The class is one credit hour and runs each night Sept. 14 through Sept. 17, 5:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, contact Anne Fantacone or JoAnne Combs, DSN 634-6514.

Financial fitness

Become financially fit with a class open to the community. Attend Financial Fitness, offered by FMWR. The class takes place Sept. 14, 9-10 a.m., Building 305 on Caserma Ederle. Topics covered will be IRA vs. Roth IRA; big purchases; ID theft; how credit works; and saving for the future.

Mosquito spraying

There will be mosquito spraying in Villaggio on Sept. 17, from 7-9 p.m. One treatment will be done as long as weather conditions are cooperative. In the case of inclement weather, the spray will be postponed to the day after. Residents are asked not to walk on the streets if possible for at least one hour after the spray. For more information, call DSN 634-8888.

Suicide Awareness Month

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

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.

College seeks EMT 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, 0444-618145. Qualified, interested persons may also send an email to Vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu.

Learn intervention skills

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Get a seat in the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training that takes place Sept. 28 and 29, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Building 305 behind the post laundry. ASIST is a two-day intensive, interactive and practice-dominated course aimed at enabling people to spot the risk of suicide and provide immediate help to persons at risk. The class is free, but only 35 seats are available, so sign up today. The class is suitable for anyone, from professionals and volunteers to members of the community. Participants range from those in caring roles to people concerned about family members or friends. Register with full name, phone number, email address and organization to Sandra.class.civ@mail.mil. Call DSN 634-7858/5275 for more information.

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 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.

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.

Holiday shopping at 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!

VFW offers two 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 provides 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. Should contact the garrison COMREL office at 637-8009 or usarmy.vmc.pao@mail.mil.

Medical Benvenutis

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

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 usarmy.vmc.pao@mail.mil.

Call emergency operations

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

ASE 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 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 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.

Sergeant Morales Club

The Sergeant Morales Club is a robust network of noncommissioned officers who champion

the corps by taking care of Soldiers and families, and giving back to the community. All NCOs are welcome to attend the club's 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.

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Bldg. 395, Room 5, behind the Mensa. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the 12-step process. Call 634-7554 for more information.

Your announcement here

If 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 to contact.

At the movies



MAZE RUNNER: THE SCORCH TRIALS

Thomas (Dylan O'Brien) and his fellow Gladers battle the powerful organization WCKD while facing the perils of the Scorch, a desolate landscape filled with dangerous obstacles.

Ederle Theater

Sept. 10	7 p.m.	Straight Outta Compton (R)
Sept. 11	7 p.m.	The Perfect Guy (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Southpaw (R)
Sept. 12	3 p.m.	Fantastic Four (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The Perfect Guy (PG-13)
Sept. 13	3 p.m.	MI: Rogue Nation (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The Perfect Guy (PG-13)
Sept. 16	11 a.m.	The Perfect Guy (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	No Escape (R)
Sept. 17	7 p.m.	Mr. Holmes (PG)
Sept. 18	7 p.m.	Maze Runner: Scorch Trials (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Black Mass (R)
Sept. 19	3 p.m.	Maze Runner: Scorch Trials (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Black Mass (R)
Sept. 20	3 p.m.	Maze Runner: Scorch Trials (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	No Escape (R)
Sept. 23	11 a.m.	No Escape (R)
	7 p.m.	The Perfect Guy (PG-13)

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

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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Department of Veteran Affairs

PRESENTS:

Italy VA Overseas Military Services Coordinator

Emily Avila

Rating Veteran Service Representative

September 14th-September 16th
Monday through Wednesday
0830-1630

September 15th
Question & Answer Session
1000-1200

Individual Appointments for
active duty service members,
veterans, and spouses!

**If you are unavailable to meet with the VA
OMSC, you can email your question to:
Italy.va.rep@gmail.com

Contact the Vicenza SFL-TAP Office to:

- Receive assistance with the development of your claim or disability rating
- Ask about Vocational Rehabilitation, Work-Study, & other VA/DoD education/career programs
- Learn more about VA Health Care
- Understand how to use eBenefits
- Hear information about entitlements for your dependents
- And much more!



TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Start Strong • Serve Strong • Reconnect Strong • Rebuild Strong

**Schedule
your
appointment
today!!**

Vicenza Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program

Ana Levitt
VA Benefits Advisor
USAG Vicenza, Caserma Ederle, Bldg. 126
DSN: 637-8155 or CIV: 0444-61-8155
Email: ana.levitt.civ@calibresys.com

Local opera performance

FONDAZIONE SAN BORTOLO PRESENTA

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OMAGGIO A GIUSEPPE VERDI

La Traviata
in esecuzione concertante

Villa Ghislanzoni Curti
Via S. Cristoforo, 75 - Bertesina (Vicenza)
Sabato 12 Settembre 2015 - Ore 18.00

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VENETO

*Passeggiando per Vicenza –
Vieni in città senza la tua auto*
**Strolling around Vicenza –
Come downtown by foot**

Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. No-driving Sunday downtown Vicenza, and in all posted ZTL (no traffic zone) areas; 9:30 a.m.– 6 p.m. free shuttle bus service from Cricoli, Bassano and Mercato Nuovo parking lots and free parking. The ordinance applies to all vehicles, including SETAF registered vehicles. Violators will be fined a minimum of €84.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/09/20/13223/-/passeggiando-per-vicenza-vieni-in-citta-senza-la-tua-auto>

**MezzadiVicenza
Vicenza Marathon**

Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m., in Vicenza. The 21km marathon starts and end at the Querini Park, Viale Rumor. For information and to register on line, click on:

<https://www.enternow.it/iol/index.jsp?idms=785#>
<http://www.mezzadivicenza.it/>

**Luna Park
Carnival Rides**

Through Sept. 20, in Vicenza, Campo Marzo, Viale Dalmazia, right across the train station. Open 4 p.m. to midnight, Monday-Thursday; 3 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday-Saturday; Sunday 3 a.m.-midnight.

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

**La Traviata
An homage to Verdi**

Sept. 12, at 6 p.m., in Vicenza, Villa Ghislanzoni Curti, Via San Cristoforo 73; a special version of Giuseppe Verdi' opera La Traviata performed as a concert. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be postponed to Sept. 13. Tickets are €15; all proceeds will go to the creation of a Pediatric Intensive Care Section.

<http://fondazione-sanbortolo.it>



Il giro della Rua **The Rua Parade**

Sept. 12 : (originally scheduled for Sept. 5 and postponed due to inclement weather), in Vicenza. The parade departs from Piazza Duomo at 8:15 p.m. and arrives to Piazza dei Signori where at 9 p.m., where there will be the lighting ceremony of the historical wooden tower, symbol of Vicenza, as well as live music and shows. It will be possible to admire the Rua in Piazza dei Signori through Sept. 27.

Passeggiate in carrozza **Horse-Drawn Carriage Tours**

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

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/albo/notizie.php/130717>

Fiera del Soco **Tree trunk Fair**

Sept. 11-17, in Grisignano di Zocco, Via Ungaretti, Via Serenissima, Via Garibaldi and Via Cedri, about 12 miles

southeast of Vicenza. Soco means “tree trunk” – it derives from a 1250 apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary by a tree trunk. The fair is a large, annual market with hundreds of booths, exhibitions, and carnival rides; local products exhibit and sale; art exhibitions; workshops; food booths open at 7 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Sept. 11: 6 p.m., fair grand opening; 8:30 p.m. Kizomba (popular Angolan dance) demonstration followed by Latino American music and dancing; 9 p.m. in the SO... COUNTRY Area, Dj marathon; live music with Übermensch (Rammstein Tribute Band)

Sept. 12: 9 a.m., 8th Belly & Budelli Track Rally on Via Rosini; 2:30-6:30 p.m. pony and horse shows; 3-8 p.m. tourist helicopter flights: an eight-minute ride costs €40/person. Market opens from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Historical reenactment with live music and flag-thrower shows; 6 p.m. in the SO... COUNTRY Area, 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: Market opens at 8 a.m.; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. dog training demonstrations; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. tourist helicopter flights; food booths open at noon; 5-6:30 p.m. free pony rides for children and horse-drawn carriage rides;

3 -7 p.m. BBQ Soco Contest “Friends by the Grill,” American-Italian barbecue contest: 10 American and 10 Italian teams compete in two categories: Steak and Chef’s Choice, where chefs must come up with their own recipe; 7 p.m. The Millennium Dance Show – Caribbean and Latin American dance show; 9 p.m. live pop/rock music

Sept. 14: Market opens at 8 a.m., vintage agricultural vehicles exhibit, and antique trade demonstrations; 9 a.m. antique market on Via Mazzini; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. tourist helicopter flights; 2-7 p.m. dog training demonstrations; 7 p.m. Zumba fitness festival; 9 a.m. live music and dancing show with the Horseman Saloon Group.

Sept. 15-17: from 4 p.m., market and 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. live music and dancing; Sept. 17 fireworks at midnight.

<http://www.fieradelsoco.it/programma/>

Sagra di Fine Estate **End of Summer Festival**

Sept. 11, 7- 11 p.m., Sept. 12-13, 3-11 p.m., Monteviale, Sports Center, Via Costigliola. Food booths and live music; Sept. 12 and 13 face painting and bounce houses.

Festa del Riso **Rice Festival**

Sept. 18-23, in Grumolo delle Abbadesse, about nine miles east of Vicenza. Local products exhibit and sale; charity raffle; food booths featuring local rice dishes open at 7:30 p.m. Live music starts at 8:30 p.m.

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

Festa dell'Uva **Grape Festival**

Sept. 18-21, in Soave (Verona), about 21 miles southwest of Vicenza; art exhibits; food booth feature local specialties; sampling and sale of local D.O.C. wines; live music and dancing; Sept. 20, antique market and, at 11 p.m., fireworks.

<http://www.prolocosoave.it/?p=2952>

Festa della Zucca **Pumpkin Festival**

In Ghizzole (Montegaldella), about nine miles southeast of Vicenza. Pumpkin exhibit and sale; food booths open at 7 p.m.

Sept. 18, 3-6 p.m. Pumpkin delivery and registration for best carving; 9 p.m., country music night and DJ marathon with free dance workshop.

Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Pumpkin delivery and pumpkin contest registration; 3 p.m. donkey rides for children; 10 p.m. Cover Pop Rock and Rock&Roll Dual Band

Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., old trades' reenactment, pumpkin cooking workshops; 4 p.m. best pumpkin award ceremony; 9 p.m. Latin-American music and dancing.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/AMICI-DELLA-ZUCCA-Ghizzole-di-Montegaldella/576163349112030#!/576163349112030/photos/pcb.995371400524554/995371157191245/?type=1&theater>

Fiori, colori e... **Flowers, colors, and ...**

Sept. 18-20, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Duomo, and Piazza Castello. Flowers and plants exhibit.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/09/19/13204/-/fiori-colori>

Ferrara Balloon Festival

Sept. 11-20, in Ferrara, Bassani Park, Via Riccardo Bacchelli, about 70 miles south of Vicenza. Admission fee: Saturday and Sunday €5 (free for children under 12); free entrance Monday – Friday. Free parking and shuttle service from the main parking lot downtown Ferrara. For detailed information in English, visit <http://www.ferrarafestival.it/en/program-and-map/program/day-by-day/datelist>.

Musica delle Tradizioni **The World's Musical Traditions**

Vicenza, City Theatre, Viale Mazzini 39, unless otherwise specified. **Sept. 17**: 7:30 p.m. Musical aperitif at the theatre's foyer; live percussion music; 9 p.m., traditional Greek music with the Evi Evàn Band;

Sept. 18: 7:30 p.m. Musical aperitif with live Indian music featured by Samvād; 9 p.m. Arabic music with the Tunisian Amine & Amza Quartet

Sept. 19: 7:30 p.m. Musical aperitif with live Turkish music and dances; 9 p.m. Turkish whirling Dervish hypnotic dances

Sept. 20: 4 p.m., in Piazza delle Erbe. Mappamondo Musicale, Music Globe, final music and dances show performed by 20 children coming from all over the world; free entrance.

Ticket: €10.60 for the 9 p.m. concert; music aperitif + concert: €16.50 (includes traditional food and drink)

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/09/17/13170/-/festival-musica-delle-tradizioni>

Festa del Baccalà alla Vicentina **Dried Cod Fish Festival**

Sept. 18-28, in Sandrigo, Piazza S.S. Filippo e Giacomo, about nine miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring gnocchi with cod fish, Vicentine cod fish with polenta and many other local specialties open at 7 p.m.; gnocchi- and bigoli- making demonstrations; local products and crafts exhibits and sale. Live music and dancing nightly at 9 p.m. in Piazza Garibaldi.

<http://baccalaallavicentina.it/festa-del-bacala-2014-programma/>

Expobici

Sept. 19-20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Five different bike routes, one for each category (road, gravel/tourism, MTB, E-MTB and free ride), and one route for cycle-tourism focused on culture, and local food and wines. Entrance fee: €8; for detailed information in English, visit <http://www.expobici.it/en/show-info/>.

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; collateral event of Expo Milan, this exhibition focuses on the importance of water as a fundamental resource for life, never losing sight, however,



Historical reenactment, Tuscany

Antique markets

Vicenza: Sept. 13, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

Montegrotto (Padova): Sept. 13, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza 1° Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza (about 70 vendors)

Verona: Sept. 19, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

Este (Padova): Sept. 20, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Godega di Sant'Urbano: Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

Montagnana: Sept. 20, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Padova: Sept. 20, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

Soave: Sept. 20, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)

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>.

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TUSCANY

Sagra della Ranochiocciola Frog and Snail Festival

Sept. 11-13, in Montespertoli (Florence). Food booths featuring frog and snail dishes and other local specialties open at 7:30 p.m. and, on Sept. 10, also at 12:30 p.m. Live music, dancing and magic shows.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&ci->

Sagra del Fico Fig Festival

Sept. 10-13, in Carmignano (Prato), Via Molinaccio 7. Food booths featuring figs in a variety of local dishes and other specialties open at 7:30 p.m. Live music and dancing start at 9:30 p.m.; Sept. 13, local crafts exhibit and sale.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&ci-ty=&date=13&page=3&post=269>

Sagra del Cinghiale Wild boar Festival

Sept. 10-13, in Castelfranco di Sotto (Pisa). Food booths featuring wild boar specialties and other local dishes open at 7 p.m. Live music and dancing start at 9:30 p.m.; fireworks Sept. 13 at 11:30 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=4&post=733>

Rievocazione Storica Historical re-enactment

Sept. 12, 6 – 11 p.m., Sept. 13, 8 a.m. – 11 p.m., in Montopoli Val D'Arno (Pisa), Piazza Catruccio Castracani. Ancient medieval market, flag-throwers, storytellers, sword duels; food stands feature local and medieval specialties; Sept. 12, at 9:30 p.m., Young Archeries Competition; Sept. 13, archers coming from all over Italy perform spectacular precision shots; in the afternoon "Assalto al Castello," medieval battle competition between the two city's districts (perinsù and peringìù).

<http://www.montopoli.net/>

Festa Medievale Medieval Festival

Sept. 12, in Montevettolini (Monsummano Terme – Pistoia). Street artists, knights, jesters, fire-eaters and live medieval music. Food booths feature typical medieval drinks and foods; reenactment of a medieval hospital and a leprosarium; free entrance.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=839>

Sagra della Polenta, Funghi Porcinie Cinghiale Polenta, Porcini Mushroom and Wild Boar Festival

Sept. 12-13 and Sept. 19-20 in Poggio alla Malva (Carmignano, Prato), Piazza Nardi. Food booths feature many local specialties and wines; they are open for dinner and, on Sunday, also for lunch.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=3&post=282>

Corri la Vita Run for Life

Sept. 27, in Florence, Piazza Duomo. 12.8km competitive race and 4.6km non-competitive walk for charity, held in collaboration with the Italian League for the fight against cancer; both the race and walk start in Piazza Duomo

and end in Piazza Signoria. Participants must be 18 years old by Sept. 27; for more info on how to sign up, visit <http://www.corrilavita.it/en/#>.

Antique markets

Bolgheri (Livorno): Sept. 12-13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets

Firenze (Tuscany): Sept. 13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

Forte dei Marmi (Lucca): Sept. 12-13, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante

Livorno: 2nd Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

Montepulciano (Siena): Sept. 12-13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande

Piombino (Livorno): Sept. 12-13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci

Pisa: Sept. 12-13, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

Pistoia: Sept. 12-13, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Via Pertini (except July and August)

Vicopisano (Pisa): Sept. 13, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca

Certaldo (Florence): Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno

Florence: Sept. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

Lucca: Sept. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): Sept. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio. Pontedera (Pisa): Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown

Quarrata (Pistoia): Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

CONCERTS



Steve Hackett
Photo by Cesare Greselin

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; Nov. 30 in Turin; Dec. 1 in Bergamo
Rae Sremmurd - Nov. 30 in Milan
Harlem Spirit of Gospel Choir – Dec. 18 in Varese; Dec. 22 in Torino

SPORTING EVENTS

BlancpainGT Series - **Oct. 2-4**, in Misano Adriatico
Agility World Championship - **Oct. 8-11**, in Casalecchio di Reno
Misano Classic Weekend – Vintage motorcycles on stage - **Oct. 9-11**, in Misano Adriatico

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