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Learn Italian

Can I park here?
Posso parcheggiare qui?
po-so par-ke-ja-re kwee

How do I get there?
Come ci si arriva?
ko-me chee see a-ree-va

How far is it?
Quant'è distante?
kwan-te dees-tan-te

Until tomorrow.
A domani.
ah doh-mah-nee



Addison Curtis of Company C, Brigade Support Battalion, gets advice from his coach before his bout in the Heavyweight class during the BOSS Boxing Smoker at Del Din Nov. 19. Curtis won vs. Stephen Weddie, B Co., BSB.

Boxing smoker is a knockout

Story and photo by **Laura Kreider**
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DEL DIN -- For the first time, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program hosted a U.S. Army Boxing Smoker at Del Din Fitness Center Nov. 19 in partnership with U.S. Army Garrison Italy Sports, Fitness and Aquatics.

A total of 18 boxers from several units had the chance to compete in the ring in nine bouts from Light Middle to Super Heavyweight classes.

The event was also the last one for Sgt. Amanda Donohue, USAG Italy BOSS President, as she is leaving Vicenza for another duty station. Donohue said she started planning the BOSS Boxing Smoker in April.

"I have assisted in the coordination of

a few other sports and fitness events before this boxing smoker.

"I received a lot of positive feedback about it. Soldiers have said that experiencing this event not only made them want to start boxing themselves, but also made them love being in the Army just a little more," said Donohue.

Due to the lack of female fighters, the fifth match between Toyelle Rickson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Kaitlyne Kisner of Company B, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade, was not exactly a weight class.

"My opponent and I weighed in at the exact same weight, though. So I knew that our fight would be a good one," said Kisner.

"I actually had not prepared prior to

the boxing smoker. However, I did do a few months' worth of training when I was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I thoroughly enjoyed it and hoped I would find boxing opportunities when I found out I was PCS'ing to Italy," she continued.

Kisner was invited to fight the day before the event.

"I was a little nervous that I hadn't been training prior to being asked, but I knew that the skills that I had learned in Missouri would still benefit me. I have not participated in many organized sporting events similar to the boxing smoker; I am, however, certified in both Level 1 and Level 2 Modern Army Combatives and will be attending the Master

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Italian base commander says farewell

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

VICENZA -- Italian army Col. Edoardo Maggian, base commander for Southern European Task Force / U.S. Army Africa, said good-bye to the Vicenza Military Community Nov. 24 during a farewell ceremony hosted by Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, U.S. Army Africa commanding general, at Caserma Ederle.

Maggian, a native of Vicenza, served as the IBC since February 2008, and not only relinquishes his command but is also retiring from the Italian army after more than 36 years of service.

"This is a monumental day," Williams said. "For each day brings new challenges for men and women in uniform – and new concerns for their families."

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Turkey Trot



Scott Gordon (left), U.S. Army Garrison Italy Directorate of FMWR, hands out a turkey to one of the winners in the annual Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run. Despite the rain, almost 200 Vicenza Military Community members and Italian friends participated in the event that started and ended on Caserma Ederle's track Nov. 21. Participants received awards for the top three in each age category, and additional turkeys were given out during a random drawing.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy PAO)

Antiterrorism offices provide safety tips for holidays, anytime

In light of the recent attacks in Paris, the United States Army Garrison Italy Antiterrorism Office, in conjunction with U.S. Army Africa AT office, offer the following guidance for all Department of Defense personnel.

Lower Your Signature. Adhere to uniform restrictions and “blend in.” Avoid wearing shirts, hats, jackets, etc. that reference military government or law enforcement. Terrorists have consistently chosen either “soft targets,” easily identified named targets, or both. Don’t be either one.

Consider refreshing yourself with AT Level I Training. Although this is an annual requirement for Soldiers and Department of Army civilians, anyone can benefit from the training. The USAG Italy Antiterrorism Office offers training each Thursday in the Central Processing Facility at 9:45 a.m. on the upper floor. Take the course online at <https://Jkodirect.jten.mil>. Active-shooter training and a 30-minute briefing to assist family members with “All Things Security” is available through the AT office when requested by family readiness groups.

Avoid mass gatherings and, if unavoidable, exercise heightened security and awareness. With the holiday season here, it is not always possible. Resisting a Christmas market is tough. Using mass transit is something that’s going to happen. When at one of these locations, be in a heightened state of situational awareness, know where family members are, and have a mental egress plan that can be quickly implemented if an emergency occurs. Below are some terrorist activity indicators to be aware of at all times:

- Persons wearing unusually bulky clothing that might conceal suicide weapons or explosives.

- Suspicious or illegally parked vehicles near a gathering.

- Unattended packages (backpacks, briefcases, boxes, etc.)

- Persons attempting to gain unauthorized entry to a gathering or event.

- Unique opportunities, such as important special guests or one-time special events, present an even more tempting target for terrorists.

Practice safe social media activity. Take the fol-

lowing precautions to protect yourself:

Think before you post. Always assume that everyone in the world will be able to see what you are posting even if your settings are limited to family and friends.

Review privacy settings and limit who can see your social media sites; do not trust these settings as absolute.

Avoid posting your home or work address and phone numbers.

Limit any reference to military, government or law enforcement affiliation.

Avoid detailed accounts of your day (when and where you are going to be certain places).

Never allow geolocation on your devices. Remember – if people can see where you are at any given minute, they also know where you are not at that moment.

Comply w/ the Foreign Clearance Guide requirements when traveling. Do some detailed study of where you want to go, and know about any restrictions or warnings in a particular destination. Some places are more dangerous than others. Arm yourself with those facts, act accordingly and you and yours will be much safer.



Tickets are on sale now for the Soldiers' Theatre annual holiday show
We Need a Little Christmas.
Call the box office today to reserve seats: 634-7281.

Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., Dec. 4-13. Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$12 for youth. www.italy.army.MWR.com



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Speak Out

What song puts you in the mood for the holidays?

By Laura Kreider & Chiara Mattiolo



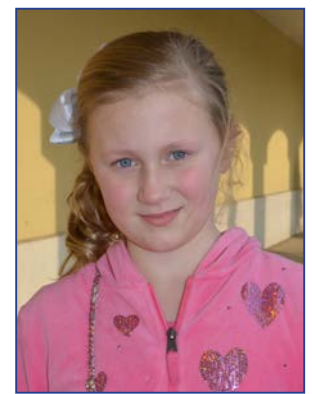
Remielyn Almario
Family member

“All I want for Christmas is You,” sang by Mariah Carey.”



Lamar Strozier
MWR

“The traditional ‘Jingle Bells.’”



Cecil Gwen
Family member

“‘Here Comes Santa Claus.’”



Staff Sgt. Chad Theriault
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“‘Baby, It’s Cold Outside’ by Ella Fitzgerald and Lewis Jordan.”



Spc. Ilaria Leslie
Livorno Health Clinic

“‘Jingle Bells.’”



Sabrina Ashman
Family member

“‘White Christmas.’”

BOXING

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Combatives course in Germany next year.”

Kisner thought that her match was an interesting one. “My opponent put up a very good fight, and the blood all over the ring from my nose and slight black eye were proof of that. She was taller than me by a couple of inches and had a much longer reach. It was (my) first fight (and hers) as well. She rung my bell quite a few times, but I hung in there for all three rounds,” Kisner added.

After talking to many Soldiers in attendance, Kisner found out that they agreed with her assessment.

“They said it was a really good fight and that we both did fantastic. Looking back on it and watching videos, I now know what I need to work on for my next fight.

“I greatly appreciate the BOSS program and Sgt. Donohue for giving me the opportunity to get in the ring and throw some punches. I learned a lot about myself and what I need to work on for next time. I look forward to the next boxing smoker in the future,” she said.

Donohue was impressed by the fight won by Rickson.

“Sgt. Rickson informed me, when she decided she wanted to fight a couple of days before the event, that she had never fought before,” explained Donohue. “I was a little worried but I had an idea that she would probably pull something out and do really well. Both of them fought really well.”

After winning her bout, Rickson said she felt more

confident about competing.

“Right now, I feel like ‘Million Dollar Baby,’ the movie,” said Rickson. “It was fun and it makes me want to actually get on a team, and if I can do it professionally, I will.”

Following the Kisner-Rickson match was one between Andre Lucas, U.S. Army Africa, and Alexis Machado, Company D, 2nd-503rd, 173rd IBCT (A), won by Lucas.

Lucas said his motivation for boxing started because of a loss in his family.

“I started preparing for the BOSS Boxing Smoker in April. It started off as a joke to myself, then in May my mother passed away. It felt as though the world crumbled around me.

“A few weeks later, the grief really started to kick in. I felt lost and didn’t want to go (down) a destructive path. So I started to pursue boxing as my aid to relief. I dedicated myself to making my life and job better in all the hopes of making my mother and son proud of me,” Lucas said.

When Lucas first started, he said, it was in the Super Welterweight weight class, but after quitting smoking he said he gained weight and was moved to Middleweight.

“The match was a great experience. It showed that we both went through training and that we both had a plan to execute,” Lucas said.

Lucas said the events provided by the BOSS pro-

gram are instrumental in developing a healthy relationship within the Vicenza Military Community.

“I personally look forward to continuing being involved if time permits, whether it is basketball, football, softball or any major event,” Lucas said.

After the event, Jimmy Roddy, USAG Italy Sports, Fitness and Aquatics director, talked about its success. “The Boxing Smoker was a great event. We held a referee and judges’ clinic two evenings of that week and used the smoker as the practicum for the clinic. BOSS went out and got the ring, and got all the boxers together, so we could have this awesome event. We hope this was a start for more to come.”

Following are the participants/results of the BOSS Boxing Smoker:

Jorge Loera, HHC BDE (winner) vs. Geoff Dominguez, HHC 2/503

Addison Curtis, C Co. BSB (winner) vs. Stephen Weddie, B Co. BSB

Humberto Guterrez, HHC 2/503 (winner) vs. Alexander Castro C Co. BSB

Anthony Cole, C Co. BSB vs. Hector Aguirre, 1/503 (winner)

Toyelle Rickson, HHC BDE (winner) vs. Kaitlyne Kisner, B Co. 54th BEB

Andre Lucas, USARAF (winner) vs. Alexis Machado, D Co. 1/503

Kyler Martin, HHC BDE (winner) vs. Blaine McLean, C Co. 2/503

Edward Biron, E Co. BEB (winner) vs. Aaron Gillette, HHC BDE

Jasmine Smith, HHC BSB (winner) vs. Kathleen Harris, HHC BDE

FAREWELL

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Williams mentioned that regardless of how people get their information, whether from newspaper, radio or television, they can see there are always groups and individuals determined to take away liberty and freedom.

“We stand united with our brothers and sisters in arms – for we know that we are the last line of defense. We are the protectors of others’ liberties,” Williams said. “This is true for all military men and women.”

Williams looked to Maggian and said, “Today is the day that you will be able to begin to relax a little, Edoardo, for today symbolizes your move from military to civilian.”

During his career, Maggian served in positions such as deputy of chief of staff (NATO) in SETAF/USARAF; deputy chief of staff at the Alpine Headquarters in Bolzano; commander of 7th Alpine Regiment in Belluno; section chief at the Alpine HQ; commander of 1st Battalion, 85th Infantry Regiment in Montorio; chief of Exercises and Rangers at the Army Land HQ in Verona; and at the Army General Staff in Rome.

“My thoughts go to my mentors across the years, from when I was a young draftee cadet officer to active duty,” said Maggian. “Their mentorship made my life easier and my commanding skills more effective. In the end, they made me a better man and a better officer.”

Maggian was awarded the Order of Saint Maurice for his years of dedicated service as an Alpini Infantry Officer, his support to the U.S. infantry and the U.S. Army. He was also presented the USARAF colors for his support to USARAF during his tenure as the IBC.

Maggian was joined by his wife, Michela Destro, and daughter, Beatrice. They both received a Certificate of Achievement for their support to the VMC and USARAF, and for directly contributing to the successful partnership of the Italian Army and USARAF.

Also in attendance was Paola Del Din, the first Ital-



Italian army Col. Edoardo Maggian, Italian base commander, delivers a farewell speech during a ceremony held on Hoekstra Field, Caserma Ederle, Nov. 24. Maggian, a native of Vicenza, served as the IBC since February 2008 and not only relinquished his command but also retired from the Italian army after more than 36 years of service. (Photo by Spc. Craig Philbrick, U.S. Army Africa)

ian female paratrooper. Williams described her as a hero and an example of what patriotism means for her participation during partisan and allied operations during World War II.

Maggian said this assignment was undoubtedly the most challenging for him because of multiple deployments and training with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, VMC issues, liaising between U.S. and Italian authorities, local area flooding, and among everything else, the building of Caserma Del Din.

“I feel that I have been part of the process that

strengthened the relationship between the U.S. and local communities here,” said Maggian. “The process started a long time ago, when I was a child playing with U.S. children living near my home, and has now come to a close.”

Maggian concluded his speech by quoting U.S. Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

“Old Soldiers never die; they just fade away. And like an old Soldier, I now close my military career and just fade away. An old Soldier who tried to do his duty as God gave him the light to see that duty.”

A conversation with the colonel as he leaves military service

Upon his retirement, outgoing Italian base commander Col. Edoardo Maggian took a few minutes to ponder his military service and retirement, and answer some final questions for the Outlook.

OUTLOOK: Considering that during the nearly eight years of your command here, you worked with five commanding generals, four chiefs of staff, three deputies and five garrison commanders, how was it working with your American counterparts?

MAGGIAN: It was undoubtedly challenging. (Many events and activities took place, including) several 173rd deployments and brigade training in Italy, Vicenza military community issues, liaison between the base and the local Italian authorities, floods in 2010, Bomba Day and building the new base Dal Molin/Del Din. We had to work together dealing with the constant challenge of finding a plan that would suit all parties

while respecting existing Italian and American norms and regulations as they pertain to military installations. I believe we were up to the challenge as we were able to come up with solutions that, in the end, were satisfactory for both countries.

OUTLOOK: What are the best memories of your years here?

MAGGIAN: All of the relationships with my Italian military staff and my command sergeant mayor, who certainly made my life as a commander easier. I also carry with me fond memories of all the work done behind the scenes to allow open posts for Independence Day and Halloween, for example. Last, but not least, the inauguration of the new Del Din base. It doesn’t happen every day that an Italian base commander is granted the honor to open a new U.S. Army base in Italy. This is something to be proud of.

OUTLOOK: What are your best memories of 36

years of military service?

MAGGIAN: My years in Tarvisio, in the Friuli region, as a company commander. And later my tenures at Feltré, and then Belluno here in Veneto as regiment commander with my Alpini mountain troops.

OUTLOOK: What’s next for you?

MAGGIAN: After obtaining a master’s degree in Strategic Sciences, I am now interested in studying for a history degree from the University of Padova.

OUTLOOK: Any recommendation you want to share with your successor Col. Umberto D’Andria?

MAGGIAN: I think it is important not to be too passionate for foreign things ... and to be proud of being Italian. We Italians can also learn from our American friends to put aside our local differences to stand united. Also, I came to appreciate the American way of recognizing people and staff for a work well done.

Vicenza human resources professionals earn certification



Army Europe Soldiers, as part of the Personnel Readiness and Improvement Development and Education team, were in Vicenza to certify human resources officers, noncommissioned officers and junior enlisted Soldiers as part of an effort to emphasize professional development in the human resources field.

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

WIESBADEN, Germany -- Army Europe Soldiers, as part of the Personnel Readiness and Improvement Development and Education team, were on the road again, this time in Vicenza, certifying 32 human resources officers, noncommissioned officers and junior enlisted Soldiers as part of an ongoing effort to

emphasize professional development in the human resources field.

The four-day Human Resources Certification Course certified 173rd Airborne Brigade human resources professionals in regulatory guidance and best business practices of HR competencies.

The team, consisting of four HR noncommissioned officers, led by Sgt. Maj. Christian Carr, U.S. Army Europe's personnel division sergeant major, explained that

the training is comprehensive, interactive and hands-on.

First Lt. Justin Hicks, a human resources officer assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, said the trainers did a fantastic job of presenting and explaining the information.

"The instructors are very knowledgeable and extremely professional," Hicks said. "They are a great representation of who is at the U.S. Army Europe level (and who) could support us."

A number of Soldiers said they were appreciative of the material being taught and how it had direct impact on job improvement.

"This training was a much more practical application and class on the tools I will actually be using as a personnel clerk," said 2nd Lt. Laura Chall, strength manager, 173rd Abn. Bde.

Carr explained that although many could not attend the training, course materials are provided to attendees, and they can take the knowledge and information back and share at their respective units.

"In addition to providing the hands-on training, a digital copy of all training materials are provided," Carr said. "The materials are tailored for each battalion and brigade trained. They are given at the end of each course to provide sustainment and additional low density training to their lower echelons and future inbound HR personnel."

The PRIDE team has continued to provide the certification course throughout the past year, traveling to multiple locations within USAREUR.



American Indian/Native American Heritage Month

Left: Sgt. Vincent Sanchez, U.S. Army Vicenza Health Center, addresses the audience as guest speaker during the American Indian/Native American Heritage Month celebration at the Arena Nov. 24. After his presentation, the documentary "We are Still Here" was shown and closing remarks were made. The event was coordinated by U.S. Army Garrison Italy Equal Opportunity Office. Above: From left to right, Capt. Harrison Zabell, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company; Sanchez; and Wesley A. Leisinger, deputy to the garrison commander, USAG Italy, prepare to cut the cake.

(Photos by Laura Kreider/USAG Italy PAO)

Patriotic citizens give time to USO by way of thank-you dinner

VICENZA -- Volunteers from 414th Contracting Support Brigade family readiness group offered their time and efforts Nov. 19 to Vicenza USO as they hosted "Thank You Thursday."

USO reserves Thursday evenings for the event in which volunteers prepare a meal for Soldiers and visitors who utilize the building and its facilities. It is an opportunity for anyone or any organization, according to 414th FRG leader Dennis G. Beeler.

The group of more than 16 volunteers, along with Beeler and Master Sgt. LaSean Fox, gathered to prepare a home-cooked meal for the USO community, with \$50 provided by USO towards the purchase of the meal. This was the largest group that has ever volunteered at one time at the facility and was an "unforgettable feast," according to Frances Jackson, USO center manager.

From 2 p.m. through the end of the night, the smell

of home cooking filled the air at the center. Patrons gathered in anticipation to try the variety of dishes the group had prepared. Beeler said more than 100 patrons were fed, not one stomach was left empty, and there was no absence of smiles.

Jackson added that 414th FRG volunteers went above and beyond expectations, making it a memorable night for all in attendance.

The 414th CSB would like to thank USO volunteers for running the busy center and FRG volunteers for their efforts: Beeler, Fox, Tiffany Booker, Joann Holcomb, Kim Jacobson, Blanca Cook, Doug Miller, Mykaela Ocampo, Mykenzie Ocampo, Michelle Ocampo, Steven Set, Sarah Taylor, Ashley Collins, Clyde Collins, Michael Patterson, and Andres Ramirez. With more than \$200 of donated food, this "Thank You Thursday" will be unforgettable.

Jackson also thanked the 414th CSB FRG for their support in a letter of appreciation: "On behalf of USO Vicenza, I would like to extend a sincere appreciation to the 414th CSB FRG for their generous support of our Thank You Thursday meal on November 19, 2015.

"Not only was the dinner they provided the largest USO Vicenza has ever had from any unit participating, we also had the largest crowd of 103 Soldiers and their families in attendance when typically we average 30. It is acts of kindness such as this that make a difference in our community's lives, and I have no doubt their contributions made a memorable imprint in our Soldiers and their family's minds and hearts."

The 414th FRG has set the bar high and issues a challenge to all FRGs within the community to match or exceed this memorable event for the Vicenza Military Community.

Angel Tree



Vicenza Military Community members pick up an angel during this year's Angel Tree Program kick-off at Army Community Services Nov. 25. Angel Trees are located in the Army Community Services building and at the Post Exchange. Community members may purchase and donate gifts (toys, clothes, gift cards) for their adopted Angel. Gifts that are purchased should be unwrapped and left at ACS/PX drop box. The program runs until Dec. 11.

Scholarships

DeCA offers grants to military children

By **Mike Perron**
DeCA Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. – Now entering its 16th year, the Scholarships for Military Children Program will be accepting applications from eligible students beginning Dec. 15 at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at www.militaryscholar.org.

A total of 700 scholarship grants, each worth \$2,000, will be awarded for the 2016-17 school year. Those students selected for the honor will join nearly 9,000 who've been awarded more than \$13.9 million in scholarship grants over the last 15 years.

At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Additional recipients will be selected based on a prorated basis, so more scholarships will be awarded at those commissaries with larger numbers of applicants.

To qualify for consideration, applicants must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, a Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applications must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods to the commissary where the applicant's family normally shops by close of business Friday, Feb.

12, 2016. Applications cannot be emailed or faxed.

Applicants should ensure that they and their sponsor are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database and have a military ID card. The applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2016 or be enrolled in studies designed to transfer to a four-year program.

Students who are awarded a full scholarship or receive an appointment to one of the military academies or affiliated preparatory schools are not eligible to receive funds

from this program. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other expenses.

Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps service members and their families, administers the program. Scholarship Managers, a national, nonprofit, scholarship management services organization, manages and awards the scholarships.

The commissary's industry partners — vendors, suppliers and manufacturers — and the general public donate money to the program, and every dollar donated goes directly toward funding the scholarships.

For more information, students or sponsors can visit www.militaryscholar.org. You can also call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.



Program exchange fosters international friendships

Story and photo by **Karin J. Martinez**
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

MOTTA DI LIVENZA -- About 20 female U.S. Soldiers and civilians representing the Female 2 Female program in Vicenza visited Motta di Livenza, Treviso, Nov. 23 to participate in a professional exchange with members of the Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC), a multinational organization of NATO.

Creating continuous training between the two organizations was the intention of the exchange, and the theme of the day focused on women in the military, as 2015 is the 15th anniversary of females in the Italian army.

The day opened with a welcome from the NATO base commander and a reception/icebreaker where participants ate lunch and introduced themselves to one another. The group then proceeded to a conference room where a roundtable discussion took place.

The 40 women centered discussion around gender perspective in the military. Encouraged to "speak freely" about any issues, the women discussed their backgrounds and spoke candidly about male-female perspectives, differences between the U.S. and Italian armies, child care, sharing duties with a spouse, divorce, physical requirements, equal opportunity programs and more. After the roundtable, presentations were made and the group went outside to take pho-



Ainslie Benoit, a Department of the Army civilian with 414th Contracting Support Brigade, poses for a photo with new friends who serve in the Italian army at a Nov. 23 CIMIC exchange in Motta di Livenza, Treviso. CIMIC is a multinational organization of NATO that serves to deploy and maintain full cooperation between military and civilian organizations to facilitate mission achievement.

tos before departure.

According to Chelle Demarais, one of the event organizers and facilitators from U.S. Army Garrison Italy, the day was a tremendous success.

"This type of event is a fantastic way for women to share ideas and talk about what's important to them in a non-intimidating environment," Demarais said. "Female 2 Female events are a great way to network and expand your horizons."

Vicenza's Female 2 Female program was established three years ago to pro-

vide a venue for single, female, newcomer Soldiers in the community to meet new friends and mentors, and has grown tremendously since its inception.

The program began when a group of community members recognized a need within the community to provide a system of support and sponsorship for Soldiers within their first 90 days of arrival to the installation. Those first days, according to Department of the Army, are when Soldiers are at the highest risk of sexual assault/sexual harassment.

"This made sense," said Julia Sibilla, division chief, Army Community Services here. "Because in the eyes of a perpetrator, an individual in a new environment can seem like an 'easy target.'"

F2F has reached out to more than 1,000 individuals in the target population, Demarais said, but working to get as many people involved as possible.

"We want to bridge the gap between our brand new Soldiers and more experienced community leaders that will foster positive mentoring relationships to enhance career development and resiliency," Demarais said. "The initiative has addressed a need for support and sponsorship to the population, and we are proud of that fact."

Anyone interested in learning more about Female 2 Female is invited to participate in upcoming events, the earliest one being the "Home for the Holidays" complementary dinner, taking place Dec. 11 at the Golden Lion. The dinner is a cultural exchange of American and Italian holiday celebrations. The primary F2F audience is invited (newcomer junior, female, single Soldiers in Vicenza and female Italian Soldiers), but male Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians are also invited. RSVP to the dinner no later than today by emailing rsvpf2f@gmail.com. Another event, "Finding the Balance," offers a complete resiliency package, providing yoga, meditation and relaxation information, Dec. 17, 5:30-7 p.m., at the ACS building here.

High school students raise awareness through essays

VICENZA -- This year's Red Ribbon Week was commemorated at Vicenza High School during the last week of October.

Red Ribbon Week is a week of national recognition where special emphasis is

made to raise awareness for living a life free from the use of substances.

As a way to celebrate and to bring awareness to the Red Ribbon Week campaign, Army Substance and Abuse Program provided ASACS with gifts

to share with students. The local credit union also contributed by awarding cash prizes to the top three essays written by students for an essay contest.

The theme this year was "Respect Yourself: Be Drug Free." (See essays

featured on this page.)

Anyone in the community who has questions regarding services ASACS provides at the high school, contact Rosana Zapata at rosana.zapata@eu.dea.edu.

Respect Yourself, Be Drug-FREE By Lauren Williams



Don't ever say you are not good enough. Let your heart be free, reject negativity, engage in love, happiness, and laughter, respect yourself and walk the path you have been made for. Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that is real power. When you don't respect yourself, things add value to you. When you respect the self, you add values to the things. The best form of respect is self-respect. Give it to yourself and others will see that you won't settle for anything less. Drugs are a waste of time. They destroy your memory and your self-respect and everything that goes along with your self-esteem. Life can take you higher than drugs. Drugs can lead to suicide, and that is not an option and never will be because without you the world will never be a better place. Once you are gone you can never come back, you were meant for something. You are not worthless, you are not stupid, you are not a nobody, you are that somebody that will make someone's dream come true, be that one who says, "I'm here for you", and you know it's true. It doesn't matter if someone is doing drugs, that doesn't mean you have to waste your life, too. When you do drugs you miss out on the biggest opportunities in life, you can never pursue your dream in being a singer, public speaker, or even someone whom others can confide in. Be yourself because, let's face it, everyone else is taken. Smile you are beautiful, but when you take drugs you don't want to show anything, you'll be the fool while everyone else is successful. The Edge... there is no honest way to explain it because the only people who really know where it is, are the ones who have gone over it. Whenever you find yourself doubting how far you can go, just remember how far you have come. Remember everything you have faced, remember all the battles you have won, and all the fears you have overcome. You are braver than you believe, you are stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. When it rains look for rainbows, when it's dark look for stars. Stay strong, make them wonder why you are still smiling. Respect yourself, if you don't, others won't either. Remember, the world sees what you put out there, so hold yourself to a high standard of grace and elegance. Be the one who can still say, "I can do it," or, "I am trying". But remember that you should never forget who you are because no one will remember if you are already forgotten by yourself. Treat your body as if it was a temple, but before you can, you have to respect yourself. And be drug free.

Respect Yourself, Be Drug Free Bella Piasecki



Respecting yourself is one of the most important things you can do. Everyone should treat themselves the same way you'd treat someone you love. No self-respecting person does drugs. People who do drugs tend to use them as a way to forget about the past; usually because of a person or mistake that they've made. But drugs are never the answer. Everyone has made a regretful decision in their lifetime, but don't let drugs be yours.

People may think that drugs are something that someone does because they like to cause trouble or harm to themselves, but many people start out by smoking one cigarette or getting high one time, just for the sake of doing it. If you find yourself in a situation where there is even a slight chance of you trying drugs, especially for the first time, think of all of the people you love, or imagine someone you love doing drugs, you'd never want that. Just because you're reputation, social standard, and others' respect for you is on the line because you resist drugs, know that in the end, it'll all pay off.

Smoking pot once may not seem like it'll be a big deal in ten years, but what happens when you decide to try other drugs? You may have access to other drugs like LSD, Speed, or cocaine, and you might just want to try it once, but your body will not react positively. Many people have made horrifying decisions while on drugs, because they're not themselves. Don't be the person who loses everything because one night you decided to try a drug because you thought it would be fun.

Everyone may not love themselves just as much as the next person, but everyone has someone who loves them and would be devastated to lose them. Imagine losing your best friend, sister, brother, or even parents to drugs. Imagine the devastation and sorrow you'd have to live with for the rest of your life. Imagine being the person who is lost. So many people would be left broken, you don't want that. Respect yourself, and be drug free. I promise that it will be the decision that will make you the most happy.

Italian Saying of the Week

Chi trova un amico trova un tesoro = He who finds a friend finds a treasure.

Respect Others and Be Drug-Free By Kai're Grant



R-E-S-P-E-C-T...What does it mean to me? We are all familiar with the golden rule, 'Treat others the way that you want to be treated'. As far as I'm concerned, respecting others means being aware of my surroundings and understanding that the world does not revolve around me. How do I respect others? I use headphones to listen to music so that I do not disturb other people. In this day and age, manners go a long way and I use them often. Who doesn't like a well-mannered teenager?

Respect begins on the inside. By that I mean that I set goals for myself. This year I wanted to challenge myself academically so I took some honor classes. My classes are challenging and the coursework keeps me busy. I like to work out and play basketball so I spend my free time at the gym so that I can be healthy. I watch what I eat and drink a lot of water. My goals include going to an Ivy League school or the University of North Carolina. It takes focus and determination to get there. No time for drugs!

Maintaining relationships with positive people and people who have goals helps me to remain focused. Have you ever heard of 'birds of a feather flock together?' My "flock" contains individuals who want to do great things in life and make a difference in the world. My mom says, "Life is short and tomorrow is not promised". No time for drugs!

My family is my life! I need them in order to achieve my goals. They help me stay focused and to see the bigger picture when things seem overwhelming. Often, my family has more confidence in me than I do in myself. My parents set high expectations and I try to meet those expectations. If they think I can do something, I usually do it. It is important to have a good support system to get through this thing called "life". No time for drugs!

The underlying thought in living a drug free life is that everything I do affects others. Drugs are chemicals and they can affect the human body in many different ways including a weakened immune system, birth defects and cardiovascular disease. The effects of using drugs could lead to injuries, illness, disabilities, and even death. Why do people use drugs? Some people take drugs because they want to fit in with a certain group, escape their problems, relieve stress, appear grown up, rebel, or because they're just bored and/or lonely. The effects of taking drugs don't just affect you, but they affect other people. If you light up a cigarette, drink alcohol, or do drugs you're setting a bad example for those who look up to you, affecting the economy (increased health problems and diseases) and the people that you love. Be drug free and not only respect others, but respect yourself!

Garrison to host commemoration event for Vietnam veterans

VICENZA -- U.S. Army Garrison Italy will honor the duty and sacrifice of Vietnam War veterans in an upcoming special commemoration ceremony here.

The ceremony will take place Dec. 11, 2 p.m., at the post theater, and all members of the community are invited.

Part of a Presidential initiative, the event is designed to "welcome home" all Vietnam veterans around the world. USAG Italy's event will include any Vietnam veterans living in the area. There will be a speech, acknowledgment of participating veterans, and refreshments.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of U.S. servicemen and

women returning from Vietnam. Because many American citizens opposed the war, the veterans did not receive such honors and glory from the American public that Soldiers enjoy today.

All Vietnam War veterans living in the area are specially invited and asked to spread the word about this event to other veterans who may not be affiliated

with the military installation. For more information, contact Willie Chandler, USAG Italy Retirement Services Officer, 0444-61-7491, or the USAG Italy Retiree Assistance Office, 0444-71-6459.



Local museum showcases Vicenza's turbulent past

Story and photos by **Vanya Eftimova Bellinger**
Contributing Writer

VICENZA -- When strolling around Vicenza's Renaissance landmarks and picture-perfect streets, few visitors suspect today how many of them were also the scenes of bloody battles. Yet if you spent an hour in Museo Del Risorgimento e Resistenza you would never look at the city the same way again.

Italy's path to national unity and liberty was long and tumultuous and is known today under the collective term Risorgimento or "national resurgence." Every major Italian city boasts a museum showcasing its history, as well as local heroes and struggles.

Museo Del Risorgimento is just a 10-minute walk from Monte Berico Sanctuary. Several signs show the way to a bucolic villa surrounded by a picturesque park, the latter an ideal place where family members with lesser interest in uniforms and weaponry can take a pleasant stroll. Unfortunately, all information is in Italian but on the museum's Internet page, under the section "Exhibition road," visitors will find the main information panels translated in English. It's a good idea to bring a smart phone with you and read the text when stepping into each room.

For many centuries Italy was just a geographical term, a territory divided among numerous smaller states without a concept for unification. Then, in 1796-97, when Europe's absolutists regimes attempted to suppress the French Revolution, and a young general named Napoleon Bonaparte surprisingly defeated their armies south of the Alps, things suddenly changed.

The following period of French occupation brought to Italy not only the ideas of liberty and brotherhood, but also the Revolution's zeal and paranoia. At the museum, visitors can see the blade of Vicenza's very own guillotine that once stood on the square in front of the Olympic Theater. For all the device's gruesome fame, the displayed blade is actually surprisingly small, just about fifteen inches wide. Understandably, until today the Italians view the French occupation with ambiguity.

The first major effort to achieve Italy's national unity and independence came with the Revolution of 1848 and Vicenza, as the exhibition makes clear, was at the movement's helm. Austria, ruling Northern Italy at that time, sent an overwhelming force to suppress the Revolution and the crucial battle happened indeed on the very same place where the museum stands today, Monte Berico.

After losing the strategic point on June 10, 1848, the brave defenders had no other choice but to surrender. Vicenza's fall was an irreversible blow for the Revolution.

Yet just two decades later, through shrewd diplomacy and successful wars, Italy finally achieved unity and independence.



Above are two of many items on display at the Museo Del Risorgimento e Resistenza in Vicenza. Artwork, weaponry, uniforms and more are part of the exhibit.

Its first king Victor Emanuel II, as a monumental painting reveals, paid tribute in person to Vicenza's sacrifice in 1848.

For visitors interested in the last century, the museum offers a rich collection of uniforms, rifles, artillery and field utensils from the two world wars, the Fascist regime and the Resistance.

The artifacts come from locations, battlefields and military camps around Vicenza. On photos and paintings, as in the previous exhibition rooms visitors may be amazed as they recognize so many well-known and, nowadays, peaceful places.

For more information:

Museo del Risorgimento e della Resistenza, Viale X Giugno 115. www.museicivivicenza.it/, www.museicivivicenza.it/.

Open Tuesday-Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:15 to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays. Entrance fee is € 3,50, reduced € 2,50.

Preparing for the holidays? Try writing Christmas cards in Italian

By **Beatrice Giometto**
ODR Travel Manager

Shopping, writing cards, wrapping presents! If you haven't started yet, chances are you will soon. While you're writing those cards to send home or to give to your new Italian friends, why not impress them with your knowledge of the Italian language? If you would like to send greetings in Italian as a surprise, here is how to do it:

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Buone Feste
Happy Celebrations

Ti auguro / Ti auguriamo
I wish you / We wish you

... e un felice Anno Nuovo
... and a Happy New Year.

... un Natale pieno di amore, pace e felicità
... a Christmas filled with love, peace and happiness

Con i migliori auguri
With best wishes

Un abbraccio
Love

La Vigilia – Christmas Eve

Natale - Christmas

Santo Stefano – St. Stephen's Day

San Silvestro – New Year's Eve

Il Capodanno – New Year's Day



News briefs

Home for the Holidays

Female 2 Female presents a "Home for the Holidays" dinner event Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m., Golden Lion Conference Center. Enjoy a complementary intercultural holiday dinner with members of the Italian and American military. Attire is business casual, and newcomers experiencing their first holiday in Italy have priority. For more information, call DSN 634-7500. Reservations are required by Dec. 4 at rsvpf2f@gmail.com.

Package pickup, holiday deadlines

With the holiday mailing season in full swing, the postal service centers remind customers to pick up packages as soon there is a notice in the post office box. Postal centers will have the following extended hours:

Ederle: Saturdays; Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (*Dec. 19 is parcel pickup only)

Del Din: Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (parcel pickup only)

Darby: Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (parcel pickup only)

To ensure packages addressed to locations in the United States are delivered before Christmas, be sure to mail them by Dec. 10 for Priority parcels and first-class letters. SAM and PAL deadlines have passed.

Info line

An information line is available with recorded information concerning the Vicenza Military Community. Call DSN 637-8888 or commercial 0444-61-8888 for information regarding off-post road conditions, base/school closures or delays, road closures, and other information important to the community. The recording is updated every day at 5 a.m. and as required throughout the day.

Vietnam commemoration

The Vicenza Military Community will commemorate the duty and sacrifice of Vietnam War Veterans at the post theater on Caserma Ederle, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. All community members are welcome to attend. Anyone who knows a Vietnam veteran in the area is encouraged to pass along this information and have him/her call retirement services. For more information, contact Willie Chandler, USAG Italy Retirement Services Officer, 0444-61-7491, or USAG Italy Retiree Assistance Office, 0444-71-6459.

Legal office holiday hours

The Legal Assistance and Claims office hours and services will be limited to administrative actions such as powers of attorney, affidavits and notary services Dec. 21-24. The office is closed Dec. 25. Normal operating hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. The office closes at 4 p.m. on training holidays.

School requests guest speakers

The Advancement Via Individual Determination program at Vicenza High School is looking for guest speakers from professionals within the Vicenza community. The AVID program seeks to give additional assistance to students who come from traditionally under-represented segments of the university population, encouraging them through the attainment of skills and knowledge to be academically successful and go on to obtain a college degree. Of special interest to the students are professionals working in the following fields: medical, marketing/communications,

science/engineering, business management, and legal. Anyone interested in volunteering to speak to AVID students, contact Angela West at angela.west@eu.dodea.edu or Gene Tramm at gene.tramm@eu.dodea.edu.

Bus shuttle to/from airport

There is a free shuttle bus to and from Marco Polo Airport-Venice for Vicenza Military Community members. Priority is given to individuals on official travel (PCS/ETS, TDY, and emergency leave), but those on leisure travel are allowed on a space-available basis.

Pets are allowed on the bus; however, they must be inside a pet carrier and the carrier must be able to fit on or between the bus seats. To access the shuttle schedule, visit the garrison webpage at www.usagvicenza.army.mil/sites/local/newcomers.asp. Log in with your CAC card to view the schedule.

For more information about the schedule, call the Central Processing Facility at DSN 637-7141 or comm. 0444-61-7141/7142.

Tax Center needs volunteers

The Vicenza Tax Center is getting ready for tax season, which begins early February 2016. The center prepares and e-files federal and state tax returns for Vicenza community members, and services are free. The tax center will provide training and certification for anyone who volunteers. Volunteers can gain/maintain valuable skills that transfer easily to resumes and the job market. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Cpt. Emily Moy at emily.k.moy.mil@mail.mil or at comm. 0444-71-7432.

Chapel holiday schedule

USAG Italy Religious Support Operations announces the following special worship opportunities for the Vicenza Military Community. The location for each service is Caserma Ederle Chapel near Gate 2.

Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-noon, Family Nativity/ Crèche Making Workshop

Dec. 8, noon & 5 p.m., Immaculate Conception Mass

Dec. 14, 5 p.m., Advent Penance Service

Dec. 24, 5 p.m., Children's Mass

Dec. 24, 7 p.m., Protestant Candlelight Service

Dec. 25, 9 a.m., Christmas Mass

Dec. 31, 5 p.m., New Year's Vigil Mass

Dec. 31, 11 p.m.-1 a.m., Protestant Watch Night Service

Anyone with questions may contact DSN (314) 637-7575, comm. 0444-61-7575, or james.j.foster.mil@mail.mil.

Veterans overseas coordinator visits Vicenza

The Department of Veterans Affairs Overseas Military Service Coordinator NaShid Dickerson visits post Dec. 14-18. He will be available to take appointments and answer questions about VA benefits and programs. Dickerson has a strong background in disability compensation and extensive knowledge about VA benefit programs and services. To set up an appointment, contact VA benefits adviser Kelly Griffitt at kelly.griffitt2.ctr@calibresys.com. Appointments will take place in the Soldier for Life TAP center on Caserma Ederle, Building 126.

Alcoholics Anonymous 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.

School requests judges

Vicenza Middle School will be hosting its 5th annual Speech and Debate Tournament, and the school seeks community volunteers to assist with judging. The event will take place Jan. 28, 2-9 p.m. (Only some judges will be needed to judge the final rounds.) No judging experience is necessary. A brief training will be provided and judges will work in teams. More than 80 students from the middle and high schools are involved this year. Anyone interested should contact Angela Wilson at angela.wilson@eu.dodea.edu.

Find IRS form on MyPay

MyPay is the quickest way to get the 2015 IRS Form 1095 and will be available in late January. Employees will have the option to view, print or save the form in PDF format. MyPay protects against identity theft and allows online, secure access to tax statements. Any user who wants to switch from mail delivery to electronic can simply log into myPay and from the Main Menu select "Turn on/off Hard Copy of IRS Form 1095." Answer "Yes" to switch from "Electronic and Hard Copy" to "Electronic Only" for faster and safer electronic delivery. Click the following link to log into your myPay account: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Any questions about logging into myPay and/or making changes to your electronic elections in myPay may be directed to the DFAS Customer Care Center at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-332-7411 option 5.

Evaluation report training

Noncommissioned officer evaluation report training is open to all in the Vicenza Military Community. Training is focused on rated Soldiers, raters and senior raters. Two sessions (each covers same material): Jan. 6, 1:30-4 p.m. and Jan. 11, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Hall of Heroes, Caserma Ederle.

TARP training

The Vicenza Military Investigation Detachment will play host to Threat Awareness and Reporting Program briefings for the USAG Italy community on Dec. 16 at the Sigholtz Center on Del Din. Briefings take place 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. The MI Detachment would like to encourage all service members, Department of Defense civilians, and family members remain vigilant through the holiday season. With recent threat warnings across Europe, it is vital to remain alert and report suspicious activities and threats to law enforcement. Report suspicious activities:

•Emergencies to the USAG-Italy Military Police at 800-064-077, or the Italian Police at 118.

•Suspicious activities through the iSALUTE link on the USAG-Italy home page (<http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local>)

•Suspicious activities to the Vicenza Field Office at (+39) 331.172.2142.

Toastmasters can help!

Worried about your next big presentation? Toastmasters can help. Toastmasters will help improve your communication skills and open doors in your professional and personal life. Learn in a self-paced atmosphere of fun and fellowship. Toastmasters is designed to help you: develop better speaking

and presentation skills; learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet; build strong leadership abilities; and hone your listening skills. To participate in Toastmasters in Vicenza, contact vicenzatoastmasters2015@gmail.com; for other locations, go to www.toastmasters.org.

Veterinary clinic hours

The Vicenza Veterinary Clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. However, the clinic will adjust its hours during the holidays: Dec. 21-Dec. 31, open 8 a.m.-noon. Because of reduced staff between December and February, the clinic will have a reduced number of available appointments.

Health Center announcements

The VMC Health Center will be closed for training and federal holidays Dec. 18, 24-25 and 31, Jan. 1 and Jan. 15-18.

To receive your network referral for care, you must be enrolled in Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service through Relay Health.

Flu vaccinations continue on a walk-in basis for all civilian beneficiaries and Department of the Army civilians.

Each Tuesday, there is a medical benvenuti for in-processing Soldiers at 2:30-3:30 p.m. and tobacco cessation from 3 to 4 p.m.

DES warns community

The U.S. Army Garrison Italy Directorate of Emergency Services warns the community that there are individuals in the area attempting to flag down drivers for assistance with the intent to steal fuel coupons. The individuals have been seen along Via Aldo Moro and under the overpass at Via Della Pace and near Del Din.

The team near Caserma Ederle has had a young child in the back seat and a gentleman in the street with a map under the guise of attempting to gain assistance due to vehicle problems. The ones by Del Din are attempting to stage accidents with drivers so groups of men will come out in an attempt to shake you down. DES highly recommends that drivers do not stop for them and, if at all possible, to get a detailed description of vehicle, individual and license plate number. Photos are greatly appreciated if they can be obtained in a safe manner. DES will take this information to the Carabinieri, who are looking for these individuals. DES appreciates the community's assistance.

iReports

Reports from vigilant members of the community are a crucial element to keeping all members of the Army family safe. iReport (<http://www.eur.army.mil/iReport/>) is a theater-wide reporting system for use to report suspicious behavior to the appropriate authorities.

To encourage suspicious and criminal activity reporting, U.S. Army Europe has developed a one-stop, easy access reporting app, which allows users to fill out the iSalute and iWatch forms in a more user-friendly way on smart phones and other app enabled mobile devices.

This app will be available as a free download (search: "iReport") on Apple's App Store (iOS devices), Google's Android Market (Android devices), and Microsoft's Windows Store (Windows devices). Anyone with questions should contact the USAG Italy Antiterrorism office at 637-8021/8084, or the USAG Italy Military Police Desk at 634-7626.

Chapel activities

VICENZA

Sunday

9 a.m. Mass
*Sacrament of Reconciliation follows, or schedule 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 (PWOC)
6 p.m. PMOC & 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

10:30 a.m. Protestant worship and children's service
Catholic Mass:
Call chapel at 633-7267 to confirm time.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. PWOC

For information about VMC activities, call DSN 634-7519 or 044-71-7519. For information about DMC activities, call DSN 633-7267.

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 Italy.

CHAPEL MUSIC ACTIVITIES (VICENZA)

Tuesday

5 p.m. Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesday

6:45 p.m. Catholic choir practice

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Gospel choir rehearsal

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.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Young Men/Women meeting is each Tuesday at 6 p.m., Spiritual Fitness Center. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call 637-7573, 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 to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Each Friday is a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by Walk in the Word. Call 0444-581-427 for more information or transportation.

At the movies



Burnt

A two-star Michelin rockstar with the bad habits to match, the former enfant terrible of the Paris restaurant scene did everything different, and only ever cared about the thrill of creating explosions of taste. To land his own kitchen and that elusive third Michelin star, he'll need the best of the best by his side, including the beautiful Helene (Sienna Miller). Burnt is a remarkably funny and emotional story about the love of food, the love between two people, and the power of second chances.

Dec. 4	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	Victor Frankenstein (PG-13) Creed (PG-13)
Dec. 5	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Martian (PG-13) The Krampus (PG-13)
Dec. 6	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Good Dinosaur (PG) The Krampus (PG-13)
Dec. 9	7 p.m.	The Krampus (PG-13)
Dec. 10	7 p.m.	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Pt. 2
Dec. 11	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	Steve Jobs (R) Burnt (R)
Dec. 12	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	In the Heart of the Sea (PG-13) Burnt (R)
Dec. 13	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	In the Heart of the Sea in 3D (PG-13) Burnt (R)
Dec. 16	7 p.m.	The Krampus (PG-13)
Dec. 17	7 p.m.	Steve Jobs (R)

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.

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Community fall fest

Left: Four-year-old Mia Carrasquillo participates in a game of hopscotch, one of several activities at the Community Fall Fest at Caserma Ederle Spiritual Center Nov. 7. About 140 people and more than 40 volunteers from the chapel, both adults and youth, took part in the annual event sponsored by the chapel gospel service led by Chaplain Mark Shelton. Shelton concluded the event by saying words of thankfulness and a prayer of blessings with those who attended.

Above: Community members enjoy the cakewalk during the Community Fall Fest.

(Photos by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy PAO)

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Orient Festival, Padova

VENETO

The feast of the Immaculate Conception (L'Immacolata Concezione) is an Italian public holiday celebrated annually on Dec. 8. The day commemorates when Mary, mother of Jesus, was graced by God to lead a life free of sin according to Catholic belief. This celebration can be traced back to when the Vatican officially declared the feast in 1854. Government offices, banks, schools and other educational institutions are closed, while many shops are open for holiday shopping.

Festival dell'Oriente / Orient Festival

Dec. 5-8 and Dec. 11-13, 11 a.m. to midnight, in Padova, Exhibit Center, Via Niccolò Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Oriental contemporary and antique traditions; ceremonies, folklore, shows, health and wellness, spirituality, holistic disciplines; fine fabrics, ancient jewels, candles, essential oils, spices, kimonos, biological products and much more. Typical oriental food and cuisine. Entrance fee: €12; reduced €8 for children ages 5-10. <http://festivaldelloriente.net/>

Corri Babbo Natale Corri / Run, Santa Claus, Run

The Vicenza Military Community is invited to participate in "Run, Santa Claus, Run" charity event. The 10th annual run will be held Dec. 19 in support of "Villaggio SOS Vicenza" and a local Association for Cardiopathic Children. The event is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Campo Marzo, the park near the main train station. Registration will be held at Villaggio SLS, Via G. Silvestri, Vicenza. The €8 participation fee includes a lightweight Santa running suit, hot chocolate and pandoro cake at the finish. Participants are encouraged to donate a packet of pasta for the poor of Vicenza. Individuals of all ages and groups are welcome. There will be special recognition for largest group, awards for youngest and oldest Santa Claus, and for most creative Christmas outfit. The course is under two kilometers and may be easily completed by walking. Participants may pre-register to receive their outfit before race day, or may sign up and pay the day of the event at 10 a.m. To register and/or more info, call Beatrice Giometto, 634-7901 or 0444-717901.

Tamara de Lempicka / Art Exhibit

Through Jan. 31, in Verona, Palazzo Forti, Via Masalongo 7. Monday 2:30-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. More than 200 works by the Polish painter from the early 1920s to the 1950s: among them drawings, photos, oils, water colors, videos and clothes. Entrance fee: €13; reduced €11, for children aged 11-18 and senior citizens older than 65. <http://www.mostratamara.it/info-verona/>

World Trade Center Before

Through Jan. 19, in Bassano del Grappa, Museo Civico, Piazza Garibaldi 34, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Photo exhibit by Joe McNally and Fulvio Roiter; open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday and Italian holidays 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.; entrance fee: €5, reduced: €3.50. <http://www.bassanofotografia.it/>

Seurat - Van Gogh - Mondrian Il post-impressionismo in Europa Post-impressionism in Europe

Through March 13, daily 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Verona, Palazzo della Gran Guardia, Piazza Brà 1, about 36 miles west of Vicenza. Entrance fee: €13; reduced €11 for senior citizens older than 65 and youth age 11-18. <http://www.ilpostimpressionismoineuropa.it/>

Jefferson e Palladio: Come costruire un nuovo mondo

Jefferson and Palladio: Constructing a New World Through March 28, in Vicenza, Palladio Museum,

Palazzo Barbarano, Contrà Porti 10-12; Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. This is the first-ever exhibit dedicated to the American Palladian in Europe; it enables visitors to explore Jefferson's world, his art collections and architectural drawings. Entrance fee: €10; reduced: €7.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/jefferson-and-palladio-how-to-build-a-new-world-2636>

MERCATINI ED EVENTI DI NATALE A VICENZA CHRISTMAS MARKETS & EVENTS IN VICENZA

Magico Natale

Magic Christmas - Holiday market

Through Jan. 6, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., wooden chalets in Corso Fogazzaro and Piazza Castello; on weekends, entertainment with clowns, magic shows, Santa Claus, games.

Passioni e Collezionismo

Vintage and collectors market

Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Corso Fogazzaro

Sauro's Band in concert

Dec. 6, in the afternoon, downtown, free itinerant jazz and Christmas concert with the Sauro's marching band.

La Boutique del Gusto: sapori ed artigianato di qualità made in Italy

Taste Culinary Boutique: Italian flavors and crafts

Dec. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza delle Erbe; local and national products and crafts exhibit and market.

Mercatino Vintage, artigianato e riciclo creativo

Vintage, craft, and creative recycled items market

Dec. 12-13, Dec. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Piazza delle Erbe.

Riempimi di Gioia / Give joy at Christmas

Dec. 12-13; the city of Vicenza organized a food drive donation for local needy families; donations will be collected at local area supermarkets; look for the sign Riempimi di gioia in local supermarkets if you want to donate.

Fiera di S. Lucia / Fair of St. Lucy

Dec. 13, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., in Contrà Porta Santa Lucia; holiday craft and products exhibit and sale.

Meraviglie di Natale / Christmas Wonders

Dec. 12-13, Dec. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Corso Palladio, holiday artistic craft (lamps, candles, jewelry) exhibit and sale.

Dec. 21-23, in the afternoon, downtown, games and entertainment for children.

New Generation Gospel Crew

Dec. 27, 5 p.m., Piazza delle Erbe, live gospel concert.

Festa di Capodanno / New Year's Party

Dec. 31, 8:30 p.m. - dawn, in Piazza dei Signori, with live music and dancing.

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/cerca.php?testo=natale>

ALTRI MERCATINI DI NATALE MORE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Arcugnano

Dec. 4-5, in Piazza Mariano Rumor; also food booths featuring local specialties.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/12/04/13522/-/mercatini-di-natale>

Asiago

In Asiago, Piazza Carli and surrounding streets. Food booths featuring local specialties and typical Christmas sweets and craft. Dec. 5, and Dec. 12, Dec. 19, open 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, and Dec. 23-Jan. 6, open 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; closed morning of Dec. 25.

http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_giardini_di_natale_i_mercatini_di_natale_di_asiago/

Bassano del Grappa

Through Dec. 28. In Piazza Libertà and Piazza Garibaldi. Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; closed Monday morning; booths in Piazza Grande will be open Saturday and Thursday morning. Dec. 29-Jan. 6, *Mercatino della *Befana* - Befana's market, in Piazza Garibaldi, daily 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

*The Befana is a kind, ugly and old hunchback witch. She is dressed in rags and travels straddling a flying broomstick, carrying a self-replenishing sack full of presents for children.

<http://www.mercatini-natale.com/bassano-del-grappa-mercatini-di-natale/>

Bolzano

Through Jan. 6; Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday and Italian holidays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed Dec. 24-25; Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Jan. 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Walther. More than 80 stallholders in their typical little huts offer traditional seasonal gifts-- handmade wooden, glass and ceramic products along with Christmas tree decorations, delicious seasonal pastries and many original gifts. Plenty of food specialties available plus mulled wine; children's Christmas market where children can take an active part baking Christmas cookies and make small Christmas decorations and presents.

<http://www.mercatini-di-natale.bz.it/it/mercatino-di-natale-bolzano-alto-adige.aspx>

Bressanone

In Piazza Duomo, about 154 miles north of Vicenza. Through Jan. 6, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Dec. 25; Jan 1, noon-7 p.m.; food booths; live music, exhibits and carnival rides.

<http://www.mercatini-di-natale.bz.it/it/mercatino-di-natale-bressanone-alto-adige.aspx>

Camisano Vicentino

Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Umberto 1. Free candy and hot chocolate donated by Santa Claus to all children; holiday parades; Christmas caroling.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/12/05/13565/-/mercatini-natalizi>

Levico Terme

Dec. 8-11, and Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 5-7, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19, 10 a.m.- 10:30 p.m.; Dec. 26-Jan. 6, 12-7 p.m.; about 74 miles north of Vicenza. Christmas caroling, Santa Claus, horse-drawn carriage tours, fireworks on Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec. 12 at 9:30 p.m.

<http://www.tuttomercatinidinatale.it/mercatini-natale-levico-terme.html>

Merano

Through Jan. 6, Monday-Thursday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday and Italian holidays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed on Dec. 25; Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Piazza del Duomo, and surrounding downtown streets, about 140 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths and entertainment.

<http://www.mercatini-di-natale.bz.it/it/mercatino-di-natale-merano-alto-adige.aspx>

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

VENETO

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

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

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

Malo: Dec. 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., about 11 miles northwest of Vicenza

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

Lonigo: Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

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

Portobuffolè (Treviso): Dec. 13, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza (250 vendors)

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Breastfeeding Basics

Dec. 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

ACS, Caserma Ederle

Planning to breastfeed? Come and learn. Our lactation consultant will walk you through the basics. Topics include:

- Benefits of breastfeeding
- Importance of colostrum
- Newborns and breastfeeding
- Frequency and duration of feedings
- Pumping and manual expression
- Storage of breast milk
- Returning to work

Come learn about all the benefits of breastfeeding. Register at ACS, 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Resume Fundamentals

Dec. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

ACS, Caserma Ederle

Join us for this hands-on workshop, focused on developing a solid, compelling resume for private industry employers. Topics include: four key principles for developing your resume; types of resumes: how to choose the best approach; parts of the resume; and more. Free to all ID card holders but registration is required. Register at ACS, 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Space-A Travel Briefing

Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-noon

ACS, Caserma Ederle

Take some of the mystery out of Space-A. Representatives from 724 Air Mobility Squadron in Aviano will be here to explain the ins-and-outs of the program, and answer your questions. USAF personnel from Aviano deliver a 30-45 minute briefing on Space Available travel and remain to answer questions until complete. Sign up in person at ACS front desk or call 044-71-7500 no later than one day before event.

Vicenza Parents' Night Out

Dec. 11, 6:30-11:30 p.m.

Villaggio Housing Area, Bldg. 703

Whether you're planning to enjoy a fun night out or a cozy night in, CYSS is here to help. Important information:

Only a snack will be provided during care. Children should have dinner prior to arriving.

Children must be dressed appropriately for the season and wear closed-toe shoes.

Children are required to be picked up by 11:30 p.m.

Cost is \$20.00 per child, \$18.00 for each additional child. Register one week prior to event. Call 634-5700, comm. 0444-71-5700.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Woodshop Certification

Dec. 5, 9-10:30 a.m. \$10

Caserma Ederle

Take this safety course to learn about procedures and precautions in the wood shop. Upon completion, customers will receive certification card which is required to use the wood shop. Use of the shop upon certification is \$2.50 per hour. All materials needed are included in the cost of the class. Register at Arts & Crafts Center; 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

Darby Children's Story Hour

Dec. 8, 10-11 a.m.

Camp Darby

Story time, designed for children aged 3-7, meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library,

Building 407. Come join us for stories and activities. Establish with your children the reading habit of a lifetime and enjoyment of books. Contact 633-7000, comm. 050-54-7000.

Youth Snowflake String Art

Dec. 8, 4-5:30 p.m. \$10

Caserma Ederle

Learn various techniques of string art while using foam boards and push pins. No hammer or nails needed for this simplified method of string art. This month's theme: Creating a Snowflake. All materials included. Building 306.

Adult Resiliency Through Art

Dec. 8, \$5 per session (4 free trials)

Caserma Ederle

This program focuses on the process of personal expression through art in a small group setting. Participants will find art naturally relaxing when used in the supportive environment of the Art Center. Art can provide great relief for anyone. Art is a wonderful outlet for expression and is indeed another form of language. No prior art experience is needed or required. Contact 634-7074, or comm. 0444-71-7074.

Ornament Workshop

Dec. 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Library, Caserma Ederle

Head into the Ederle Library where we'll get your little one(s) ages 3-11 years ready for the season and into the holiday spirit. Event includes:

- Listening to holiday stories
- Making 4 different ornaments
- All materials will be provided

Sign up by December 7 by stopping into the the library or by calling 634-7291, comm. 0444-71-7291.

Mini Impressionist Art Class

Dec. 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$10

Caserma Ederle

Learning about famous artists provides a great opportunity for your child to explore various artistic mediums. This month children will explore impressionism while learning about Monet and creating their very own artistic interpretations. Open to children ages 4-6; all materials included. Register by Dec. 17 at Arts & Crafts Center, 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Power Vinyasa Yoga

Dec. 7, noon-1 p.m., Caserma Ederle

\$3 for one session/\$25 for 10

This class will appeal to people who are fit, enjoy exercising, want a minimal amount of chanting and meditation with their yoga. Prepare to work hard and work up a sweat.

Mission Essential Fitness

Dec. 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

\$3 per class, \$25 for 10

Caserma Ederle

Mission Essential Fitness (M.E.F.) is high intensity functional training program that helps master core stability and focuses on power, strength, speed and agility. Contact 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

Taekwondo

Dec. 8, 10-11 a.m. \$10 per class

Caserma Ederle

Self defense class based upon the Tae Kwan Do techniques that will provide students the tools for self defense: situational awareness, takedowns, locks, kicks, punches. Contact 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

Got 1T

Dec. 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

\$3 per class, Caserma Ederle

A high intensity training program using dynamic movements that targets specific muscle groups to help you build speed, strength, and agility. Contact 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

Darby Floor Hockey Scrimmages

Dec. 16, 1:45-2:45 p.m.

Darby Elementary/Middle School

Friendly, pick-up floor hockey for youth ages 4-14. Free event; equipment and a granola bar snack will be provided. Register anytime before scrimmage starts, 634-7521, comm. 050-54-7521.

TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

Lion's Den Live--Buddy Jewell

Dec. 9, 6 p.m., Arena Caserma Ederle

While traveling Europe in support of troop morale, Billboard Chart topper Buddy Jewell's next tour stop is right here at Vicenza. Viewer favorite from the premier episode of reality based hit TV show "Nashville Star", beating out eleven other contestants by over two million votes on the final episode. Buddy Jewell's back to back top five hits include "Sweet Southern Comfort" and "Help Pour Out the Rain". Recognized by the Grammy's, ACM's, CMA's and CMT with multiple award nominations. Come as you are with spouses, friends or coworkers.

Klagenfurt & Villach

Austrian Christmas Markets

Dec. 12, 5 a.m.-11:59 p.m.

\$95, Vicenza ODR

With their charming scenic location and smells of cinnamon biscuits, vanilla cookies and gluhwein in the air. This is the perfect place to finish up that Christmas shopping or just enjoy the ambiance.

Val Senales Ski and Snowboard Trip

Dec. 12, 5 a.m.-8 p.m.

\$40, Vicenza ODR

Val Senales is a glacier providing snow throughout the year and offers excellently groomed slopes up to 8 km in length and magnificent landscapes. Also known as Schnalstal, the resort regularly features slopes for all skill levels, a snow park, and good off-piste options. Lessons are dependent on the terrain in operation at the resort and instructor availability. When provided, lessons are taught by certified instructors and are free.

Verona Santa Lucia Market

Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

\$35, Vicenza ODR

The "Banchetti" of St. Lucia in Piazza Bra' is a traditional market held in the main arena square with more than 300 vendors who sell typical local products, handmade Christmas ornaments and much more.

Salzburg & St. Gilgen Christmas Market Express

Dec. 19, 3:30 a.m.

\$105, Vicenza ODR

The merry bustle of the Salzburg Christmas Market touches all senses. The smell of punch and toasted almonds, hot roasted chestnuts and freshly baked apples envelopes your nose, and the vendors' gingerbread hearts, nativity figures, Christmas tree ornaments, toys and snug knitwear, combined with beautiful scenery will prove this Austrian market irresistible.

Northern Italy Christmas Markets

Dec. 20, 6:30 a.m.

\$75, Vicenza ODR

On this tour we will be visiting two markets in northern Italy, Brixen and Rovereto Christmas markets. Grab those last-minute Christmas gifts or just soak in the wonderful Christmas atmosphere. The Christmas market manages to blend the bustle of activity with tranquil surroundings. Delicious mulled wine and local specialties.

Magic Christmas at Gardaland

Dec. 26, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

\$55, Vicenza ODR

The park will turn into a magical location thanks to the sparkling decorations, the marvelous lights and the shining Christmas trees; picturesque little markets, entertaining animation, and new and exciting live shows. This enchanting Yuletide event makes spectators of all ages dream of the fairytale atmosphere of the park. Fun is guaranteed even at the coldest time of year. All the Gardaland characters will be there with a special guest.

New Year's Eve Bowling

Dec. 31, 6 p.m. \$29.95

Arena, Caserma Ederle

Bring your family and friends for a night of fun music, cosmic lights, and great food while you countdown to the new year.

New Year's Eve package includes:

- 2 hours of bowling
- 1 large cheese pizza
- 6 bottled drinks
- Free shoe rental
- Party favors to ring in the New Year

Sign up before December 30 to reserve a two-hour time slot: 6 -8 p.m., 8:30 -10:30 p.m.; or 11 p.m.-1 a.m.

Rockin' New Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31, 9 p.m.

Arena, Caserma Ederle

Don't break the bank ringing in the New Year! Celebrate the new year with your friends at the Lion's Den. Rock in 2016 with the "Dusty Saddle Boys" band.

- Drink and food specials all night
- Complimentary party favors
- Midnight toast

Ring in the new year with live music at the Lion's Den!

Dollar Day Bowling

Jan. 1, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

\$1 games/\$1 shoe rental

Arena, Caserma Ederle

Not sure what to do during the holiday school-out days? Come join the fun and excitement at the Arena. Youth can come to the Arena to enjoy dollar bowling and shoe rental. Call 634-8257, comm. 0444-71-8257.

Kronplatz Ski and Snowboard Trip

Jan. 2, 5 a.m.-8 p.m.

\$40, Vicenza ODR

Kronplatz also has an excellent area for beginners to ski and snow board. Located at the top of a 2275 m rounded peak, it offers 100 km of slopes and routes down each side of the mountain.

Our travel time is approximately 3 hours and we will be traveling in a large commercial bus. Plan to arrive at the bus early allowing time to load your equipment and get settled in your seat. The trip guide will provide information on the resort and inform the group about lesson opportunities. Lessons are dependent on the terrain in operation at the resort and instructor availability. Call 634-7453, comm. 0444-71-7453.