



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
173RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (AIRBORNE)
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Dear Sky Soldier,

Welcome to the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne)! We are excited to receive you on our highly trained team of airborne professionals! It is our intent to make your transition as smooth as possible. The Brigade is geographically separated with the Headquarters and four Battalions located in Vicenza, Italy and two Battalions in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Vicenza, Italy is a great assignment and if you have Family, we encourage you to seek Command Sponsorship for your dependents. In 2018 Caserma Ederle, Italy was ranked #1 duty station by the Army Times. For more information on the local area and in-processing please visit the Garrison web link <https://home.army.mil/italy/>. To take advantage of the off duty traveling opportunities, we suggest getting a tourist passport since many European countries require passport verification.

Prior to your arrival, you will need to be assigned a Sponsor. Please visit <http://www.skysoldiers.army.mil/> and <https://actnow.army.mil> for Information on our unit Sponsorship Program. Due to certain medical restrictions in the Vicenza area, if one of your family members is enrolled in Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), please contact your sponsor immediately for assistance.

Finding a house in Italy can be lengthy process and you must work with the Government Housing Office. Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) is authorized for up to 60 days. We highly recommend contacting the Ederle Inn at +39-0444-71-8034/ DSN: 314-634-8034 for reservations as soon as you receive your orders.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Brigade Sponsorship at +39-0444-61-7150/DSN: 314-637-7150 or email at usarmy.usag-italy.173-abn-bde.list.sponsorship@mail.mil. If you have Family joining you on your tour, please contact the Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA) Coordinator at DSN: 314-637-4503 or maria.p.mola.civ@mail.mil.

We are confident you will find this assignment professionally challenging and personally rewarding. We extend our best wishes to you and your family during your transition and look forward to meeting you upon arrival.

Sky Soldiers!

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ERICK E. OCHS
CSM, USA
Command Sergeant Major

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