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# Vicenza Military Community InfoX

04 March 2015, 1030 – 1200 hours, The Arena, Caserma Ederle



## Agenda

- ❖ Introduction/Master of Ceremony – Public Affairs Office
- ❖ Kickoff – Women’s History Month
- ❖ Hot Topic(s)
- ❖ Recognitions
- ❖ Community Updates
- ❖ Open Forum
- ❖ POC USAG Vicenza PAO, email: [USARMY.VMC.PAO@mail.mil](mailto:USARMY.VMC.PAO@mail.mil)
- ❖ Next InfoX 01 April 2015, 1030 – 1200 hours, The Arena, Caserma Ederle



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# Women's History Month

Main Event: 24 March 2015  
1530-1630 Lion's Den, Arena, Caserma  
Ederle

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# Hot Topics

**DPW Update**  
**Overseas Housing Survey**  
**American Red Cross**  
**AER**  
**Vicenza Transition Summit**  
**MWR Update**



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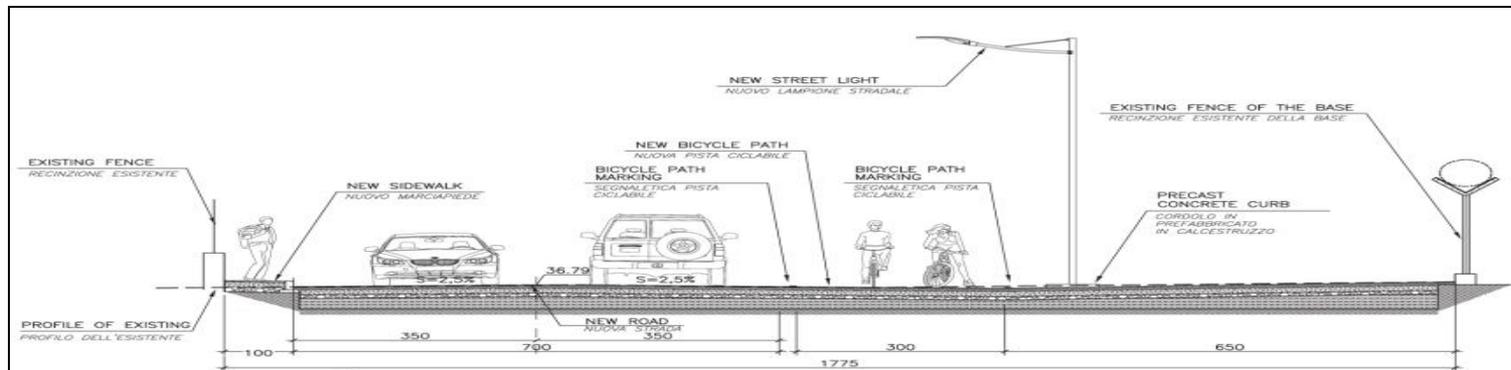
# DPW Updates

Mr. Robert Clarke  
Director of Public Works



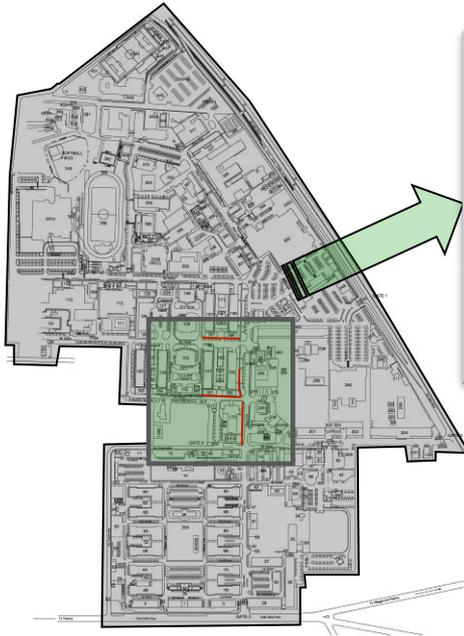
## Del Din Viale Ferrarin Access Road Construction

- ✓ **What:** Reconstruct Viale Ferrarin Access Road to include new sidewalks, bicycle path, lighting, road drainage.
- ✓ **Why:** Reconstruct Access Road and Improve Safety for Vehicular, Bicycle, and Pedestrians.
- ✓ **Where:** Entire 900 meter, Viale Ferrarin Access Road (from Del Din Entrance Gate to Viale Dal Verme Traffic Circle).
- ✓ **When:** Starting 2 March 2015 with a 4-month duration



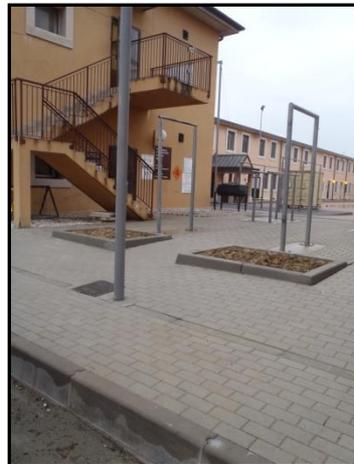


## SIDEWALK PROJECT



- ✓ **What:** Sidewalk installation/repair
- ✓ **Why:** Repair required, improve pedestrian flow, ADA compliance
- ✓ **Where:** Olson Ave, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Street at Caserma Ederle
- ✓ **When:** 9 Dec 2014 thru 7 April 2015

**AREA OF INTEREST:**  
BLDG 160, 161, 100, 166, 167, 173





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# Overseas Housing Survey

Mr. David Gettelman  
Chief, Support Branch/Deputy Chief  
DPW Housing Office



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## OHA/MIHA SURVEY 1 MARCH – 31 MARCH 2015

Italy Wide Overseas Housing allowance (OHA) and Moving In Housing Allowance (MIHA) survey 1 March through 31 March 2015

Survey is performed on line and will establish new utility recurring expenses portion of the OHA and the new MIHA rate

All military personnel residing in Private rental housing need to submit survey

- Renters only not homeowners or sharers
- Must have resided at least three months in rental housing

Takes approximately 30 /40 minutes to complete and personnel can save data and return later to complete

Spouses may complete the survey on behalf of the service member and can be completed while at home

Information to be submitted includes all utility and recurring maintenance costs so have these ready so you can average out the costs when you do your submittal

Handouts with instructions on how to submit are available and the site lists POC tel#'s

Survey site is: <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/oha-utilmiha-mar.cfm>

**Low participation could result in reduced allowances - PARTICIPATE**



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**American  
Red Cross**

Katherine Jones  
Senior Station Manager  
Italy



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*Not all heroes wear capes.*



**American Red Cross**

Celebrate Red Cross Month this March.

Emergency Services	Building Family Resiliency	Service to Military & VA Hospitals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emergency Communication Messages</li> <li>▪ Access to Emergency Financial Assistance on Behalf of AER</li> <li>▪ Suicide Prevention Action</li> <li>▪ Family Follow-up</li> <li>▪ Disaster Action Team</li> <li>▪ Disaster Preparedness Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Get to Know Us... Before You Need Us</li> <li>▪ Coping With Deployments</li> <li>▪ Reconnection Workshop</li> <li>▪ Information and Referral</li> <li>▪ Preparedness, Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>▪ Volunteer Programs (Youth and Adult)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Direct Patient and Family Support</li> <li>▪ Therapeutic Support Programs</li> <li>▪ Volunteer Services</li> <li>▪ Warrior Transition Unit Material Support</li> <li>▪ Dental Assistant Training Program</li> </ul>

## FY 14 At A Glance

- 578 Emergency Cases (105 ECM)
- 725 Individuals Trained
- 17,876 Adult Volunteer Hours
- 679 Youth Volunteer Hours

# 197 Heroes



## Red Cross Month Events

### Volunteer Events

- **March 09<sup>th</sup> 0930 Volunteer Orientation**  
Red Cross Office
- **March 30<sup>th</sup> 1000 Volunteer Appreciation**  
Red Cross Office

### Health and Safety Classes

- **March 7<sup>th</sup> 0900 FA/ CPR/ AED**  
ACS Classroom
- **March 18<sup>th</sup> 1800 Blended Learning**  
ACS Classroom
- **March 21<sup>st</sup> 0900 Babysitter Training**  
ACS Classroom
- **March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Wilderness & Remote FA**  
Deployment Support Center (300A)

### Information Tables

- **Every Wednesday 1000**  
Caserma Ederle PX

### Family Focused Events

- **March 12<sup>th</sup> 1400 Clara Barton Story**  
Caserma Ederle Library
- **March 19<sup>th</sup> 1300 Red Cross Ready Fair**  
Villaggio Youth Center
- **March 26<sup>th</sup> 1400 Pillow Case Project**  
Caserma Ederle Library
- **March 27<sup>th</sup> 1700 Red Cross Canteen**  
Deployment Support Center (300A)

### Young Adult /Adult Event

- **March 7<sup>th</sup> 1000 RAID Cross**  
Caserma Ederle Track

(Not recommended for youth under 14yrs of age)



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# Army Emergency Relief

Samuel D. Coston  
AER Campaign Coordinator



## AER Campaign 2015

The **Army Emergency Relief's mission** since 1942 has been to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their Family members.

**Who is Eligible:** Active duty Soldiers, their Family members, Army National Guard and Army Reservists under Title 10 orders, all Army Retirees and their Family members.

**What does AER provide:** AER provides service members and their Families with interest-free loans and grants, and education assistance scholarships. **88 cents** of every dollar you contribute to AER goes to helping your fellow Soldiers and their Family members during times of need.

**How can I donate to AER:** each unit possesses two trained AER representatives who will provide you with a DA Form 4908, the Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign form, you can contribute to AER through payroll deduction, cash, and the good old fashion check.

**Why donate to AER:** because giving to AER means doing something special - it means you took a portion of your limited funds and made a statement, "I am going to help another Soldier and his Family members who are in need of financial assistance!"



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# Vicenza Transition Summit 22-23 April 2015

Christina Overstreet  
Transition Services Manager  
Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program



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**TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
*Start Strong • Serve Strong • Reintegrate Strong • Remain Strong*

## Vicenza Transition Summit 22-23 April 2015 Golden Lion, Caserma Ederle

This two-day event is for community leaders, military members, veterans, and family members in our community



- Informative and interactive panel events
- Networking Reception
- **Hiring Event** (local, national & federal employers)
- **Facilitated discussions and workshops**
  - Employment Workshop
  - Spouse Employment Workshop
  - Linked In
  - Federal Resume
  - VA Benefits
  - Small Business Administration
  - SFL-TAP

### 22 April (Wed)

(1400-1730 – *Leader events*)

1730-1930 – Networking Reception

### 23 April (Thu)

0900-1000 – Registration

1000-1130 – Panel

1130-1300 – Workshops

1300-1600 – Hiring Event

For more information:

Visit [www.uschamberfoundation.org/service-member-transition-summits](http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/service-member-transition-summits)

or contact Christina Overstreet at DSN 634-8754 / 0444-61-8754 or [christina.m.overstreet.civ@mail.mil](mailto:christina.m.overstreet.civ@mail.mil)



# FMWR Events

Christopher Bradford  
Director, FMWR



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## Auditions for Disney's "Aladdin JR." Musical

Date: Mar. 16, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

[Soldiers' Theatre](#)



## "Lucky Stiff" Musical Comedy

Date: Mar. 13-29, 2015

[Soldiers' Theatre](#)



## St. Patty's Day Preparation Party

Date: Mar. 14, 2015, 8 p.m.

[Arena Soldier & Family Entertainment Center](#)



## St. Anton, Austria Ski and Snowboard Trip

Date: Mar. 21, 2015, 2 a.m. - 11 p.m.



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**Youth Center: Naples Spring Break Trip**  
Date: Apr. 5, 2015, 11 p.m.



**CYSS Youth Baseball, Track & Field, Tennis  
and Softball Enrollments - 30 March**





# RECOGNITIONS



## **The Adult Outstanding Volunteer for February is Margie Grife Nominated by JAG**

From the start Ms. Grife, has distinguished herself as a volunteer tax preparer at the Vicenza Tax Center. Her professionalism, work ethic, and interpersonal skills have made her an invaluable member of the Tax Center Team. Through February, the Tax Center has filed more than 1000 state and federal tax returns for members of the Vicenza Military Community, saving them more than \$200,000 in tax preparation fees and securing over \$1.5 million in refunds. Ms. Grife is a fantastic team-member, and has displayed impressive flexibility in assisting with a wide-range of day-to-day tasks. The Tax Center has earned a 100% customer satisfaction rate in 2015, which can be attributed to the competence and positive attitude displayed by Ms. Grife and the rest of the Tax Center Team.



## **The Youth Outstanding Volunteer for February is Arianna Ortiz Nominated by the American Red Cross**

Arianna Ortiz has been a Red Cross Club Volunteer since October 2014. Since joining the Red Cross Club she has been an active participant in club events within the Vicenza Military Community. As a youth volunteer, Arianna has participated in unique projects such as the Vaccinate a Village Project, RAID Cross and Scrubby Bear Instructor Training as well as community wide events. Arianna has gone above and beyond in her volunteer duties! Although she is a sophomore, she is currently one of the most active members of the club and is a role model to her peers. She is a dedicated and reliable member of the Red Cross Club and her contributions positively reflect the Vicenza Military Community.



## Community News – Service Providers

- ❖ DES
- ❖ DFMWR
- ❖ DPW
- ❖ DHR
- ❖ DOL
- ❖ DPTMS
- ❖ AAFES
- ❖ DoDEA
- ❖ Religious Support Office
- ❖ Installation Safety Office
- ❖ EEO
- ❖ 509<sup>th</sup> SIG BN
- ❖ HRO
- ❖ AFN
- ❖ Health Center
- ❖ Dental Clinic
- ❖ Italy Finance Office
- ❖ Installation Legal Office
- ❖ American Red Cross
- ❖ Health Promotion
- ❖ DECA
- ❖ USO
- ❖ PAO
- ❖ IG



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## *Festa della Donne 5km Ladies Day run/walk (men also welcome)*

*7 March 2015  
Start 0900*



*Cost: \$5  
Ederle Track  
(12 and under free)*

Registration: 0800-0845  
First 100 female receive mimosa branch



*Sponsored by the Vicenza Sergeants Major Association*





## InfoX Schedule

**Wednesday, 1 April 2015**

**Wednesday, 6 May 2015**

**Wednesday, 3 June 2015**

**For questions concerning InfoX, please contact  
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