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a kay o-ra ah-pre la bahn-ka

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Si cambia valuta qui?
see kahm-bya vah-loo-ta kwee

Do you accept credit/debit cards?

Accetta la carta di credito?
ah-che-ta-te la kar-ta dee kre-dee-to



Left: Soldiers pause to assess their situation during Exercise Wolfenstein, which began in Germany Jan. 5. Right: Sgt. Antje Gutjahr of Low Level Voice Intercept Team No. 1 provides security Jan. 21 while other members of her team conduct a leader's reconnaissance en route to the collection site, Camp Algier, Germany. (Courtesy photos)

Soldiers refine skills during training

By **Capt. Andrew Kinney**
173rd Airborne Brigade

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany -- Paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade and 10th Special Forces Group began Exercise Wolfenstein, a signal intelligence training event, Jan. 5.

The 22-day training focused on developing the Low Level Voice Intercept, or LLVI, collection techniques of the military intelligence multifunction platoon of Company D, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 173rd Abn., which allows them to collect on enemy communications.

"The intent of the exercise is to balance classroom instruction and field training for military intelligence specialists," said 1st Lt. Shawn Robertson, multifunction platoon leader. "We are also refining the skillsets required of the brigade's signals intelligence analysts and cryptologic linguists to serve as valuable combat enablers on airborne-qualified LLVI teams."

Moreover, the exercise is testing the ability of LLVI teams to plan and execute collection operations on short notice as part of 173rd Airborne Brigade's Army Contingency Response Force in Europe. As such, participating paratroopers are

aiming to improve upon the readiness level of the teams and their ability to collect autonomously in a tactical setting.

"The expectation for all our military intelligence paratroopers, regardless of specialty, is to be both technical and tactical experts," said Lt. Col. Benjamin Bennett, commander, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion. "Training events like Exercise Wolfenstein help refine the dismounted collection techniques of our signal intelligence personnel while also affording them the opportunity to practice field craft. We want our paratroopers to be mentally strong and physically tough and training like this helps work towards that end."

Field craft was a focal point during Wolfenstein, as the first week of training featured both rifle and pistol marksmanship ranges, followed by day and night land navigation courses, and patrolling techniques.

The second portion of the exercise included instruction on signal intelligence collection techniques and finished with dismounted LLVI training among the undulating terrain scattered throughout the training sites.

Additionally, training in January in Germany added a new dynamic when it came to the emplacement of LLVI recon-

naissance sites, as much of the training period outdoors featured sub-freezing temperatures.

"In the 173rd Airborne Brigade, we're always aiming to train relentlessly in harsh conditions," said Robertson. "The control of your thoughts can be the difference between the success of your team and the failure of your mission."

The ability to train on portable LLVI systems in a dismounted setting also allowed the increase in the readiness of the paratroopers to remain combat efficient operating in austere conditions while working alongside knowledgeable special operations forces counterparts.

"This type of training affords our paratroopers the unique ability to train with intelligence professionals outside of the brigade in a field setting," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Pedro Torres, the multifunction platoon's signals intelligence technician. "The experience and perspectives that outside organizations bring to our collective training events is priceless, especially from the special operations side of the house. Ultimately, the lessons learned from Exercise Wolfenstein will drastically improve the readiness of our personnel as they continue to train up towards being able to collect unilaterally in a deployed setting."

Vigilance is key in military communities

WIESBADEN, Germany -- The holiday period in Europe has ended, but the public must remain aware and recognize the need to maintain heightened vigilance.

Individuals and small groups directed or inspired by terrorist leaders continue to threaten Western Europe and North America. Terrorists pose a threat to urban centers, large events and transportation hubs, including airports and train stations.

Host nation law enforcement authorities have been taking measures to pre-empt these threats such as we have recently seen at train stations in Munich,



Germany. Due to the potential consequences of terrorist attacks, it is important to disseminate vigilance messages as widely as possible and as often as necessary.

Until threats subside, USAREUR will continue to notify personnel via social media and the AtHoc Life

and Safety System.

It is equally important to take the time to discuss the security environment with unit personnel and their family members to ensure they are aware and actively practice individual protective measures.

Anyone witnessing suspicious behavior can report it using iReport, a theater-wide reporting system for Soldiers, civilians, contractors and family members in Europe. The system is available online and as a mobile app.

To report a threat or crime in progress, immediately contact the military police office by dialing DSN 114, or host-nation law enforcement in Italy: 112.



Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 "Remember, Celebrate, Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off!"

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 18, 2016

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., challenged the Nation to recognize that our individual liberties rely upon our common equality. The passage of time has only served to deepen our understanding of the importance of Dr. King's words and of his life's work.

Today, we honor Dr. King, remembering the strength of his leadership, the power of his words, and the inspiration of his call for justice. We celebrate his legacy of freedom and equality for all.

We ask our entire Army Family to use this opportunity to recommit ourselves to achieving Dr. King's dream: an America where every person is treated with dignity and respect. By living our Army Values, we embody all those ideals advanced by Dr. King's ideals and continue to be Army Strong!


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 General, United States Army
 Chief of Staff


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 Acting Secretary of the Army

ROSS KING February 17th At the Golden Lion

Autograph Session
 & Hors D'oeuvres
 begins at 4:15 PM

Presentation on
*Leonardo and
 The Last Supper*
 begins at 5:30 PM

'King has made a career elucidating crucial episodes in the history of art and architecture.'

—Time Magazine

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—The Guardian



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Speak Out *What is your favorite winter sport and why?*

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



Layton Beach
 Family member

"Sledding and ice skating because it is fun."



Alexander De Caro
 Family member

"Basketball. It's my passion, and I play for the high school team."



Vincent Firriolo
 FMWR Sports, Fitness and Aquatics

"Volleyball is my favorite sport in wintertime. It requires lots of agility, speed and height."



Staff Sgt. Matthew Herron
 731st Munitions Squadron

"Skiing because I like high-adrenaline activities."



Capt. Thomas Lopez
 Provost Marshal

"If this is considered a sport, I will be traveling to California to enjoy some warm weather."



Anna Maletti
 Resource Management Office

"I love ballroom dancing. Whenever I have a chance, I force my husband to go dancing."

Defense Secretary discusses critical global concerns

By **Terri Moon Cronk**
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON -- Defeating the extremist Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant at its core in Syria and Iraq and globally is critical among his many global defense concerns, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Jan. 22 at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Speaking on the third day of the forum with Klaus Schwab, founder of the international organization for public-private cooperation, the secretary got right to the point of his trip to Europe, where he was in discussions with his counterparts in the more than 60-nation U.S.-led coalition against ISIL.

Defeating ISIL is "very much on my mind," Carter told Schwab. "It will occur, and needs to occur first and foremost in Syria and Iraq," where the "parent tumor" of the terrorist organization exists, he said. But more than that, because ISIL is a global concern, it must be defeated wherever it exists now and in the future, the secretary said.

He emphasized the importance of accelerating operations to deliver ISIL a final defeat before it can metastasize around the world and penetrate nations' homelands. "We need to protect ourselves, our people. ... And we will," he said.

A vital part of the accelerated campaign is for coalition nations and others to step up and do more to bring down the organization, Carter said. And while he's grateful for Turkey hosting a base for U.S. aircraft, he said, Turkey must do more, based on its pivotal position bordering Iraq and Syria. But Turkey is just one on a list of nations Carter said, that should make contributions that are "distinctive, unique and necessary to the defeat of ISIL."

Indigenous forces key to ISIL's defeat

The secretary called the strategic approach of the coalition enabling capable and motivated local forces in Iraq and Syria "critical," particularly after Iraqi forces took back the key city of Ramadi from ISIL control.

"We've had the experience of trying to occupy plac-



Defense Secretary Ash Carter (right) listens to Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, during a special session of the forum's annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland, Jan. 22. (DoD photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Clydell Kinchen)

es we have to clear of terrorists, and that's something difficult for foreigners to do," he added in support of indigenous forces taking the lead in their territories.

A long list of global concerns keeps him up at night, Carter said.

One is Iran. While the recent nuclear deal with the Iranians is important, it doesn't solve all the problems there, he said.

"We're still concerned about [Iran's] malign influence in the region, freedom of navigation, ballistic missiles and other issues," such as protecting U.S. longtime Gulf region friends and allies such as Israel, Carter said.

North Korea, a country Carter said takes self-isolating steps by testing a nuclear weapon, also remains on DoD's watchful radar.

The secretary noted the "fight tonight," posture of U.S. and South Korean forces on the Korean Peninsula. "It's not that we want to fight tonight," he said, "but up on the [Demilitarized Zone] ... you have to be ready every night."

China and Russia

Looking ahead and more geopolitically is what Carter called "a competitive situation" with Russia in Europe and with China in Asia. The new defense budget Carter said he'll present to Congress will allow for new investments in the defense of Europe and NATO territory as a consequence of Russia's aggressive behavior in Ukraine. "I wish it weren't so," he said. "For a quarter century, we haven't had to make those investments. Now we will."

The U.S. military has contributed to peace and stability in Asia for 70 years, the secretary said. "We aim to keep that going," the secretary said. The U.S. military's rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region is expected

to keep the nation's historical role intact in that part of the world, he added.

"You can't take for granted the environment of peace and security," he said.

Technology vital to U.S. military

Meanwhile, the United States must stay ahead in all technological areas of warfare and security, Carter said.

"If we're going to continue to do what we need to do, which is stay ahead of a dangerous world, we need to do that in a different way," he said, noting the need for global government and industry partnerships.

"For public officials to protect the public space so private companies and people can do what they're supposed to do, I need their help in today's world, which means I need their understanding," the secretary said.

And DoD's ongoing partnerships with other nonmilitary federal agencies are just as critical, he added.

"I can't do [it] without Homeland Security, law enforcement [and] our border security," Carter said.

IMCOM Europe welcomes new command sergeant major

By **Ray Johnson**
USAG Bavaria Public Affairs Office

SEMBACH, Germany -- Installation Management Command Europe welcomed its new command sergeant major and bid farewell to his predecessor during a change-of-responsibility ceremony held here Jan. 12.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gene Canada takes over for Command Sgt. Maj. Romeo Montez III, who will retire after 32 years of wearing the Army uniform.

Canada brings with him an "invaluable combination of experience ... he knows firsthand the types of support Soldiers and commanders need from IMCOM," said Michael Formica, director of IMCOM Europe.

"His reputation for integrity and leadership is why I handpicked him as our senior noncommissioned officer."

Coming from Fort Lee, Virginia, as the Ordnance Corps and School Personnel Development Office's sergeant major, Canada has served for almost 30 years, with stints as the command sergeant major for IMCOM's Army Environmental Command and the former U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern. Plus he has multiple combat deployments to Iraq.

Canada said he looks forward to being part of a team that is passionate about taking care of Soldiers, Army civilians and their families.

"I am also excited about building and sustaining relations with all our Strong Europe teammates, our host nations and

our communities," he said while addressing an audience that included the IMCOM command team of Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless, along with Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commander of U.S. Army Europe.

Canada also thanked Montez for his support during the pair's transition, encouraging him to stay in touch while he pursues his second career of service in Texas as a teacher.

Additionally, Formica noted that Montez's return to the Lone Star state brings him closer to family, with a first grandchild expected this summer.

"Command Sergeant Montez has been an enterprise leader," Formica declared. "He has been our problem solver, one

who builds consensus while leading folks to successful outcomes."

As he closed out the ceremony with his remarks, Montez recalled that prior to becoming the IMCOM-Europe command sergeant major two years ago, he received a message from a former commander whose son had recently become a Soldier. The former commander said, if ever needed, that he would trust the life of his son in Montez's hands.

The commander's words, said Montez, reminded him "of the awesome responsibility we have as leaders. Not just to fight and win, but to genuinely care for the well-being of America's sons and daughters. It is for this reason that I am deeply humbled by the opportunities that I was given to serve. I am a Soldier for life."

Military ID cardholders: Tax center opens for business Monday

VICENZA -- Tax Season is here again! The USAG Italy Tax Center officially opens immediately following the opening ceremony Feb. 1 at 9:30 a.m. The Grand Opening will take place at the Judge Advocate General office, Building 241, on Caserma Ederle. It's located on 6th Street, past the Car Care Center, and is the second to last building on the right.

Any military ID cardholders, including Soldiers, family members, Department of Defense civilians, and retirees are welcome to use the free tax preparation and e-filing services at the Tax Center. Camp Darby also has this free tax preparation service at the JAG office. Wage and earning statements (W-2s) are available for Soldiers via MyPay at www.mypay.dfas.mil. Other important tax documents should also become available to you this month.

In 2015, the Vicenza Tax Center assisted over 2,000 tax filers, saved the military community more than

\$500,000 in tax preparation fees, and generated over \$5.45 million in refunds.

Filing deadline for tax year 2015 is April 18, 2016. However, overseas filers receive an automatic filing extension until June 15, 2016. It is important to note that the extension to file is NOT an "extension to pay." In other words, if you owe money to the IRS, you should file your tax return and pay any balance due by April 18. If you are entitled to a refund, or do not owe anything, you can file by June 15.

Hours of operation

Two offices are available for tax preparation services in the Vicenza area: the JAG office on Caserma Ederle and Del Din Siegholz Center, Room 1005. The Ederle office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open through lunch), and Del Din is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

but closed for lunch.

If your return is simple, walk-in at any time and have your return prepared, explained, and signed right then and there. However, you will need to make an appointment if any of the following scenarios apply: you have rental property; capital gains; received self-employment income; claiming foreign income exclusion; need to amend a prior year's return; you would like to itemize your deduction; you have received a letter from the IRS; or you are a resident of Puerto Rico. Tax center personnel will request that those individuals drop off documents at least a couple days ahead of your appointment.

Things you will need

Preparing tax returns requires a lot of documents. You should come prepared with the following:

- Military ID card

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A U.S. Air Force 86th Air Wing C-130 Hercules airdrops a humvee belonging to 173rd Airborne Brigade into Frida IV Drop Zone in Pordenone, Italy, Jan. 21. (Courtesy photo)

Organization now accepting scholarship applications

ALEXANDRIA, Va -- Army Emergency Relief has announced the opening of its scholarship application period. Applications will be accepted until May 1.

AER supports the Spouse Scholarship Program and the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children. Scholarship specifics and applications are available on the organization's website, www.aerhq.org.

The Spouse Scholarship can be used for full- or part-time students, while the Ursano Scholarship is only for full-time students.

Last year AER awarded 4,245 scholarships, totaling more than \$9 million for spouses and children of Soldiers.

"The entire scholarship process is online," said Tammy LaCroix, manager, AER scholarship programs. "Applicants are able to create their own profile, submit their documentation online, and check their status, which is a huge time saver for both the applicants and the scholarship staff."

"This is a valuable opportunity for the children and spouses of Soldiers," LaCroix said. "We saw an increase in the number of applications last year and hope this trend continues this year."

Applicants must submit the entire application package online for the 2016-2017 school year by May 1. This includes the application as well as the supporting documents.

Most applicants will need to provide transcripts (through the fall semester), according to LaCroix, along with a Student Aid Report from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as FAFSA.

AER awards are "needs-based" scholarships based on the FAFSA and transcripts, LaCroix said. The amount of the award varies based on the number of qualified applicants and scholarship funds available, she said. Last year, award amounts ranged from \$500 to \$3,300.

AER is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to active-duty and retired Soldiers, and their Families. Since its incorporation in 1942, AER has provided more than \$1.6 billion to more than 3.6 million Soldiers, families and retirees.

Paratroopers train for contingencies, airdrop Shark communications humvee

By **1st Lt. Orlando Florea**
17rd Airborne Brigade

VICENZA -- Paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade airdropped a Shark mobile communications humvee from a C-130 Hercules aircraft onto Frida IV Drop Zone near Dandolo, Italy, Jan. 21.

The Shark mobile communications vehicle is specially designed for airborne and forced-entry operations. It contains a minimum of six different communication platforms and can deploy worldwide on short notice to support combat units.

The name originates from the 1980s, when similar communication platforms were mounted onto all-terrain vehicles. In order to accommodate loading and dropping the vehicle from a CH-47 helicopter, the antenna had to be moved to the center of the vehicle, resulting in a side profile that resembled a shark fin and earned the vehicle its name.

"The ability to airdrop a rapidly deployable Shark vehicle facilitates mission command for the 173rd Airborne Brigade anywhere in the world," said Capt. Marc Levitt, commander, Company C, 54th Brigade Engi-

neer Battalion, 173rd Abn. Bde. "The platforms on the vehicle provide commanders with reliable digital and voice communications and are critical to reach back to higher headquarters."

Brigade signaleers conducted this mission to maintain readiness for contingency operations, as the 173rd Airborne Brigade is the U.S. Army contingency force for Europe. When the Shark landed, the paratroopers d-rigged the vehicle, placed it into operation, and provided secure communications for more than six different radio and network platforms for the ground force commander for a follow-on mission.

"Being able to conduct airdrop operations here in Europe is a great opportunity for our newer noncommissioned officers to take charge and lead a group of paratroopers towards an objective on the drop zone," said Sgt 1st Class Cesar Ruiz, a platoon sergeant with Company C. "The dispersion factor of the airborne operation encourages our paratroopers to perform in the absence of a senior leader for a short period of time. Regardless of the outcome of the airdrop operation, our paratroopers are prepared to recover the vehicle and place it into operation wherever we land."



African readiness training

Maj. Michael Gacheru, U.S. Army Africa, and Capt. Michael Kearnes, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, are briefed at the Senegalese training facility where the African Readiness Training 2016 exercise will take place. (U.S. Army Africa photo)

Commissaries worldwide set record for recycling

By **Mike Perron**
DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

FORT LEE, Va. -- The numbers are in: Military commissaries surpassed their fiscal 2015 environmental goals for recycling and diverting waste from landfills.

The Defense Commissary Agency achieved an 83 percent recycling efficiency rate, the highest in the agency's history, said Randy Eller, deputy director of DeCA's logistics directorate. Along the way, DeCA recycled more than 60,000 tons of cardboard, 1,900 tons of plastic, and more than 108 tons of paper. "Our commitment to environmental



goals is reflected in the rapid increase in the recycling numbers year after year," Ellen said. "Due to the outstanding efforts of our store personnel worldwide, our recycling efficiency rates have ris-

en each year -- from 75 percent in 2012 to 2015's 83 percent. That's a job well done!"

Adding to the agency's environmental successes for 2015 were the stores, which actually reached the "net zero" landmark. Net zero waste is a "whole systems" effort, and changes the way materials flow through an organization, ideally resulting in no waste.

Seven stores achieved net zero status through organic contracts, which turn all organic material into compost. The stores include four commissaries in Hawaii -- Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hickam Air Force

Base and Schofield Barracks -- plus the stores at McChord Air Force Base and Fort Lewis in Washington, and Los Angeles Air Force Base in California.

Finally, the continued expansion of DeCA's food bank program is paying both environmental and local community dividends. In 2015, the agency's program to donate edible but unsellable food climbed from 110 to 134 commissaries partnered with 117 U.S. food banks, up from 77 banks in 2014.

"Our food bank program resulted in just under 2.4 million pounds of food diverted from ending up in landfills and being used to feed the hungry," Eller said.

'Bee' a champion: 8th-grader takes spelling competition

Story and photo by **Laura Kreider**
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

VILLAGGIO -- Eighth-grader Naomi Wheeler won this year's Vicenza Elementary/Middle School Championship Spelling Bee competition after spelling the word "gorse" on Round 28.

The event, sponsored by the Vicenza Schools PTSA, took place at the Villaggio VES/VMS Multipurpose Room Jan. 20.

Twenty contestants from elementary and middle school spelled about 150 words during 28 rounds of competition.

"The students battled their way through heavy-duty fire," said Teresa Taylor, VMS Spelling Bee sponsor.

"Competition was fierce with the younger elementary students holding their own over older middle school students," she said.

The other winners were VES fourth-grader Taniaya Bailey, who took second place after placing third last year, and Melissa Ricketts placed third.

During the competition, participants spelled words such as "hegemony," "pachyderm," "courtyard," "ecclesiastical" and "plethora" in front of four judges, including USAG Italy Commander Col. Steven Marks, MED District English Language Arts Coordinator Noni Hoag, retired Col. Craig Cotter and School Liaison Officer Beth Potter.

One of the participants, eight-grader Chrisraine Gilpin, arrived in Vicenza two weeks before the competition.

"I thought that the most difficult word to spell was 'deciduous', while the easiest was 'ciao,'" she said.

Wheeler is eligible to represent both schools in the



The 2016 Vicenza Elementary School and Middle School Spelling Bee Championship was held at the Villaggio Multipurpose Room/Cafeteria Jan. 20. Eighth-grader Naomi Wheeler, at the microphone, claimed the championship.

European PTSA Spelling Bee at Ramstein, Germany, next month.

"I will start studying as soon as I receive the words," she said after receiving her trophy.

Bailey, in second place, is the alternate to represent Vicenza should Wheeler not be able to attend.

To conclude the event, Spelling Bee contestants enjoyed their participation by sharing a piece of cake with

their teachers, principals, family and friends.

Participants were, listed in place order, 1-20: Naomi Wheeler; Taniaya Bailey; Melissa Ricketts; Chrisraine Gilpin; Will Segulin; Nicole Delgado; Alex Kloepper; Michael Belfer; Gabriella Patterson; Colin Frazee; Regan Wilson; Maxwell Grife; Marissa Willard; Matthew Bender; Luca Powell; Kyle Barker; Zy'on Thompson; Driston Dowling; Regan Toro-Johnson; and Jacian McPhee.

Livorno clinic plays host to health care providers

Story and photo by
Chiara Mattiolo
DMC Public Affairs Office

LIVORNO -- The Livorno Health Clinic hosted a Meet and Greet Social Jan. 22 with local community health care providers.

Darby Military Community was invited to meet with the main Italian care providers of the Pisa Hospital and San Rossore Clinic in light of the future closure of the clinic on post.

"The event was created to allow all Camp Darby personnel to meet new providers and to ask them questions in a friendly environment, so that if and when they need medical support, they will be familiar with some of the physicians," said Maj. Charles Broomell, Livorno Clinic Commander.

Effective Feb. 1, the Camp Darby clinic will mission will be reduced and will only provide liaison services.

"It is important that our customers don't feel abandoned. There will be three liaisons officers at the clinic, and we will be more than glad to provide our service



After a meet and greet event, Col. Craig Patterson, Landstuhl Dental Activity Commander, recognized Massimo Santini, Pisa Cisanello Emergency Room director, with a commander's coin for excellent support provided to the community.

as interpreters and liaison with the Italian doctors," said Ilaria Guerrini.

The clinic will also sponsor a Health Fair on Monday, Feb. 1, from 8 a.m. to

4 p.m. There will be a question-and-answer session and informational booths will be available to answer any inquiries of community members.



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military police
assistance?**

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MP desk toll free,
from anywhere in
Italy.*

0800-064-077



High school hoops

Above: Vicenza High School player Federica Volk, No. 50, follows the action of teammate Grace Bello during the game against the International School of Florence in the main post gym Jan. 22. The VHS Girls' team won after dominating both games during the weekend, respectively 39-0 and 43-3, while the Boys' team defeated ISF 42-3 and 53-17.



Right: Cougars' players James Ashley, No. 5, and Xavier Castleberry, No. 10, go for a rebound during Saturday's game.

Below: Grace Bello, No. 33, passes the ball during the game. Find more coverage on www.usag.vicenza.army.mil or www.facebook.com/USAGVicenza.

(Photos by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)



On the mats

Vicenza High School wrestler Anthony Verduga, wrestling at 120 lbs., competes against (and eventually pins) Sami Safford of Aviano during a wrestling meet held in Vicenza Jan. 16. In addition to the Cougars, participating teams included Hohenfels, Munich, Naples, Sigonella and Vilseck. This weekend the Cougars will travel to Naples and spar against Aviano, Naples and Sigonella.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

LEAGUE SPORTS RESULTS CURRENT & UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Below are 2015-16 USAG Italy Unit/Recreational Basketball League Stats and Results from Nov. 12 to Dec. 15. League restarted Jan. 11

AMERICAN DIVISION

Battalion/Unit/ Team	Games	Wins	Lost	PF	PA
USARAF	8	5	3		
4TH PLT ACO 173RD	7	5	2		
B CO 1/503RD	9	2	7		
509TH SIG	8	3	5		
GAMBLE 1/503RD	9	6	3		
D CO 54TH BEB	9	1	8		
VMID	8	5	3		
ATTACK 1/503RD	9	8	1		
HHC VANGUARD	7	2	5		

USAG - ITALY BASKETBALL LEAGUE FIRST HALF OF SEASON GAMES

11-Jan	1830	USAG - FEMALES	USARAF	0-2
	1930	4TH PLT A CO BSB	509TH SIG	56-42
12-Jan	1830	B CO 1/503RD	D CO 54TH BEB	0-0
	1930	VMID	HHC BSB VANGUARD	2-0
	2030			
13-Jan	1830	509TH SIG	ATTACK 1/503RD	37-43
	1930	Gamble 1/503RD	USARAF	44-49
19-Jan	1830	ATTACK 1/503RD	VMID	48-53
	1930	ATTACK 1/503RD	B CO 1/503RD	38-27
	2030			
20-Jan	1830	Gamble 1/503RD	B CO 1/503RD	53-34
	1930	ATTACK 1/503RD	USARAF	42-28
21-Jan	1830		USARAF	
	1930	HHC BSB VANGUARD	509TH SIG	

USAG Italy Unit/Rec Level Basketball – The league (9 teams) games are Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

USAG Italy Unit/Rec Level Basketball Championship, Feb. 16-20

IMCOM Army Europe Unit Level Basketball Championship, March 4-6, Ansbach, Germany

USAG Italy Volleyball Official Clinic, Feb. 2-6, 6 p.m. and Coaches' Meeting, Feb. 10 Ederle Fitness Center Conference Room

USAG Italy Unit/Rec Volleyball Registration now through Feb.8. League Play: Feb. 18-April 15

Vicenza jewelry museum *bedazzles* visitors

By **Vanya Eftimova Bellinger**
Contributing Writer

VICENZA -- Why do people love their bling so much? Instead of offering a traditional historical presentation, Vicenza's Jewelry Museum asks this question. The answers vary with different times and societies, as showpieces have assumed various functions throughout history.

Diadems represent power and prestige, amulets deflect bad luck, and hairpins are neat. Sometimes jewelry could be unexpectedly functional, too. A pair of massive silver bracelets with sharp edges from India doubles as a deadly weapon against unsuspecting enemy.

Opened in 2014, Vicenza's Jewelry Museum is the first of its kind in Italy. Its location, within the walls of the Palladian Basilica downtown, was chosen not only because the Renaissance building is the city's most beloved gem but also because it has been the premier site of Vicenza's goldsmiths workshops since the Middle Ages.

Because the museum is situated next to modern jewelry shops, visitors today can see preserved remains of ancient ateliers through its transparent floor.

Vicenza boasts a long and proud tradition as one of the Italy's four centers of jewelry trade (the other three are Arezzo in Tuscany, Valenza in Piedmont, and Naples suburb Torre del Greco).

Indeed between one-fifth and a quarter of the country's gold and jewelry is produced here. Twice a year, the city hosts two times per year one of the most important trade shows in the business, Vicenzaoro, at the local fairgrounds Fiera di Vicenza.

Meanwhile Vicenzaoro has mushroomed into a global



Museo Del Gioiello Vicenza is located in the Palladian Basilica in Piazza Dei Signori, downtown Vicenza. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley)

enterprise, with franchises in such luxury-loving destinations as Las Vegas, Dubai, Mumbai and Hong Kong. The Jewelry Museum is also part of the ambitious strategy to brand Vicenza as a place that is preserving trade's

ancient traditions while embracing the modern global market.

Alba Cappellieri, professor of jewelry design at Polytechnic University in Milan and Italy's foremost expert on the subject, is the exhibition's curator and director. All information is expertly translated in English, and short educational videos have subtitles. To maintain interest and encourage repeat visitors, Cappellieri promises to change artifacts every two years.

While relatively small (seeing everything takes just about 40 minutes), the exhibition is bedazzling. It offers 400 objects from ancient Etruscan art to futuristic mini sculptures made just for the runway, to stun fashion photographers who think they've seen it all.

There are nine rooms showcasing jewelry design, symbols, functionality, mass production, artistry and future trends. Next to precious diamonds, sapphires, topaz, jade, tourmalines and rubies, visitors also encounter pieces made of plastic, with rhinestones and zircons, and even items from rubber and burned fabric.

Some of the latter accessories, however, are no less high-priced. Whatever the layperson might think about their aesthetic value, these objects came from workshops of masters like Karl Lagerfeld, Christian Dior and Gianfranco Ferré.

But, as one learns at the end of the exhibition, jewelry's value lies less in gem size or worth but in its power to make people feel special, self-confident and beautiful.

Visit the *Museo Del Gioiello* Vicenza, in the Palladian Basilica, 44 Piazza Dei Signori. It's open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are 6 euro and 4 euro (reduced).

Learn more at the website, <http://www.museodelgioiello.it>.

City of Viareggio dresses up for Carnevale celebration

By **Chiara Mattiolo**
DMC Public Affairs Office

LIVORNO -- The Carnival of Viareggio is a yearly event held in the Tuscan city of Viareggio. It is considered among the most renowned carnival celebrations in both Italy and Europe. Its main characteristic is the parade of floats and masks, usually made of paper-pulp, depicting caricatures of popular people.

The parade takes place on Viareggio Avenue, located along the local beach Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and March 5.

A triple cannon shot from the sea announces the start of each parade, and floats topped with huge paper mache figures begin their slow move along the Lungomare promenade.

On Feb. 7, the opening ceremony begins at 3 p.m. followed by the first parade, which concludes with fireworks. All other parades begin at 3 p.m. except for the last one March 5, which will take place at 6.30 p.m. Buy tickets for the Sunday processions at the Fondazione Carnevale on Piazza Mazzini, or at a ticket kiosk on the procession circuit.

It is also possible to visit the "La Cittadella di Carnevale" where floats are created in 16 hangars. Discover carnival history and the art of making *teste in capo* (the giant heads worn in processions) and *mascheroni a piedi* (big walking masks) in the Museo del Carnevale.

According to the website www.viareggio.ilcarnevale.com, origins of the Viareggio's Carnival fall back to February 1873 among the young of Viareggio's high society. On Mardi Gras 1873, the carnival was born. By the end of the nineteenth century, this festival was already hugely successful. The parade consisted of monumental floats built of wood, plaster and jute and modeled by sculptors, carpenters and ironmongers.



Burlamacco is the clown-like figure symbol of Viareggio Carnival, as well as the town mascot. (File photo)

After an interval of some years during World War I, the floats were back in 1921 when they paraded along Viareggio's two main avenues, running parallel to each other and the seafont.

In 1925, through the initiative of some builders, papier-mâché was introduced to create floats and, from then on, has allowed colossal but light constructions to be used. With this technique, one could say the history of the Viareggio Carnival turned into legend, thanks to the "paper mache wizards." In 1930, Uberto Bonetti, the painter who had illustrated the magic of the carnival with official posters, created Burlamacco, which rapidly became the symbol of the carnival.

Since 2002, Viareggio carnival has been named *the Italian and European Carnival*.

Friday night Music Café



Music Café celebrated its sixth anniversary with a large crowd and a diverse group of musicians and singers in the Soldiers' Theatre lobby on Caserma Ederle Jan. 22. The next monthly session will take place Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. More photos from the event will be posted on www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

News briefs

Estate claims: Pfc. Jessie J. Vo

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Pfc. Jessie J. Vo in the 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 173 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st Lt. Michael Saglimbene, at 637-4125 or via e-mail michael.saglimbene2.mil@mail.mil.

Tree trimming

Directorate of Public Works personnel are trimming trees along the streets of Hoekstra Field through Feb. 2. The work is required to avoid damages to the trees and possible falling branches due to snow or storms. There will be some reduction of parking spaces and blocked sections of the roads during this time. Questions should be directed to Marco Bellot at 637-8201, or marco.bellot.ln@mail.mil.

Passport office changes hours

In order to optimize services to customers, hours of operation at the passport office will change. Effective Feb. 1, hours are as follows: Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri: 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.; and Thurs 1-3 p.m. (closed Thursday mornings for training). For additional information, call DSN 637-7135 or 7136; comm. 0444-61-7135 or 7136. Or email usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.passport-office@mail.mil.

COLA, AT surveys

Service members stationed in Italy are highly encouraged to participate in the Cost of Living Allowance Survey, as it affects your money. Find the survey on the U.S. Army Garrison Italy homepage at www.italy.army.mil.

Community members are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete the Army's antiterrorism awareness survey. The survey is being conducted to measure awareness across the Army on behalf of the Provost Marshal General. The survey should take less than two minutes and is located at <http://antiterrorismawarenesssurveys.anser.org>

Commissary inventory

On Tuesday, March 1, the Vicenza Commissary will conduct its annual formal inventory. The commissary will be closed at 7 p.m.

Intramural volleyball begins

Registration is under way for unit/recreational intramural volleyball leagues. Sign-up deadline is Feb. 8, and league play takes place from Feb. 18 through April 15 at the Del Din Fitness Center volleyball courts. *Note: Location is subject to change. There will be a volleyball officials clinic Feb. 2-6, 6 p.m., and coaches meeting will take place at the Ederle Fitness Center conference room Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 634-7009/7616.

Commissary scholarships

The Scholarships for Military Children Program is now accepting applications from eligible students at commissaries worldwide. 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 mem-

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Birth registration

New parents have 10 calendar days to register newborns with the Comune of Vicenza. To obtain your child's birth certificate, contact Military Personnel Division at 637-7469/7165 or email usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.mpd@mail.mil within two working days of your child's birth to complete a registration form and schedule an appointment. Appointments will take place on Thursday afternoons and transportation is provided between Caserma Ederle and the Vicenza Municipality. A representative will assist new parents through the process and provide translation services. For more information, contact contact 637-7469/7165 or email usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.mpd@mail.mil.

Toastmasters seeks members

Join Toastmasters to improve 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 listening skills. To participate in Toastmasters in Vicenza, contact vicenzatoastmasters2015@gmail.com; for other locations, go to www.toastmasters.org.

Call for nominations

There is a call for nominations for the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award. The award is intended to honor and recognize a private sector individual or organization that has demonstrated exceptional patriotism and humanitarian concerns for members of the U.S. armed services. Nominations are due by April 4. Go to <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-245628> for more information.

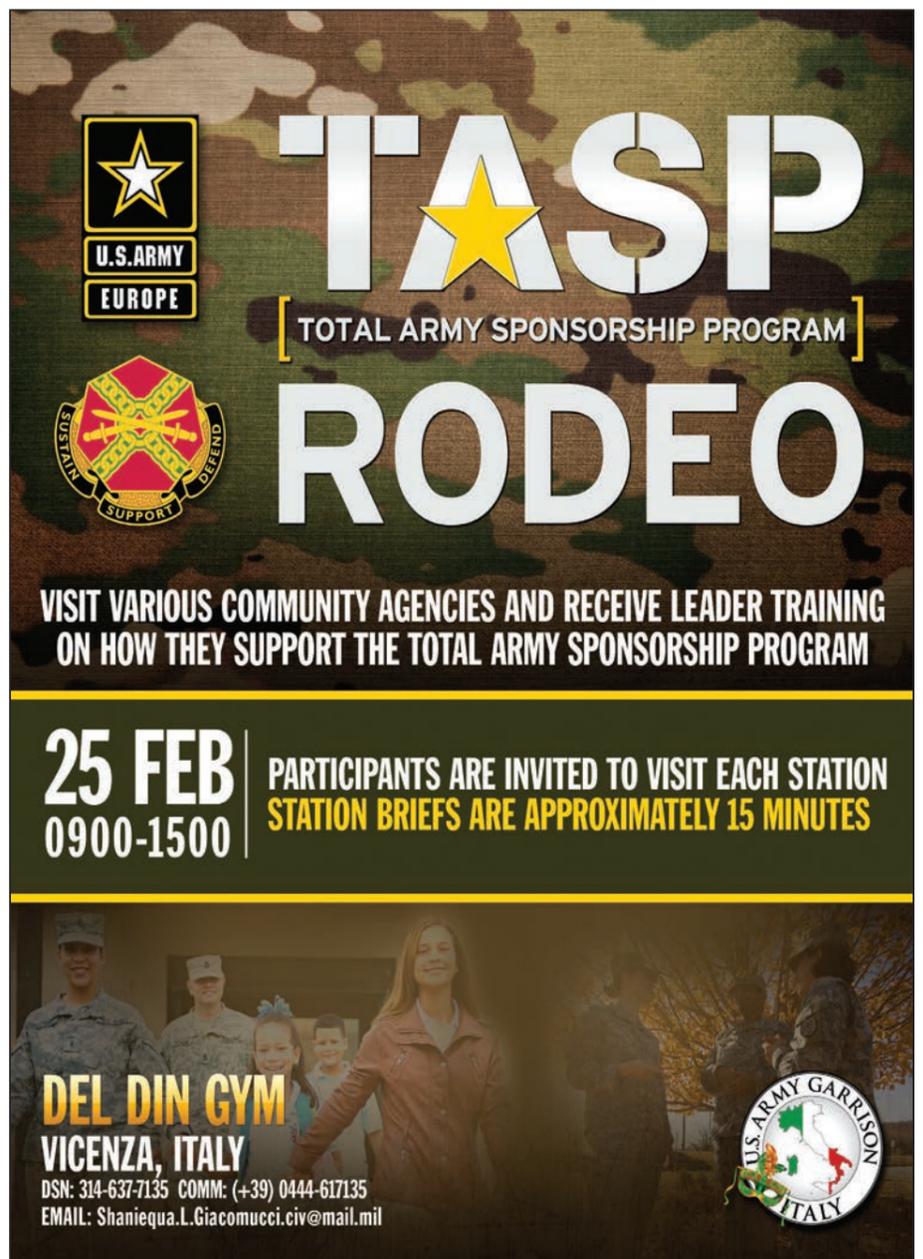
Nominations are also being accepted for the Department of Defense Spirit of Hope awards. Awards are dispersed annually to individuals and organizations that epitomize selfless service and dedicated commitment to our military. There is an immediate call for nominations from all active and reserve components. Nominations due April 18. Go to <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-245627> for more information.

Roaring 20s gala, auction

Join the Vicenza Community Club at the "Dappers and Flappers" gala and auction at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle. The event takes place Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. Reserve tickets by Feb. 12; \$40 per person or \$280 for a table of eight. Drop payment and guest names in the VCC drop box outside the Thrift Store.

F2F Lunch & Learn

Community members are welcome to join Female 2 Female/SHARP for the We: Mentor lunch and learn series. On Feb. 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., special panel member Ross King, a New York Times best-selling author, will present Literary Perspective in Italian History. Lunch, mentorship and engaging discussion are free. The lunch takes place at the Army Community Service conference room, Building 108, Caserma Ederle. Questions/RSVP: rsvpf2f@gmail.com.



The poster features a camouflage background. At the top left is the U.S. Army Europe logo. The main text reads "TASP" in large white letters with a yellow star, followed by "TOTAL ARMY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM" in a smaller font. Below that is "RODEO" in very large white letters. A yellow banner at the bottom of the poster contains the text: "VISIT VARIOUS COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND RECEIVE LEADER TRAINING ON HOW THEY SUPPORT THE TOTAL ARMY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM". Below the banner, it says "25 FEB" and "0900-1500" in large white letters. To the right, it says "PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED TO VISIT EACH STATION" and "STATION BRIEFS ARE APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES" in yellow and white text. At the bottom, there is a photo of a group of people and the "DEL DIN GYM VICENZA, ITALY" logo. Contact information is provided: "DSN: 314-637-7135 COMM: (+39) 0444-617135 EMAIL: Shaniequa.L.Giacomucci.civ@mail.mil".

At the movies

Kung Fu Panda 3



When Po's long-lost panda father suddenly reappears, the reunited duo travels to a secret panda paradise to meet scores of hilarious new panda characters. But when the supernatural villain Kai begins to sweep across China defeating all the kung fu masters, Po must do the impossible -- learn to train a village full of his fun-loving, clumsy brethren to become the ultimate band of Kung Fu Pandas.

Rated PG for martial arts action and some mild rude humor.

Jan. 29	7 p.m.	The 5th Wave (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Fifty Shades of Black (R)
Jan. 30	3 p.m.	Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)
	6 p.m.	The Finest Hours (PG-13)
Jan. 31	3 p.m.	Kung Fu Panda in 3D (PG)
	6 p.m.	The Finest Hours in 3D (PG-13)
Feb. 3	7 p.m.	Fifty Shades of Black (R)
Feb. 4	7 p.m.	Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)
Feb. 5	7 p.m.	The Choice (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (PG-13)
Feb. 6	3 p.m.	The Choice (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (PG-13)
Feb. 7	3 p.m.	The 5th Wave (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (PG-13)
Feb. 10	7 p.m.	The Finest Hours (PG-13)

Check movie schedule online at <https://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Vicenza>.

Admission: 3D first run (*), adult, \$8.50, under 12, \$5.75; 3D second run, adult \$8, under 12, \$5.50; first run (*), adult, \$6.50, under 12, \$3.75; second run, adult \$6, under 12, \$3.50.
Advance tickets: On sale Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX Food Court entrance, except on federal holidays. Up to 50 percent of seats will be on sale; the remainder go on sale one hour before show time at the theater box office.

Film ratings and reviews are available at www.imdb.com.

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Department of Veteran Affairs

PRESENTS:

Darren Petite

VA Overseas Military Service Coordinator

February 8th-12th
Monday-Friday
8:30 - 16:30

Individual appointments are available for active duty service members, veterans, survivors, spouses and dependents!

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

Contact the Vicenza SFL-TAP Office to:

- Receive assistance with the development of your Claim or Disability rating
- Ask about Education benefits, Vocational Rehabilitation, Work-Study, or other VA education/career programs
- Learn about Survivors' benefits
- Understand how to use eBenefits
- Find information about entitlements for your dependents
- And much more!



Schedule your appointment today! Contact:

Kelly Griffitt, VA Benefits Advisor
Caserma Ederle, Bldg. 126
DSN 637-8156 or CIV 0444-61-8156
kelly.griffitt2_ctr@calibresys.com

Ana Levitt, VA Benefits Advisor
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Looking for something to do? Visit the USAG Italy Pinterest page for events.

Find markets, concerts and more.
www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza

TAX SEASON, continued from page 3

- W2s
- 1099 and 1098 forms
- Social Security Cards for yourself, your spouse, and all dependents (or a way to prove your social security numbers)
- Copies of 2014 returns, if available
- Bank account information with routing and account numbers
- Power of attorney if you are married filing jointly and your spouse is not present
- Identity theft PIN if the IRS assigned one to you, your spouse, or any of your dependents

Often, special situations arise that will require additional documentation in order to complete a file a return. For example, if you're married, and your spouse is not a U.S. citizen or legal resident, your spouse must have an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN).

If your spouse does not have an ITIN, you will need to apply for one. Tax center personnel will be happy to assist with this, but you will have to file a paper return.

Another issue that may arise is if you are planning to claim a dependency exemption for a child for whom you are not the primary custodial parent, you must have a signed written declaration (form 8331) from the custodial parent releasing his or her claim to the exemption, or a divorce decree or court document stating as such.

New for 2015

Every year brings new changes to the tax laws, whether it is a simple increase to the standard deduction (it went up this year), or a brand new tax credit. Below are some changes that may affect you, as well as a few reminders. For a complete list of updates and changes, you can refer to the IRS website at <http://www.irs.gov>.

•Enhanced Child Tax Credit. This credit provides \$1,000 per child under age 17. For many taxpayers, the credit can be refundable, meaning it can produce a refund even when the taxpayer owes no tax. In 2009, Congress expanded the refundable credit by reducing the income threshold at which it could be claimed. Now the lower threshold has become permanent.

•Educators' deduction. Congress made permanent the \$250 deduction for unreimbursed educator expenses, and also sweetened it a bit. The deduction amount will now be indexed for inflation (it had not changed in years). Starting in 2016, K-12 teachers can deduct the cost of professional development courses. Counselors, aides, and principals can also claim the deduction, though aides must have worked at least 900 hours a year.

•American Opportunity Tax Credit. In 2009, this credit replaced the Hope Scholarship Credit. It was slated to expire in two years, but now it is permanent. No wonder. In 2013, 10.4 million federal taxpayers reaped \$9.25 billion from this credit, or about \$890 each.

State returns

If you are a United States citizen working overseas for the United States government -- whether you are a Soldier or a civilian employee -- you are still a legal resident of one of the fifty states or U.S. territories.

If you have any questions about residency, we are happy to answer any questions about that.

Unless you are a resident of a state that does not require you to file an income tax return, or does not have income tax at all, you will be required to file one based on your residency. We will help you file your state tax return as well.

Gobbledygook?

Has much of this article been confusing or referencing terms you don't understand? Don't worry!

Tax center personnel are trained and ready to help with tax returns and explain, line-by-line, what everything on the tax return means.

They are trained, knowledgeable, and certified by the IRS to prepare your tax returns and to ensure that customers understand.

If your tax refund is not quite what you expected, or you owed taxes, we can refer you to a Legal Assistance Attorney to help you plan and prepare for future tax years.

For any questions or for more information, you can call the Tax Center at DSN 634 7316; comm. 0444-71-7316.

Travel Alert

The Center for Disease Control has issued a travel alert for people traveling to regions and certain countries where Zika virus transmission is ongoing: Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Martinique, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Suriname, Venezuela, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Over the past two months, the Zika virus (ZIKV) outbreak has continued to spread in the Western Hemisphere, with increasing numbers of cases in Brazil, Central America, and the Caribbean. The following CDC travel alert was issued Jan. 15:

Until more is known, and out of an abundance of caution, CDC recommends special precautions for pregnant women and women trying to become pregnant: Pregnant women in any trimester should consider postponing travel to the areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing. Pregnant women who must travel to one of these areas should talk to their doctor or other healthcare provider first and strictly follow steps to avoid mosquito bites during the trip. Women trying to become pregnant should consult with their healthcare provider before traveling to these areas and strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during the trip.

Because specific areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing are difficult to determine and likely to change over time, CDC will update this travel notice as information becomes available. Check the CDC travel website frequently for the most up-to-date recommendations.

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/s0315-zika-virus-travel.html>

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Send mail to usarmy.vmc.pao@mail.mil. Anyone with questions should call the editor at DSN 637-8020 or comm., 0444-61-8020.



Crostoli, a Carnevale treat

In Italy, each region has its own typical *Carnevale* pastries: *crostoli*, *chiacchiere*, *frittelle*, *struffoli* and *galani*. All of them have one thing in common: they are all fried seasonal treats and they come from the Roman *fritilia*, deep-fried pastries prepared during ancient spring festivals. In Vicenza and all over Veneto, *crostoli*, *frittelle* and *galani* are served in pastry shops, bakeries and cafés.



Carnevale, Venice

VENETO

Sagra della Candelora Candelora Fair

Feb. 7, in Romano d'Ezzelino. This fair commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple; the term "Candlemas (or Candle Mass or *Candelora*)" refers to the group of candles that are blessed on this day. At 2 p.m., reenactment of the ancient market of Candelora; food booths feature hot chocolate, hot spiced wine, chestnuts, candies, and local crafts; 2:30 p.m., parade in costume and prizes for the most original costumes; from 3 p.m. games; 9 p.m. cabaret show.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/sagra-della-candelora-2016-local-festival-in-romano-2734>

Billy Bob's Texas Country Fair

Jan. 29-30, 10 a.m.-2 a.m.; Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., in Padova, Via Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Aaron Watson in concert, Jan. 30 at 9 p.m. Entrance: €14; discount price for American military and civilians. To receive the coupon, send an email to anna.terracino2.ln@mail.mil.

<http://www.padovacountryfair.com>

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: €13; €11 for senior citizens older than 65 and youth ages 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: €10/€7.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com>

CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS

Arzignano

Feb. 9, 2 p.m. The floats parade departs from Via Kennedy; in case of inclement weather, it will be postponed to Feb. 13.

<http://www.prolocoarzignano.it/eventi/359-carnevale-2016.html>

Bassano del Grappa

Feb. 6. Night floats parade departs at 9 p.m. from Via Parolini.

Feb. 7. Float parade departs at 2 p.m. from Via Velo.

Feb. 9, 2-6 p.m. in Piazza Libertà. Bounce houses and carnival rides; live music and dancing.

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

Casale di Scodosia (Padova)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 9. Local products and crafts exhibit and sale in Piazza Matteotti from 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. *Carnevale* floats parade; live music with the Seventh Train Band; entertainment with musicians and

flag-throwers; food booths featuring local specialties at the heated Sports Center at noon; entertainment with street artists and carnival rides.

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

Jesolo (Venezia)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 9. Local products and crafts. Jan. 30, 2-6 p.m., floats parade and entertainment for children in Cortellazzo, Piazza del Granatiere; Feb. 7, from 2:30 p.m. in Piazza I Maggio, entertainment and games for children; Feb. 9, children's party from 2:30 p.m. at the Grifone Park, Piazza Milano; Feb. 14, traditional float parade departs from Piazza Aurora at 2:30 p.m.; in case of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed to Feb. 28.

<http://www.jesolo.it/62%C2%B0-carnevale-jesolano-2016.html>

Lonigo

Jan. 31, 1:30 p.m. in Piazza XXV Aprile. Majorettes, live music and floats parade; in Piazza IV Novembre, folk music and dancing, games and entertainment; food stands featuring traditional *Carnevale* pastries from 11 a.m.

http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/21032813_Carnevale+Leoniceno.html

Malo

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 9. Floats parade from 2:30 p.m.; live music and dancing; in case of inclement weather, the floats parade will be held on Feb. 14.

<http://www.carnevaleitaliano.it/carnevale-di-malo/>

Monteforte D'Alpone (Verona)

Feb. 5, gnocchi for everyone at 7 p.m. in Piazza Salvo D'Acquisto. At 8:30 p.m., gnocchi competition among the town's districts; 9 p.m. disco music and dancing at the *PalaFlaminio

Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Night floats parade accompanied by the local musical band departs from Piazza Venturi; disco music at the PalaFlaminio

Feb. 7, 2 p.m. Children's *Carnevale* in Brognoligo and Costalunga; 4 p.m. entertainment for children at the PalaFlaminio

Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Music and entertainment at the PalaFlaminio Center

Feb. 9, 2 p.m. Floats parade; food booths in Piazza Venturi, Via Dante and Piazza Salvo D'Acquisto

*the PalaFlaminio is a heated structure in Piazza Salvo D'Acquisto. Free entrance to all events held at this center. http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/5122_Carnevalon+de+l+Alpon.html



Carnevale, Verona

Monselice (Padova)

Feb. 7, from 2 p.m., in Piazza Mazzini. Entertainment for children with games, face painting, music and dancing.

http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/21019127_Carnevale+dei+Ragazzi+a+Monselice.html

Sarego

Feb. 7, the floats parade departs from Piazza Don Stefano Lago at 2 p.m. accompanied by a musical band and majorettes; folk dances and games. At 5 p.m. prizes for the best costumes; *fritole* for everyone.

<http://www.vicenza.com/eventi-a-vicenza-e-provincia/carnevale-2016-sarego-vicenza>

Thiene

Feb. 7, floats parade and entertainment for children.

<http://www.pedemontanavicentina.com/de/events/2016/02/07/carnevale-2016-thiene.html>

Venice

Through Feb. 9. Arts and trades are the protagonists of this year's Venice *Carnevale*, with mask makers, weavers, tailors, and glass makers in their 18th century costumes. Theme-based itineraries, special openings, and temporary exhibitions; it also rediscovers theatre, opera and comedy not only in theatres, but in Piazza San Marco and along the Venetian canals. For a full program in English of the Venice *Carnevale*, visit <http://www.carnevale.venezia.it/en/>.

Vicenza

Feb. 7, 2:30-6:30 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, children's bounce houses, workshops, music, face painting, games and juggling with Dr. Clown; 3-7 p.m., PATA PATA marching band departs from Piazza Castello and goes through downtown main squares and streets.

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

VENETO

Cerea: Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

Piazzola sul Brenta: Jan. 31, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

Noventa Vicentina: Feb. 7, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza (120 booths)

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

TUSCANY

Sagra dell'Olio Novo New Oil Fair

Feb. 6-7 and Feb. 13-14, in Ghizzano di Peccioli (Pisa). Food booths feature local oil, bruschetta, and other local specialties. On Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, with a €10 fee, guided tour to Ghizzano factory with sampling of local wines and oils; live music and dancing. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=424>

Winter Park

Open daily through March 6, in Florence, Ohihal Center, Lungarno Aldo Moro. Ice skating ring, a snow tubing track and a downhill ski; all necessary equipment can be rented on site. <http://firenzewinterpark.it/>

Sagra delle Frittelle Frittelle Festival

Through March 20, Saturdays 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sundays, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in San Donato in Collina, Rignano Sull'Arno (Florence). Food booths feature a great variety of *frittelle* (fried dough), the famous Vin Santo (sweet wine), and other local specialties. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&tag=&area=&city=&date=&page=1&post=409>

Mostra del Disco e del Fumetto Records and Comic Books Exhibit and sale

Jan. 30-31, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Arezzo, Via Spallanzani 25. Entrance fee: €5; €4 for senior citizens older than 60 and children younger than 14; more than 100 exhibitors. <http://www.kolosseo.com/arezzo-disco/>

Militoscana

Military items exhibit and sale

Jan. 30, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Jan. 31, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., in Empoli (Florence), Piazza Guerra Guido 13. More than 60 collectors feature helmets, uniforms, military maps and medals from WWI and WWII; entrance fee: €6. Food court and free parking available. www.prometeo.tv/militoscana/

CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS

Asciano (Siena)

Jan. 31 and Feb. 7; from 3 p.m. Masks parade, entertainment, music and dancing. Food booths feature typical holiday sweets. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=2&tag=&area=&city=&date=&page=1&post=1040>

Bientina (Pisa)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 9; from 3 p.m. Floats parades depart from Piazza Vittorio Emanuele; Bientina's carnival has been celebrated for the last 50 years. It includes, besides the traditional allegoric floats parade, a little train for children to ride around the town. Free entrance. <http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-bientinese-bientina-pisa-2>

Calenzano (Firenze)

Feb. 7, from 10 a.m., Medieval *Carnevale* in the city historical center; local products and crafts market. http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/337_Carnevale+Medievale.html

Castiglion Fibocchi (Arezzo)

Jan. 31, 2:30 p.m. Children's entertainment with magicians and live music; best mask competition; 5 p.m. historical parade and election of this year *Carnevale* Queen. <http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/figli-di-bocco-castiglion-fibocchi-arezzo-2>

Cecina

Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, from 2 p.m. Foats parade and entertainment for children. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=2&tag=&area=4&city=&date=&page=1&post=1042>

Dicomano (Florence)

Feb. 9. Floats parade accompanied by live music and folk groups from Naples and Spain depart from Piazza della Repubblica at 2:30 p.m. Food booths feature traditional pastries. <http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-dicomanes-dicomano-firenze-2>

Follonica, Tuscany



Follonica (Grosseto)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 14, at 2:30 p.m. Floats parades accompanied by the city musical band. http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/5095_Carnevale+Follonichese.html

Marlia (Lucca)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 14. Floats parade and entertainment starts at 2 p.m.; live music and face painting. <http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevalmarlia-marlia-lucca>

Orentano (Pisa)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 9, Feb. 14, and Feb. 21, from 3 p.m. Floats parade and entertainment for children; Feb. 9, live music, dance show and puppet show. On Feb. 21, best floats award; free entrance. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=2&tag=&area=7&city=&date=&page=1&post=1054>

San Romano (Pisa)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 14. Far west with cowboys, Indians, gold hunters, and explorers is this year's *Carnevale* theme. Floats parade along Lungarno Pacinotti; games and entertainment; free gadgets for children on Feb. 14. <http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-sanromanes-san-romano-pisa/>

Pontedera (Pisa)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 9, in Piazza del Gelso. Entertainment and music start at 2:30 p.m. http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/21117467_Carnevale+A+Pontedera.html

San Gimignano (Siena)

Feb. 7, Feb. 14, and Feb. 21, from 2:30 p.m. Floats parade, with live music, dancing, confetti and entertainment for children. http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/21018212_Carnevale+di+San+Gimignano.html

San Giovanni Valdarno (Arezzo)

Jan. 31, and Feb. 7. Political satire is the theme of this year's *Carnevale*; floats will also feature cartoons and Love Boat characters; live music and best mask competition. <http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-sangiovanese-san-giovanni-valdarno-arezzo>

Sant'Ippolito (Vernio - Prato)

Feb. 13, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Costume parade; live music and dancing; free pasta with tuna and tomato sauce for everyone. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=2&tag=&area=&city=&date=&page=4&post=1052>

Viareggio

Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28; March 5. Floats parades depart at 3 p.m.; the night parade at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 28; live music and dancing. For a detailed program in English, visit <http://viareggio.ilcarnevale.com/en/>.

Vicopisano (Pisa)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and Feb. 9, 3-5 p.m., *Carnevale dei ragazzi*, children's carnival, in Piazza Cavalca. Floats

parade and entertainment in Piazza Cavalca. <http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-dei-ragazzi-piazza-cavalca-pisa>

Vitolini (Florence)

Jan. 31, from 2:30 p.m. Float parade and entertainment; best mask awards; free entrance. <http://www.lacompaniadegliortacci.com/>

CONCERTS/SPORTS

Slipknot – Feb. 2 in Padova

DSL – Dire Straits Legacy – Feb. 4 in Rome; Feb. 7 in Milan

Escape the Fate – Feb. 5 in Milan; Feb. 6 in Pordenone

Toto – Feb. 6 in Torino, Feb. 7 in Montichiari (Brescia)

The Aristocrats – Feb. 7 in Bologna; Feb. 10 in Florence

Twenty One Pilots – Feb. 8 in Milan

Motorhead – Feb. 11 in Milan; Feb. 20 in Trieste

Glenn Miller Orchestra – Feb. 13 in Conegliano (Treviso);

Feb. 14 in Trento

Black Stone Cherry – Feb. 15 in Trezzo sull'Adda (Milan)

Brian May and Kerry Ellis – Feb. 22 in Padova; Feb. 24 in

Florence; Feb. 25 in Milan

Taylor Davis – Feb. 29 Milan

Notre Dame de Paris – March 3-6, March 8-13, March 15-

19 in Milan

Joe Jackson – March 4 in Mestre (Venice); March 5 in Bo-

logna; March 7 in Rome; March 8 in Milan

Celtic Legends – March 5-6 in Assago (Milan)

The Neighbourhood – March 9 in Milan

All Them Witches – March 11 in Milan

Prince Royce – March 30, in Rome

Anastacia – April 3 in Padova; April 4 in Milan; April 6 in

Bolzano

Steven Wilson – April 26 in Trieste; April 27 in Florence

Cannibal Corpse – May 1 in Milan

Adam Lambert – May 4 in Milan

Yes – May 26 in Milan; May 27 in Padova, May 31 in Flor-

ence; June 1 in Rome.

Black Sabbath – June 13 in Verona

Deep Purple – July 12 in Genoa; July 13 in Brescia

Rihanna – Anti World Tour – July 13 in Milan

Skunk Anansie – July 14 in Pistoia; July 15 in Rome; July

17 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Elton John and Band – July 15 in Barolo; July 16 in Pi-

azzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Simply Red – July 19 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova);

July 20 in Lucca

WWE Live Wrestlemania – April 13 in Assago (Milan);

April 14 in Florence Formula 1 – Sept. 2, in Monza

MotoGP – Italian Grand Prix – Sept. 9-11, at Misano

Circuit, San Marino

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Pal-

ladio Shopping Center, or online at <http://www.greenticket.it>.

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

TUSCANY

Cecina (Livorno): Jan. 31, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazz-

za Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

Florence: Jan. 31, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Via

Ciampi

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): Jan. 31, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.,

Piazza Rossa

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

Carmignano (Prato): Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m.-7p.m.,

Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti

Cascina (Pisa): Feb. 7, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Corso Mat-

teotti

Orbetello (Grosseto): Feb. 6-7, 10 a.m.-10

p.m., Corso Italia

Pietrasanta (Lucca): Feb. 7, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in

Piazza Duomo

San Giuliano Terme (Pisa): Feb. 7, 9 a.m.-7

p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia

San Miniato (Pisa): Feb. 7, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza

del Popolo

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Financial Fitness Course

Feb. 2 & 16; 9-10:30 a.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

This financial fitness course will assist you in taking control of your money through personal financial management and planning. To register, contact 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Baby and Me Infant Playtime

Feb. 4; 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 395, Caserma Ederle

Baby and Me Infant Playtime is a time to get together with other parents of infants to socialize and learn through play. If you have children ages two months to 12 months, come along to this infant playgroup. Mothers and fathers are encouraged to attend. For children ages 2-12 months and their parent(s).

Tuscan Tots

Feb. 4, 11, 18, and 25

10-11:30 a.m.

ACS, Camp Darby

Play and craft activities for you and your child. Resources to help parents develop a healthy, loving relationship with your child(ren). To register, call (314) 633-7500.

English as a Second Language

Feb. 8, 22, and 29; 2-4 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

English as a second language introduces clients to the fundamentals of the English language. Participants can enjoy learning and speaking basic English together. Contact 634-7500, comm.: 0444-71-7500, for more information and to register.

Breastfeeding Basics

Feb. 9; 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Planning to breastfeed? Come and learn. A lactation consultant will walk you through the basics. Topics include benefits of breastfeeding; importance of colostrum; newborns and breastfeeding; frequency and duration of feedings; and more. Contact 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Resume Fundamentals

Feb. 9; 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Writing your first resume? Or need an update? Join this hands-on workshop, focused on developing a solid, compelling resume for private industry employers. The class is free to ID cardholders but registration is required. Call 634-7500 to reserve a seat.

ARTS /CRAFTS

Adult Resiliency Through Art

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Center, 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. Free trial for first four sessions; \$5 per session (after free trials). Contact DSN: 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

Messy Art

Feb. 26; 10-10:45 a.m.

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Geared for children ages 9 months to 18 months. All materials are included in the price of registration, \$5. Wear comfortable clothing and clothing you don't mind getting dirty. Contact DSN: 634-

7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

SKIES Kindermusik

February-May, Thursdays

9:30-10:15 a.m.

\$3 per class, Caserma Ederle

Kindermusik® programs teach parents how to encourage their child's learning through vocal play, object exploration, instruments, and creative movement.

Wiggle & Move (parent & me classes)

Session 1: February 11 - March 3

Session 2: March 10 - April 7

Session 3: April 28 - May 19

Ages 3 months to 4 years; session cost is \$64 and includes the price of four classes & digital materials.

Enrollment opens Jan. 6 and closes once classes are filled or the start of the session. Call (314) 634-5563, or comm. 0444-71-5563.

Carnival Mask Making

Feb. 2; 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Bldg. 306, Caserma Ederle

Attending the Carnival of Venice but don't have a mask to wear? Or wanting to decorate your own Venetian mask? The Arts & Crafts Center has the materials you need. This class is for everyone. Cost is \$5. Register at the Arts & Crafts Center or through WebTrac.

Valentine's Day Workshop

Feb. 10; 3:30- 4:30 p.m.

Library, Caserma Ederle

For youth ages 3-11. The library can help get you ready for Valentine's Day with four different cards you can give to your Valentine. All materials will be provided. Sign up by Feb. 8 at the Ederle Library front desk. Contact 634-7291, comm. 0444-71-7291 for more information.

SPORTS & FITNESS

H.E.A.T.

Feb. 16-19 and 23-26

8:45-9:45 a.m. & 11:45-12:45

Ederle Fitness

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

H.E.A.T (High Energy Activity Training) a full body circuit training class using resistance training and high intensity aerobics.

Sunrise Yoga

Feb. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, & 25

6:30-7:30 a.m., Ederle Fitness

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

Mostly likely will appeal to people who are already quite fit; enjoy exercising; want a minimal amount of chanting and meditation with their yoga.

Turn & Burn Cycling

Tues & Thurs in February; noon-1 p.m.

\$3 per class, \$25 for 10

Caserma Ederle

A high intensity, low impact class that will build your strength, maximize your endurance and fat burn as you ride your way through hills, sprints, and climbs. Open to all fitness levels.

Fit EDGE! Boxing Training/Cond.

Tues & Thurs in February; 4:30-6 p.m.

Ederle Fitness Combatives Room

Open to youth in grades 3-12. Join with boxing instructors to improve determination, respect, discipline, self control, focus, confidence, teamwork, work ethic and health. All skill levels and genders welcome. Bring gym clothes and running shoes.

Power Vinyasa Yoga

Feb. 1-4, 8, 10; noon-1p.m.

Ederle Fitness

Cost \$3 per session/\$25 for 10

This class will most likely appeal to peo-

ple who are already quite fit, enjoy exercising, and want a minimal amount of chanting and meditation with their yoga. Call 634-7616, comm. 044-71-7616, for more information.

Mission Essential Fitness

Feb. 17, 22, 24, 29; 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Ederle Fitness

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

High intensity functional training program that helps you master core stability and focuses on exercises that help develop power, strength, speed, and agility.

***There are many more classes to choose from. Stop by your fitness center today!**

TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

Family Movie Night

Feb. 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28

6-8 p.m.; The Arena, Caserma Ederle

Family Movie Nights are a great way to spend quality time with the ones you love. For \$29.95 enjoy:

Two hours of bowling for up to six people

One large cheese pizza

Soda for the Family (Up to 6 bottles)

Free shoe rental

Reserve your bowling and pizza at the bowl desk at least 15 minutes before movie start time. Call 634-8257, comm. 0444-71-8257.

Darby Children's Story Hour

Feb. 16 & 23; 10-11 a.m.

Darby Library, Bldg. 407

Storytime designed for children ages 3-7 in the children's room. Stories and activities. Call (314) 633-7000, or comm. 050-54-7000.

Yellow Pin Bowling

Every Friday & Sat night; 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

The Arena, Caserma Ederle

\$3 per game, \$2.50 shoe rental

Knock down 10 pins (strike) on your first ball with the yellow pin in the number 1 position and receive a free game. Hungry from bowling those strikes, then grab some great food from a great menu selection from the Strike Zone snack bar! Bowl, eat, and use our free WiFi to stay connected.

Milan: A Private Guided Tour

Jan. 30; 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$85

Join us for our own private tour of this beautiful historic city. You will also have free time to explore, whether you visit historic sites, wander through a museum, or shop to your heart's content.

Acoustic Jam 2016

Jan. 30; 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle, \$12

Veteran guitarist and recording artist Roberto Dalla Vecchia returns for his popular Acoustic Jam concert with the best in all new folk and bluegrass music. Nightclub table seating. Limited seating.

Italian Traditions 101

Feb. 2; 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$15

Ever wonder why Italians do some of the things we find so different from American culture? Take this opportunity to find out as our expert Giovanna discusses Italian culture and traditions. We will meet in the Ederle ODR classroom. Come armed with your questions and willing to learn.

Youth Center:

Folgaria Ski & Snowboard Trip

Feb. 6; 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Vicenza Youth Center, Bldg. 373, \$15

Folgaria is a great place to learn to ski/snowboard and is highly advised for beginner skiers & snowboarders. For students in grades 6 through 12, all ski/snowboard experience levels. Enrollment starts the Monday before the trip. Minimum of eight participants needed.

Alleghe Ski and Snowboard Trip

Feb. 6; 5 a.m.-8 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$40

The Alleghe ski area offers 80 kilometers of slopes in the heart of the Dolomites and is a great area for beginners. This ski area has plenty of intermediate slopes and a beginner park for those looking to work on their tricks.

Venice Carnival at Night

Feb. 6; 4:30 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$75

Come and celebrate this centuries old festival with Outdoor Recreation. Carnival is a celebration of the passage from winter into spring that dates back to 1094 and is celebrated all over Italy. We will be visiting the beautiful city of Venice at night by bus and private water taxi. If you have never been to Venice at night, this trip is a must do!

BOSS Super Bowl Party

Feb. 7; 10 p.m.

Del Din Warrior Zone, \$50

Enjoy the third annual BOSS Super Bowl party. Service members and their guests ages 18 or older are welcome to join in the fun and games in the Warrior Zone. The \$50 VIP package includes:

A comfortable theater room seat

Streaming live stateside game feed

12 wings

A double order of fries

Two soft drinks

Pecan pie

Dedicated wait service

Call (314) 637-2710/2711/2712/2714, or

comm. 0444-66-2712.

Super Bowl 50

Feb. 7; 10 p.m.

Lion's Den, The Arena, Ederle

Don't miss out on America's biggest game of the year. Root on your favorite team to victory with you friends at the Lion's Den. Enjoy a big screen view; food & drink specials, and drawings for door prizes.

The French Riviera: Cannes Express

Feb. 13; 3 a.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$95

The city of Cannes is located on a large bay on the Mediterranean Sea in the south of France. First popularized by Coco Chanel, Cannes beaches are a huge draw. Travel time is seven hours each way.

Valentine's Day Dinner

Feb. 14; 6:30 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation

\$140/couple

Join us for a three-course dinner with appetizers and wine in a villa. Travel time is approximately 1 1/2 hours and we will be traveling by bus.

Arabba Ski and Snowboard

Feb. 20; 5 a.m.-8 p.m.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation, \$40

For ages 18 and older, or 12 and older with a guardian. Arabba is one of the most well-known resorts in the Dolomiti SuperSki area and one of the largest resorts in Italy.

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Be sure to check the FMWR calendar on USAG Italy's website for a comprehensive schedule, www.italyarmymwr.com.