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Learn Italian

I have a reservation.

Ho una prenotazione.

oh oo-na pray-noh-tah-tyso-ne

Is breakfast included?

La colazione e compresa?

la ko-la-tyso-ne ay kom-pray-sa

How much is it per night/week?

Quanto costa per una notte/settimana?

kwan-to kos-ta pair oo-na no-tay/se-tee-mah-na?

FY17 budget provides raise for Soldiers but focuses on readiness

Story and photo by **C. Todd Lopez**
Department of Defense

WASHINGTON -- In its fiscal year 2017 budget request, the Army - similar to its sister services - has requested for Soldiers a 1.6 percent pay raise, the largest increase in four years.

"The 2017 request for a 1.6 percent pay raise for our service members recognizes the unique demands and sacrifices of our service members," said Lt. Gen. Anthony R. Ierardi, director of force structure, resources and assessment with the J-8 directorate, part of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "It buys down that gap between where we want to be and where we are. The increase in that pay is the largest one over the last four-year period."

Ierardi spoke at the Pentagon Feb. 9, where he outlined key portions of the FY17 Department of Defense budget.

The services have also requested a 2.9 percent increase in basic allowance for housing, and a 3.4 percent increase in basic allowance for subsistence. Outlining Army budget specifics was Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Horlander, director of the Army budget.

"Prioritize readiness," said Horlander, calling out just two words on a slide he used to brief the Army's budget. "As we built this budget and sought to strike the best possible balance within our top-line funding level, we ensured that our absolute No. 1 priority remained readiness. This remains our commitment to the nation - to send its sons and daughters as ready as they can possibly be for the missions they are sent to do."

That emphasis on readiness is in line with Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley's own priorities. "Readiness to fight and win - ground combat is and will remain the U.S. Army's No. 1 priority," Milley said at his swearing in last August.

The Army budget request for FY17 is \$148 billion dollars. That includes \$125



Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Horlander, director of the Army budget, outlines the Army's fiscal 2017 budget during a Pentagon briefing Tuesday.

billion in the base budget, plus an additional \$23 billion in overseas contingency operations funding. Within the base budget, requests across all top-line budgetary categories have decreased from what was enacted in the FY16 budget.

For the Regular Army, the budget requests \$35.4 billion for operations and maintenance funding, "that seeks to resource a more balanced readiness across the force, instead of the tiered readiness of previous years, where only approximately one-third of the Army's brigade combat teams were ready for contingency force operations," Horlander said.

Now, Horlander said, the Army's readiness goals are to have two-thirds of Regular Army forces ready at any time.

SecDef briefs new benefits for Soldiers

By **Lisa Ferdinando**
Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON -- The Defense Department is increasing military maternity leave and instituting other changes in an effort to support military families, improve retention and strengthen the force of the future, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Feb. 1.

Women across the joint force can now take 12 weeks of fully paid maternity leave, Carter told reporters at the Pentagon. The 12-week benefit is double the amount of time for paid maternity leave from when he became defense chief nearly a year ago, he noted.

"This puts DoD in the top tier of institutions nationwide and will have significant influence on decision-making for our military family members," Carter said.

While being an incentive for attracting and retaining talent, the secretary said, the benefit also promotes health and wellness of mothers through facilitating recovery and promoting feeding and bonding with the infant.

"Our calculation is quite simple -- we want our people to be able to balance two of the most solemn commitments they can ever make: a commitment to serve their country and a commitment to start and support a family," he said.

The announcement builds on previously announced initiatives on strengthening the force of the future, he said. Those previous reforms, he added, included opening all remaining combat occupations to women.

Parental leave

The maternity leave decision applies to all service members in the active-duty component and to reserve-component members serving in a full-time status or on definite active-duty recall or mobilization orders in excess of 12 months.

The 12 weeks is less than the Navy's decision last year to institute 18 weeks of fully paid maternity leave, Carter noted. Sailors and Marines, who currently are pregnant or who become pregnant within 30 days of the enactment of the policy, can still take the full 18 weeks of paid leave, he said.

To better support new mothers when they return to work, Carter said, he is requiring that a mothers' room be made available in every DoD facility with more than 50 women. In addition, the Defense Department is seeking legislation to expand military paternity leave from the current 10-day leave benefit to a 14-day, non-continuous leave benefit, he said.

More childcare hours

The Defense Department subsidizes child care on military installations to ensure its affordability, Carter said. However, he added, military families often have to use outside providers because the

Tax center opens

CASERMA EDERLE -- Col. Steve Marks, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, and Capt. Emily Moy, tax center officer in charge, cut the ceremonial ribbon February 1 at the Tax Center on Caserma Ederle. The center is open for tax season and available to military ID cardholders. Preparers are ready for customers at Bldg. 241 here or at Del Din Siegholz Center, Room 1005. Ederle office hours are Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (open through lunch); Del Din hours are Mon-Wed-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (closed for lunch). For more information, call DSN 634-7316, comm. 0444-71-7316.

(Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy PAO)



Wanted: volunteer judges

It's time once again for Vicenza Middle School future scientists, techies, engineers and mathematicians to show off their hard work.

The success of the VMS STEM FAIR is dependent on judges to provide students with the necessary feedback, encouragement and recognition that will motivate them to become critical thinkers in the 21st century.

VMS needs community support to make this event a success. More than 200 projects will be on display either digitally or on trifolds, Feb. 17, 4-5:30 p.m. in the middle school multipurpose room. Students are required to present their projects to an audience for scoring/judging.

Faculty would like students to experience as many interviews as possible, so adults willing and able to dedicate any time during the event it will be greatly appreciated.

Judges are asked to conduct personal interviews of each project using a provided rubric. Anyone interested in judging should email Kim Stephenson at Kim.Stephenson@eu.dodea.edu.

Veterans' benefits advisers support service members, make difference

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs works daily to make an impact in the lives of transitioning service members, veterans and their family members.

Benefits advisers are the people "on the ground" who make that difference.

As part of the Transition Assistance Program, more than 300 VA benefits advisers are stationed at more than 280 military installations around the world. Advisers conduct mandatory VA Benefits I and II briefings and the Career Technical Training Track, a two-day workshop that helps service members identify civilian occupations, establish career goals, and begin applying for credentials and technical training. In addition, benefits advisers are available to meet with clients one-on-one to answer questions about VA benefits, eligibility requirements and application processes.

Almost all benefits advisers are veterans or military spouses themselves. They understand the unique needs of service members and veterans, and can relate to many of the challenges veterans may face when returning to civilian life. In 2015, advisers helped more than 178,000 transitioning service members, veterans and family members.

As one service member put it, "My adviser's knowledge was undeniably thorough, and he kept the class entertained and engaged. He was really down to earth, and I can't wait to schedule my appointment with him to discuss some of the topics in more depth so I can figure out which benefits are best for me."

During one-on-one sessions this year, benefits advisers helped service members research how to maximize their VA benefits and register on eBenefits, VA's online application portal. They showed compassion to veterans who experienced a death in the family and needed to quickly submit the correct paperwork during a difficult time. They worked with homeless veterans to find housing resources, and they helped transitioning service members use the Veterans Employment Center™ to begin the search for a civilian career.

Don't wait to take advantage of your VA benefits advisers' knowledge and expertise. Talk to advisers in person or on the phone to discuss specific questions and concerns.

Call DSN 637-8155 or 637-8156 in Vicenza, or visit the office at Building 126 on Caserma Ederle between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Monday, February 15, is Presidents' Day.

The federal holiday is always held on the third Monday of February.

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Speak Out Describe your ideal winter retreat.

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



Don Houghton
USARAF

"Traveling through the Alps in Northern Italy and Southern Germany with family."



Cristina Dal Belin Peruffo
Italy Finance Office LN Payroll

"A wellness center in Austria."



Gilbert Ladrini
266 Financial Management Support Center IFO

"Aspen, Colorado, as it is surrounded by Aspen trees up in the mountains. Small-town feel with beautiful views."



Nicola Salvadorini
DMC Operations

"There is more than one, but a beach bar at Caribbean Islands will work."



Sabrina Tuoni
MWR

"It will be for sure Lanzarote where my children and granddaughter live."



Spc. Markell Gibson
DMC Chapel

"Somewhere in a nice hotel in the mountains with a nice Jacuzzi."



The newest inductees into the Vicenza High School chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society take part in a candle-lighting ceremony Jan. 27. Pictured, from left to right, are Elizabeth Williams, Lydia Shields, Marco Peruzzo, Kristian Rodriguez, April Maldonado, Russell Gallegos, Courtney Foster, Kevin Barry, William Auchincloss and Taylor Anderson. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

VHS Spanish Honor Society welcomes 10 new members

By **Karin J. Martinez**
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

VICENZA – Ten new members were inducted into Vicenza High School’s Spanish National Honor Society during an initiation ceremony Jan. 27 at the Golden Lion.

The *Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica* is an academic honor society focused on Spanish and/or Portuguese language excellence in secondary education and promotes a continuity of interest in Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian studies, according to the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese website, www.aatsp.org.

The chapter in Vicenza, The Vasco

Nunez de Balboa Chapter, focuses on Spanish specifically, and was chartered in 2008, said Linda Dahlstrom, chapter sponsor and VHS Spanish language teacher. The local chapter is one of 2,000 national and international chapters of the SHH. The new inductees joined seven other members, bringing the chapter total to 17, the largest it has ever been.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for students to be recognized for outstanding achievement in Spanish studies,” Dahlstrom said. “Participation provides a venue for students to share their interests in the Spanish language and culture with their school and community members. It indicates to colleges, universities and employers an appreciation for, and dedication to, cultural diversity.”

Selected students must be in 10th grade or above and be currently enrolled in a Spanish 3 (or higher) class, Dahlstrom said. As the “honor grade” is left to the discretion of each chapter, for Vicenza, students must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average in Spanish and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.

Becoming part of the organization is an honor for students, and it is customary for all honor societies to have a ceremony whereby the initiates pledge their oath to the values and goals of the society and are welcomed into the fold by the current members, said Dahlstrom.

During the initiation ceremony, students provide background for the society, the VHS chapter and its mission. The four officers of the society take the lead

and everything is said in Spanish and English. Initiates participate in the ceremony by lighting their individual candles from the “mother candle” (the same one, Dahlstrom said, used in every chapter induction since the chapter’s inception) as their name is called. They then pledge the oath of the society and recite an inspirational poem, “Excelsior” by Nunez De Arce.

Each year the national organization contributes more than \$150,000 in awards in the spirit of their mission to student members of the society. The most prestigious of the awards are college scholarships given to 60 high school senior SHH members and the Student Travel Awards given to 24 high school junior SHH members.



Health clinic sponsors fair

Andi Ryan, family member, receives information about Italian providers for dental care at the Livorno health fair Feb. 1 before the actual closure of the unit. Capt. Jesse Thompson (center) and Pfc. Nicholas Jenkins from the Darby dental clinic provided all necessary information to help for a smooth transition to the new system.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

Health center urges retirees to update TRICARE enrollment

All retirees enrolled in TRICARE Standard are asked to visit the Vicenza Health Center and update TRICARE enrollment to the Plus program.

The update will provide the benefit of having an assigned primary care manager (PCM) at the health center.

According to Maj. Laura Jeffrey, deputy commander for nursing at the VHC, TRICARE Plus is a primary care program offered at some military hospitals and clinics. With this program, each hospital or clinic leader decides if TRICARE Plus is available (the Vicenza Health Center Commander has authorized this program) but you must enroll to participate. Enrollment is only for the hospital or clinic where retirees are enrolled.

Patrons can enroll in TRICARE Plus if they are TRICARE-eligible, to include being a dependent parent or parent-in-law. They must not be enrolled in TRICARE Prime.

Being enrolled in TRICARE Prime includes TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote, TRICARE Prime Overseas, TRICARE Prime Remote Overseas, and TRICARE Young Adult-Prime., the U.S. Family Health Plan, or a civilian or Medicare Health Maintenance Organization.

Anyone with enrollment questions should contact the USAHC-V Enrollment Office at DSN 636-9595, comm. 0444-61-9595, or your local military hospital or clinic if not enrolled locally.

TRICARE Plus gives members access to get primary care at the local military hospital or clinic, while paying nothing out-of-pocket.

Make an appointment with primary care providers by booking appointments online via TRICAREonLINE, or calling the health clinic’s central appointment line. In Vicenza, call DSN 636-9000, comm. 0444-61-9000.

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Garrison commander visits Pisa



U.S. Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Steven M. Marks (left) meets with Mayor of Pisa Marco Filippeschi during a first office call at Palazzo Gambacorti Feb. 5. Also present at the meeting were Abigail Rupp, Florence Consul General; Col. Renato Vaira, Italian base commander at Camp Darby; and David Leinberger, deputy garrison manager. During the meeting, leaders discussed ways to continue to strengthen the deep bonds of friendship between the Italian and American communities. (Photo by Anna Ciccotti, USAG Italy)

myPay users: Obtain IRS form online

Users of myPay are able to get their 2015 IRS form on the site in a timely manner to complete filing taxes.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service's web-based system delivers pay information and lets personnel process pay-related transactions timely, safely and securely.

All myPay users who have a SmartCard may register and then access myPay using their card if the PC is equipped to read the card. The system protects against identity theft and is faster and more secure than regular mail by allowing members to access electronic W-2, IRS Form 1095-C, LES and other financial information.

MyPay matches industry standards for the highest level of encryption and security to protect its users.

Users who do not have a password for accessing myPay may obtain one by clicking on the "Forgot or Need a Password?" link on the myPay website at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/> to receive a temporary password.

Questions concerning myPay are handled via the Customer Care Center toll free at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-332-7411, comm. 216-522-5096 or DSN 580-5096, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Additional SmartCard information is available in FAQs at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/FAQ.htm>.

Direct any questions regarding information about IRS Form 1095-C to unit/organization customer service representative, installation representation, or the payroll office as appropriate.

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hours at military child care facilities do not align with work schedules of service members.

With those challenges in mind, the Defense Department is increasing child care access to 14 hours of the day across the force, he said.

"By providing our troops with child care they can rely on from before reveille until after taps, we provide one more reason for them to stay on board," he said.

Remain at current location

Carter noted that military members might want to stay at their current location for a variety of family-related reasons, such as wanting to remain near relatives, be close to a medical facility that specializes in care needed for a child with a medical condition, or have a child finish out the same high school.

When the needs of the force permit, the secretary said, commanders will be empowered to make reasonable accommodations to allow service members to remain, in exchange for an additional

service obligation.

Flexibility in family planning

The military asks its men and women to make incomparable sacrifices, Carter said, potentially putting them in situations where they could suffer injuries that would prevent them from having children in the future.

Taking into account the tremendous sacrifices military members make, the Defense Department will cover the cost of freezing sperm or eggs through a pilot program for active-duty service members, Carter said. The department also is looking at how it can provide reproductive technologies like IVF to a wider population, he said. Currently, DoD provides reduced-cost treatment at six locations.

These benefits are one more tool, he said, to make the military a family-friendly employer that honors the desires of those who want to commit fully to their careers or serve courageously in combat while preserving their ability to have children in the future.

State Department urges passport renewal

If you have a United States passport expiring any time in 2016, the State Department has a message for you: Renew it now.

The department anticipates a surge in passport demand throughout this year, and officials hope to avoid a crush that could leave some Americans fuming in frustration with no passport in hand on the day they planned to travel outside the country.

Officials are expecting a flood of renewals of 10-year passports issued in 2006 and 2007. The latter was the year when the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative went into effect, for the first time requiring passports for Americans returning by air from Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean and Bermuda. As millions of citizens scrambled to apply for their first passports, backlogs swelled and many were stranded.

"We were overwhelmed then, and we are not going to be overwhelmed again," said Michele Bond, the assistant secretary of state for consular affairs, who oversees passports. She has been on a campaign to cajole Americans into renewing early.

There has also been an uptick, officials said, in first-time applications from Americans in states that have not yet complied with the Real ID Act, which sets stricter standards for driver's licenses and other identity cards. Many people seem to have a mistaken belief that a deadline is imminent after which they will not be able to present licenses from those states for flights within the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security recently clarified the deadline: Jan. 22, 2018. As of that date, residents of states that still have not complied with Real ID will have to show an alternative, approved form of identification, such as a passport.

For now there is no hurry for travelers in the five states and a territory that have not complied so far — Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Washington and American Samoa — if they are not planning to go abroad. But some are rushing to get passports anyway (travel.state.gov), adding to congestion in the system.

Another reason to renew soon is that many countries are now enforcing a requirement for at least six months' validity on a United States passport. The department has experienced an increase in frantic calls from Americans who were denied entry at foreign airports and borders because their passports had less than six months to go.

Officials said they expect to issue more than 17 million new passports and renewals this year, about 1.5 million more than in 2015. Those seeking a passport for the first time must submit the application in person at a designated post office, court or other agency, and the fee is \$135.

Alpini commemoration

The 414th Contracting Support Brigade Commander Col. Christine Beeler (left) and Primo Mar. Lgt. Antonio Quaglia (center) attended a memorial ceremony in Vicenza Jan. 31 honoring the 73rd anniversary of the Battle of Nikolajewka. Fought in Russia during World War II, the engagement was as part of the larger Battle of Stalingrad of 1943, which involved the 8th Army's Alpini Corps and 156th Vicenza Infantry Division. The Red Army counteroffensive near the village of Nikolajewka cost the lives of more than 10,000 Italian soldiers, 2,519 of whom were from Vicenza. (Courtesy photo)



Need military police assistance?

Call the Vicenza MP desk toll free, from anywhere in Italy.

0800-064-077

Military medical professionals gather, partner with Senegalese

By **Capt. Charles An**
U.S. Army Africa

DAKAR, Senegal -- U.S. Army Reserve medical professionals from around the world gathered in Dakar, Senegal, Jan. 18-29, partnering with Senegalese military medical professionals for Medical Readiness Training Exercise 16-1.

U.S. Army Africa conducts MEDRETE exercises in different partner nations throughout the year to increase medical capabilities and proficiencies.

MEDRETE 16-1 is the first MEDRETE coordinated by USARAF this year and brought U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers to Dakar to share and learn with their Senegalese counterparts.

"The most exciting thing for me to learn was traditional intubation with a laryngoscope on a patient under general anesthesia," said Staff Sgt. Angela Langley, health care specialist for the 399th Combat Support Hospital based in Taunton, Mass. "I was trained to use other intubation devices."

Langley and six other members from her unit were joined by Lt. Col. Charles Boggs, a general surgeon for 345th Combat Support Hospital, St. Petersburg, Fla., to form the medical team that crossed the Atlantic Ocean to Senegal.

"There was an opportunity to help train, and also receive training from African medical assets," said Boggs on why he joined the 399th for MEDRETE 16-1.

Boggs recently returned from Afghanistan as a surgeon for special operations teams just months prior to coming to Senegal.

Once the medical team was complete, they met with other U.S. Army Reserve personnel from Medical Support Unit-Europe of the 7th Civil Support Command in Germany, and the 3rd Medical Command (Deployment Support), Atlanta, Ga., to help with the mission.

One of the Soldiers supporting the exercise was 1st Lt. Alyson Ochs, an emergency room nurse for the Medical Support Unit-Europe in Germany.

"I've been fortunate to wear two hats on this particular mission. I'm assigned as the finance officer, but I also act as an emergency nurse," Ochs said. "I've been able to rotate to the various clinics to work with our Senegalese counterparts."

The U.S. medical team integrated into the radiology and pediatric clinics, as well as the emergency and operating rooms, assisting with day-to-day operations where they learned how their Senegalese partners conducted medical operations.

"I've learned a lot. They really rely more on assessment skills and physical assessments rather than technology -- what we rely on back in the U.S.," said Ochs.

"I think the American team will learn to work in a country with means that are different," said Senegalese Maj. Diop Balla, a general surgeon at Hopital Militaire de Ouakam.

"I think it is not the same in the U.S. and they can come and learn with our local factors," he added.

Balla's assessment was echoed by U.S. Army Africa Col. Jim Czarnik, command surgeon.

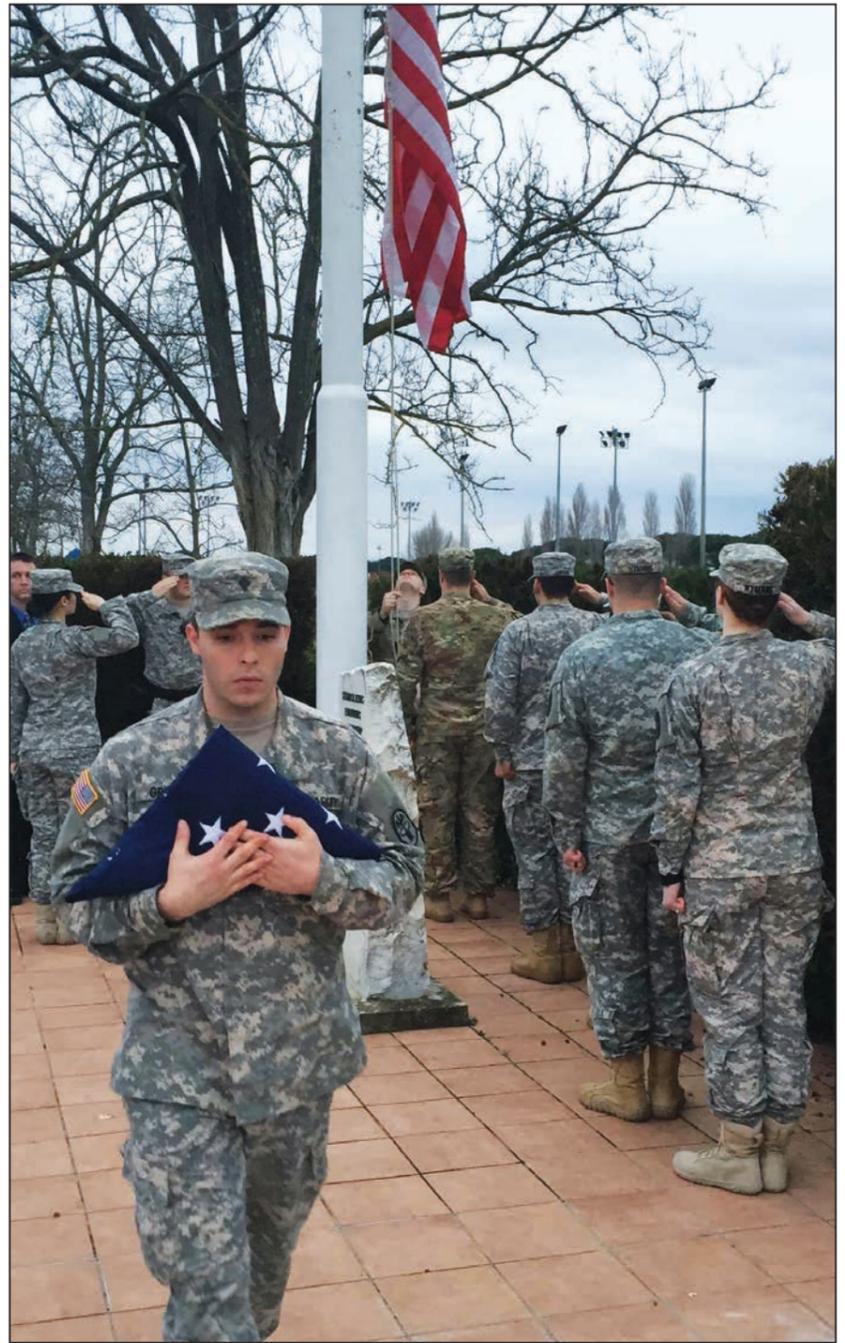
"The MEDRETE was essentially bringing U.S. and Senegalese clinicians shoulder-to-shoulder to solve problems not necessarily with their equipment, but using their minds," said Czarnik.

The learning experiences shared at the hospital were the focus and goals of MEDRETE 16-1. Testimonies from both U.S. and Senegalese military medical professionals stated the mission was a success in this respect.

MEDRETE 16-1 demonstrated the ability for U.S. forces to train in an austere environment, share medical procedures and build lasting relationships with Senegalese medical professionals, said Czarnik.

It also allowed Senegalese medical professionals to enhance the Senegalese health care system's ability to deliver effective general surgery and trauma response in support of regional UN and African Union missions, said Czarnik.

Honoring DMC employees



As a sign of respect and thankfulness for services provided to the community of Camp Darby, Deputy Garrison Manager David Leinberger flew a flag in honor of every member of the Darby health and dental clinics who will be leaving the community due to clinic closure. Each individual was given a flag to keep as a memento of their time served at Darby. Pictured: Spc. Christopher Gribble receives his flag during a ceremony that took place at the DMC flagpole Jan. 29.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)



Job well done

Antonio Podhora (right), Post Exchange manager, presents Alessia Cappanera, from Livorno school, with a special recognition and an AAFES coin sent by Exchange President/COO Michael Howard, thanking Cappanera for her dedication and contribution to serving those who serve. Cappanera's dedication during the Thanksgiving event dinner allowed the U.S. military, civilians, host nation members and their families to celebrate together a very special and meaningful holiday. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

Sky Soldiers, Dragoons hone skills on water purification system

By **2nd Lt. John Petersen**
173rd Airborne Brigade

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany -- Soldiers are trained and molded to be able to adapt to any environment, but what happens when you run out of clean water?

Soldiers are trained for that, too. In fact, the Army employs an array of highly trained water treatment specialists who are primarily responsible for the supervision, installation and operation of water purification equipment, as well as dealing with water storage and distribution operations and activities.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade has a water purification team assigned to the Brigade Support Battalion. On Feb. 2, this team joined forces with troops assigned to 2nd Cavalry Regiment to get hands-on water purification training, employing the Lightweight Water Purifier system, here.

"This is an opportunity to share knowledge between two maneuver support units geographically dispersed across the Alps," said Lt. Col. Jeff Reibestein, com-

mander, Brigade Support Battalion.

The Lightweight Water Purifier system, known as LWP, is capable of producing up to 2,500 gallons of water per day. It is also intended to improve the responsiveness of water support to small mobile units and detachments where distribution of bulk water is neither feasible nor practical, said Capt. Phillip Hickman, commander, Company A, BSB.

The system uses reverse-osmosis as its primary method of converting raw water to potable drinking water. Configured properly, Hickman said, the LWP can fit in the back of an M1097 Troop Cargo Carrier for streamlined transportation.

"Without this equipment, any maneuver unit's operational reach would be limited to large scale potable water sources or pre-established supply chains. The LWP enables us to provide for the warfighter within those critical first 72 hours of operation in an austere environment," said Hickman. During the training, Soldiers exchanged occupational expertise on water site recon techniques, water quality analysis, and more.

VHS Cougars spend weekend on basketball court

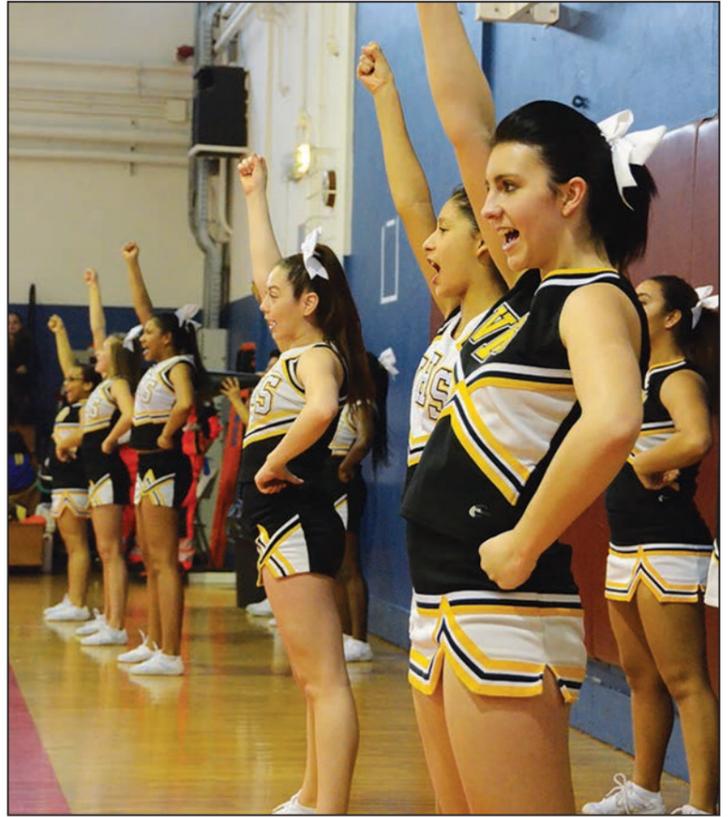
Clockwise from right: Vicenza High School freshman Donovan Compton (front) and sophomore Marc Ortiz perform with the Winter Guard during halftime at the girls' basketball game Jan. 29 at the post gym on Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley, USAG Italy PAO)

Cougar cheerleader Lucy Reardon (foreground), freshman, and the rest of the team provide morale and support during the games. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy PAO)

VHS senior James Ashely goes up for a shot amid a flurry of Vilseck defenders. The boys lost a close one, 52-48. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley)

The Vicenza High School Winter Guard perform their first routine of the season. The group used both single and double flags to the delight of the fans in attendance. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley)

Vicenza High School freshman Jordan Wakefield attempts a jump shot against a defender from Vilseck during the matchup. The Lady Cougars defeated the Falcons, 45-5. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley)



Vicentine artist, guests make music together

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

VICENZA -- Veteran Vicentine musician and recording artist Roberto Dalla Vecchia performed a variety of guitar pieces, including original compositions and songs, as part of the 10th Acoustic Jam concert Jan. 29 and 30 at the Soldiers' Theatre on Caserma Ederle.

"I decided to propose an annual concert at the theater where I would invite other musicians, including guitar players among the many acoustic guitar players that I have the opportunity to know here in Italy," said Dalla Vecchia.

"The reason for inviting a special guest was just for the simple pleasure of sharing music together with a colleague musician. For this 10th edition, I invited more musicians than usual to celebrate this great achievement together," he said.

Two of the musicians, Aaron Talley (vocals) and Michelle Willis (flute), have been performing together for quite a while at Soldiers' Theatre events. Other special guests included Chiara Morandini, on vocals and guitar, and Chiara Sbicego, one of his former guitar students.

During the concert, musicians performed solo pieces, duets and as a group, also joined by bassist Barry Robinson, Soldiers' Theatre sound and system technician.

"When I can, I like to extend a jam session to other instrumental performers, even if just for one piece," Dalla Vecchia continued.

Following a tradition started two years ago, acoustic genre fans sat near the performers at small tables set up in the theater lobby.

"I felt honored to play with Roberto, who is such an inspiring and brilliant artist," said Morandini, a former student of Dalla Vecchia.

"After a few years, it was very pleasant to meet again as if years had not passed," she added.



Roberto Dalla Vecchia performs with Chiara Sbicego, one of the special guests he invited to celebrate the anniversary of Acoustic Jam 2016 held at Soldiers' Theatre Jan. 29 and 30.

According to Morandini, on stage Dalla Vecchia showcases his musical talent and is able to keep a friendly and informal environment at the same time.

"Roberto's arrangement with one of my compositions, 'Tracks', performed for the first time in public, was brilliant," Morandini said.

"The two-night event performing in front of a very involved audience has been a memorable experience; both Americans and Italians shared their interest and

passion for music," she said.

Looking forward to experiencing this kind of event again, Dalla Vecchia said, "I really enjoy performing at Soldiers' Theatre.

"Acoustic Jam is always a chance to play again with these musicians and friends of mine who share the core of music itself, which is specifically the pleasure of sharing music together."

Soldiers' Theatre provides comic relief, music, entertainment

VICENZA -- Community members are sure to find something entertaining at Soldiers' Theatre. Join the group of thespians, musicians and all-around performers for a multitude of events happening on Caserma Ederle.

Music Café -- February 19

Do you like music? Join in with other musicians while showing off your musical talent. Bring your favorite instrument and/or voice and jam with us. No karaoke, just true music lovers getting a chance to perform for a small music-loving crowd. Sound, lights, amps, drums, guitars will be provided. Music Café nights are casual performance nights for music lovers by music lovers. If you enjoy great music and just want to relax and listen, Music Café is not to be missed. Enjoy light snacks and refreshments while listening to local musicians jam and perhaps even join in the fun on stage.

"Guys and Dolls"-- Coming in March

Mark your calendar now for Frank Loesser's celebrated Broadway musical comedy about rolling the dice and falling in love under the bright lights of Broadway.

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, "Guys and Dolls" is set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City in an oddball romantic comedy.

Gambler Nathan Detroit tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend, nightclub performer Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for 14 years.

Nathan turns to fellow gambler Sky Masterson for the dough, but Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary Sarah Brown. "Guys and Dolls" takes us from the

heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong.

Featuring: Rodger Allison, Tammy Allison, Ainslie Benoit, Karina Beretich, Jason Brown, Valerie Bryant, Ryan Butler, Adam Casey, Jeremy Cates, Burke Cochrane, Luigi Dalla Vecchia, Myreta Davis, Victoria Davis, Francesca Dorrity, LeeAnn Farris, Daniela Frigiola, Sarah Galvin, Nancy Hacker, Brenna Holland, Annie Jacobs, Chris Jacobs, LaSandra McDonald, Samira Menges, Latesha Miles, Darrin Olinger, Alphonso Ortiz, Robin Sampson, John Seward, Aaron Talley, Matthew Wheeler, Vance Williamson, and Pat Wilson.

Frank Loesser's brassy, immortal score is a crowd-pleaser with colorful costumes, creative choreography and beautiful sets. Performances run March 4-20; Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets go on sale Feb. 22. Adults: \$15 - Youth: \$12

Private music instruction for adults in piano/guitar/voice

Learn a new skill and enjoy the pleasures of making your own music. Now is the perfect time to take a music class, and individual lessons are based on your schedule. Convenient and fun. Ongoing classes in piano, guitar, voice and flute at the theater. Contact the theater for more details, schedule and fees. For additional information or to register, call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.

Spread the word

Please help share the excitement of community theatre, music, dance and the arts at Soldiers' Theatre by sharing this information to anyone you know who might have an interest as a patron, participant, volunteer or student. All are welcome!

USO celebrates 75 years with carnival-style bash

By **Karin J. Martinez**
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

VICENZA -- The USO celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, and the center here is ready to honor its organization and service members and their families with a carnival.

According to Frances Jackson, center manager, USO Vicenza, the event will take place Feb. 27 from 3-6 p.m. at the Caserma Ederle Fitness Center.

"It's going to be a fun time, and we welcome everyone in the community to come out and celebrate the USO. This is truly an organization that gives back to service members and their families," said Jackson.

The carnival will host a variety of games, to include the Magic Cup Game, Ping Pong Bucket Toss, Can Toss, Duck Pond, Buried Treasure, Plinko, and more.

Food booths will include such carnival favorites as



caramel corn, caramel apples and cotton candy. And, not to be outdone by sweet treats, several contests are being planned. The carnival features a blue ribbon pie contest, a jelly/jam contest, and a USO-themed craft contest. Anyone who wants more information about

participating in one or more contest should contact Rebecca Womack at the USO via email rwomack@uso.org, or phone, DSN 637-7156, comm. 0444-71-7156.

Individuals and organizations have the opportunity to participate in the carnival, Jackson said, by signing up to be responsible for running a game or booth. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who may want to get more involved in the Vicenza Military Community.

Many organizations have already volunteered their time, but there is still room for choice. At the time of publication, volunteers were still needed for face painting, to dress up as clowns, and to run the duck pond. Contact the USO for more information on how to get involved.

Those interested in learning more about the USO can find the USO Vicenza page on Facebook, or visit www.uso.org/75 to celebrate and connect with the organization throughout the anniversary year.

Coming in March: National Prayer Breakfast! Mark your calendars for March 9 at the Golden Lion, 7:30 a.m.

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.

Passport office 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.

Tax center opens

The USAG-Italy Tax Center is officially open. 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.

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, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (open through lunch), and Del Din is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., but closed for lunch.

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

Red Cross assistance

The American Red Cross has a new online option to give military families more flexibility and expanded access to help during times of crisis. People can now request help online at redcross.org/

HeroCareNetwork or by calling 877-272-7337.

This new and secure online option is easy to use and can be accessed from computers, tablets or smartphones. Just like the toll free number, the online option is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, from anywhere in the world. In addition to starting an emergency message, online users will be able to monitor the status of their message as it goes through the verification and delivery process.

With more people preferring to use online platforms for many types of services, this is a natural evolution of our emergency communications work, but people will always be able to speak with a Red Cross worker anytime during the process. Customers can still reach the toll free Red Cross Emergency at 877-272-7337.

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.

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 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.

Birth registration

New parents have 10 calendar days to register newborns with the Commune 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.

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.

IMCOM child supervision policy

The United States Army Installation Command Europe Region (IMCOM-E) has released a new Child and Youth Supervision Policy. The policy establishes guidance for which children and youth, ages birth through 17, may be left alone to care for themselves. This policy is based on a child's age, not his or her grade in school. View the memorandum at <https://www.usarmy.mil/suite/files/45895776>.

AER scholarships

The Army Emergency Relief Spouse Education Program is offering two scholarships to assist spouses of Soldiers in obtaining their first undergraduate degree. Applicants must apply each year and may receive assistance for up to four academic years of full-time

study, or eight academic years of part-time study, if they meet eligibility criteria. Award amounts vary annually based upon the number of applicants, total approved scholarship budget, and the average cost of attendance to attend a college or university in the United States as provided by the College Board.

For 2015-2016, spouse awards ranged from \$500-\$2,200. Applications for 2016-2017 will be accepted until 3 p.m. EDT on May 1. Point of contact is Steve Mendiola, DSN 634-8524, or email ubaldo.e.mendiola.civ@mail.mil. Applications can be found at <http://www.aerhq.org/-dnn563/Scholarships/Spouses.aspx>.

Register now for classes

It's time to register for classes with Central Texas College Europe and University of Maryland University College.

Term 4, Central Texas College local courses for Vicenza include:

HAMG 1321-Intro to the Hospitality Industry; March 14-May 1

Hybrid-meets Tuesdays
5:30-8:30 p.m.

CDEC 1318-Wellness of the Young Child; March 21-May 13

Hybrid-meets Saturdays, April 2, 23, 30 and May 7

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

CJSA 1327-Fundamentals of Criminal Law; March 21-April 22

In class Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon

CJSA 1322-Intro to Criminal Justice; March 21-May 13

Hybrid-meets Wednesdays
5:30-8:30 p.m.

Course held at del Din.

Online courses in all subjects are available monthly. For more information, contact CTC Site Coordinator JoAnne Combs at 637-8145, comm. 0444-61-8145, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Classes are also available with UMUC, March 14-May 8. Those are as follows:

ITAL 111 Elementary Italian I
Mon-Thurs; 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

ITAL 112 Elementary Italian II
Mon & Wed; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

MATH 103 College Mathematics
Mon & Wed; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

IFSM 300 Information Systems in Organizations

Mondays; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

BIOL 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I

Tues & Thurs; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics

Tues & Thurs; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

STAT 200 Introduction to Statistics

Tues & Thurs; 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Del Din:

SPCH 100 Foundations of Oral Communication

Thursdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m.; at Del Din

'Last Supper' presentation

Bestselling historian and author Ross King will deliver a presentation called "Leonardo and the Last Supper," 5:30 p.m., Feb. 17, at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle. Autograph session and hors d'oeuvres begin at 4:15 p.m., with the presentation beginning at 5:30.

Salad Wednesday

Anyone who wants to eat healthy and save money can turn to the Army & Air Force Exchange Service for Salad Wednesday. Every Wednesday, diners can take \$2 off any salad priced \$4 or more at participating Exchange direct-operated restaurants. "Salad Wednesday" is part of the Exchange's BE FIT initiative.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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At the movies



Zoolander 2

When the world's most beautiful musical celebrities are systematically assassinated with formerly famous male model Derek Zoolander's iconic "Blue Steel" look on their face, Interpol recruits Derek and his friend Hansel McDonald to infiltrate a new and different world of high fashion in order to put a stop to it. Meanwhile, Derek's rival Jacobim Mugatu is set free and is seeking revenge.

Feb. 12	7 p.m.	How to Be Single (R)
	10 p.m.	Deadpool (R)
Feb. 13	3 p.m.	Zoolander 2 (NR)
	6 p.m.	Deadpool (R)
Feb. 14	3 p.m.	Zoolander 2 (NR)
	6 p.m.	Deadpool(R)
Feb. 17	7 p.m.	How to Be Single (R)
Feb. 18	7 p.m.	Zoolander 2 (NR)
Feb. 19	7 p.m.	Risen (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Race (PG-13)
Feb. 20	3 p.m.	Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)
	6 p.m.	Race (PG-13)
Feb. 21	3 p.m.	Risen (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Deadpool (R)
Feb. 24	7 p.m.	Deadpool (R)
Feb. 25	7 p.m.	Risen (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.

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www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza

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Chapel activities

Chapel Services (VICENZA)

VMC Chapel, Building 29
 Phone: 637-7575

Ash Wednesday services, Feb. 10

Post Chapel
 Catholic mass: noon
 Protestant: 12:30 p.m.

Sunday schedule

Post Chapel
 9-10 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass
 11 a.m.-noon General Protestant
 Worship Service
 1:30-3 p.m. Gospel Worship
 5-6 p.m. Contemporary
 Protestant
 Worship Service

Protestant Women's Bible Studies

Post Chapel
 9:15 a.m.-noon Tuesdays
 (Childcare provided)
 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays

Protestant Men of the Chapel

Bible Study, Post Chapel
 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays

The Outlook Religious Activities page provides announcements and may offer perspectives to enhance spiritual or religious resiliency in support of Army programs. Comments regarding specific beliefs, practices or behaviors are strictly those of the author and do not convey endorsement by the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, the Army, Installation Management Command or U.S. Army Garrison Italy.

Saint Mark's Catholic Women of the Chapel

Post Chapel
 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays
 (Childcare provided)

Youth of the Chapel

High School Club 5-8:30 p.m.
 Call for location.

Latter-Day Saints community

Building 395
 6:30-7:30 a.m. Mon thru Fri
 Seminary

Bible/book studies

Chapel Activity Room, Building 29
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays
 Gospel Service
 Bible Study

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283.

Church of Christ: Call at 388-253-9749 or 324-623-7921 or send email: vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com.

Jewish: Call 634-7519, 0444-71-7519 or 327-856-2191.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Young Men/Women meeting is each Tuesday at 6 p.m., Spiritual Fitness Center. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call 634-7897, 380-431-7633 or email: lescall@gmail.com.

Muslim: Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519.

Trinity Church Vicenza: An Internatio-



(File photo)

ner at 6:30 p.m., followed by Walk in the Word. Call 0444-581-427 for more information or transportation.

Chapel Services (CAMP DARBY)

DSN 633-7267, comm. 050-54-7267

24/7 Chaplain Crisis Line
 634-KARE (5273) or 0444-71-5273

Sunday schedule

Camp Darby Chapel
 9-10 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass
 10:30 a.m. Protestant Service

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Tuesdays

Chapel Staff:

Chaplain (Maj.) Sam Cabrera
 Darby Chaplain

Staff Sgt. Apollo Stoewer
 Chapel NCOIC

Spc. Markell Gibson
 Chaplain's assistant

nal Presbyterian Church congregation. Call 328-473-2949 or email: trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com.

Vicenza Hospitality House: A good place for anyone to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Each Friday is a potluck din-

Services provided include worship; religious education; counseling; and special programs for men, women, couples and families.

Out & About

Valentine's Day in Italy

This holiday is named after Saint Valentine. According to legend, during Roman times Emperor Claudius II forbade soldiers to marry. A priest named Valentine ignored this decree, encouraging young people to be united in holy matrimony. He was imprisoned and executed on February 14, A.D. 273. Legends vary on how the martyr's name became connected with romance. The date of his death may have become mingled with the feast of Lupercalia, a pagan festival of love, or with the ancient belief that birds first mate in the middle of February. Modern Italy perceives Valentine's Day as a festivity imported from the United States, like Halloween and Mother's Day.

This day is reserved for couples and lovers; family and friends do not take part or exchange gifts. In the evening couples usually go out for dinner. Gifts may include red roses or perfume, diamonds, or the famous *Baci Perugina*. These chocolate-covered hazelnuts contain a small slip of paper with a romantic poetic quote in four languages.

VENETO

Mercato di San Valentino

St. Valentine Market

Feb. 12-14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Corso Fogazzaro, 119. Chocolate, sweets, and romantic gift ideas.

<http://www.iltritone.info>

Verona in Love

Feb. 11-14, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., in Piazza Dei Signori and Piazza Brà. *Se ami qualcuno, portalo a Verona* - "If you love someone, bring her/him to Verona" is the slogan of Romeo and Juliet's city. *Un cuore da scoprire*: a heart-shaped exhibition and market of romantic gift ideas, crafts and free chocolate sampling; waterfalls of heart-shaped coriandoli (confetti); bands, events, and theatrical performances will entertain visitors throughout the weekend; red heart shaped balloons are handed to people walking in town. At night the most important monuments and historical building will be lit up in red.

<http://www.veronainlove.it/en>

Fiera di San Valentino

Saint Valentine Fair

In Pozzoleone, about 13 miles northeast of Vicenza; food booths open at 7 p.m.

Feb. 12, country night, live music and dancing; free entrance.

Feb. 13, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., indoor local products exhibit and sale; 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. outdoor exhibit and sale with more than 300 booths; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. carnival rides; 8 p.m. fireworks; 8:30 p.m. magic show

Feb. 14, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., indoor local products exhibit and sale; 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. outdoor exhibit and sale with more than 300 booths; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. guided visits to the bell-tower and live bell concert performed by the local *Corde e Musica* Band; from 7 p.m. aperitif and DJ music.

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

Fiocchi di Luce - Rassegna piromusicale

Flakes of Light - Musical Fireworks Festival

Feb. 12-13, 10 p.m., Feb. 14, 6 p.m., in Asiago, about 34 north of Vicenza, Romeo Sartori airport, Via Dei Cinque. This year the festival themes are: light, peace and love.

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

Thomas Jefferson Days

Feb. 12-14, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in Vicenza, Palladio Museum, Contrà Porti 11. During this event, free entrance to all American citizens and Italians who work on U.S. military base; Feb. 13-14, free English and Italian guided tours to the Jefferson and Palladio exhibit are scheduled at 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m.; reservation is required via email at segreteria@palladiomuseum.org; Feb. 14, at 10:30 a.m., English-speaking children (ages 5 to 12) are offered the special tour "All mice are created equal: Discovering Jefferson and Palladio with Amos the Mouse." Reservation is required.

<http://www.palladiomuseum.org/news/tjdays?lang=en>

HIT

Hunting Individual Protection Target Sports

Feb. 13-15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. This expo is the main Italian event for the hunting and sports firearms and ammunition, equipment and accessories for the outdoor activities, hunting,



Verona in Love, Verona

shooting sports and personal use; interactive areas and simulations; demonstrations; training and workshops; dog show; admission fee: €15; reduced: €10 (children between 6 and 12 and senior citizens over 60 or if you have a hunting license). Free for children under 13.

<http://www.pescashow.it/index.php/en/>

Pescare Show

Fly Fishing and Spinning Show

Feb. 20-21, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. This expo is dedicated to the world of traditional fishing in freshwater and sea. Includes a vast display of equipment and items for sports fishing; demonstrations in a 14-meter pool for spinning and fly fishing. Admission fee: €15. Reduced: €10 (children between 6 and 12 and senior citizens over 60 or if you have a fishing license.) Free for children under 13.

<http://www.pescashow.it/index.php/en/>

Abilmente, Mostra-atelier della manualità creative Bricolage and Manual Creativity Fair

Feb. 25-28, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16; 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; embroidery and patchwork exhibits and workshops; sewing and T-shirts decorations classes; creative techniques workshops for children. Admission fee: €12, reduced €10 (youth ages 13-18, senior citizens over 60, groups of more than 10 persons). Free for children younger than 13, for disabled and their assistants.

<http://primavera.abilmente.org/en>

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

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



Mercato di San Valentino, Vicenza

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

VENETO

Vicenza: Feb. 14, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

Lonigo: Feb. 14, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Montegrotto (Padova): Feb. 14, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza 1 Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza (about 79 vendors)

Portobuffolè (Treviso): Feb. 14, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza (250 vendors)

Verona: Feb. 20, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

Este (Padova): Feb. 21, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Godega di Sant'Urbano: Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

Montagnana: Feb. 21, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Padova: Feb. 21, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

Soave: Feb. 21, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)

CARNEVALE

Jesolo

Feb. 14, in Jesolo (Venezia); traditional floats 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-jesolo-2016.html>

Bassano del Grappa

Feb. 20, float parade departs at 2 p.m. from Via Velo. Feb. 21, 2-6 p.m. in Piazza Libertà, bounce-houses and carnival rides; live music and dancing. <http://www.prolocobassano.it/>

Schio

Feb. 13-14, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Float parade and entertainment for children; local products and craft exhibit and sale Piazza Garibaldi. <http://www.altovicentinonline.it/attualita-2/attualita/schio-festa-di-carnevale>

TUSCANY

Festa della Polenta Polenta Festival

Feb. 14, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., in San Quiricio, Vernio (Prato). According to a local tradition, in 1512 the local inhabitants were starving as a result of mercenaries who, from nearby Barberino, moved towards Prato. The counts Bardi, lords of the county, felt so bad about it that they ordered a special distribution of polenta, herring and cod for everyone. Free samplings of traditional polenta made with chestnut flour, and herring and cod offered to all guests. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&tag=&area=&city=&date=12&page=1&post=376>

Fiera del Cioccolato Artigianale Chocolate Fair

Feb. 12-21, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on weekends, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on weekdays and on Feb. 15, in Florence, Piazza Santa Maria Novella. More than 40 exhibitors from all over Europe display a great assortment of chocolates. Games, workshops for children. <http://www.fieradelcioccolato.it/category/visitatori/>

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>

Sagra dell'Olio Novo New Oil Fair

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 €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>

Pane, Pizza & Fantasia Bread and Pizza Festival

Feb. 19-21, from 7:30 p.m., in Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo). A variety of bread, pizzas and other local specialties. Food booth open at 7:30 p.m. and, on Sunday, also at noon; games and entertainment for children. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=6&post=1613>

We Love Bio

Feb. 20-21, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Florence, ObiHall Center, Lungarno Aldo Moro. Biological products; wellness and fitness information; massages; workshops for children; energy-saving tips; sustainable tourism ideas. Entrance fee: €3. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=&page=5&post=1612>

CARNEVALE

Cascina (Pisa)

Feb. 14, 2 p.m., live music, children's bounce houses. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=2&tag=&area=7&city=&date=&page=1&post=1601>



Lionel Richie

Follonica (Grosseto)

Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m. Float parades accompanied by the city musical band. http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/5095_Carnevale+Follonichese.html

Marlia (Lucca)

Feb. 14, float parades and entertainment start at 2 p.m.; live music, face painting. <http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevalmarlia-marlia-lucca>

Orentano (Pisa)

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

Piombino (Livorno)

Feb. 14, 2 p.m. floats parade accompanied by live music, shows and entertainment for children. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=4&city=&date=12&page=1&post=1031>

San Romano (Pisa)

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

San Gimignano (Siena)

Feb. 14 and Feb. 21, from 2:30 p.m., float parade, with live music, dancing, confetti and entertainment for children. http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/2101e+di+San+Gimignano.html

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=&tag=&area=&city=&date=&page=4&post=1052>

Viareggio

Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28; March 5; floats depart at 3 p.m.; night parade at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28; live music & dancing; for a detailed program in English, visit <http://viareggio.ilcarnevale.com/en/>.

Carnevale, San Gimignano



For a complete listing of events in local communities, antique markets, and concerts, visit the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Pinterest page, www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza.

CONCERTS/SPORTS

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 Bologna; 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 Florence; June 1 in Rome.

Black Sabbath – June 13 in Verona

Queen + Adam Lambert – June 25 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

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

Lionel Richie – July 12 in Lucca

Rihanna – Anti World Tour – July 13 in Milan

Lionel Richie – July 14 in Rome

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 Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Simply Red – July 19 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova); July 20 in Lucca

Iron Maiden – July 22 in Assago; July 24 in Rome; July 26 in Trieste

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

ANTIQUE MARKETS TUSCANY

Bolgheri (Livorno): Feb. 13-14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets

Firenze (Tuscany): Feb. 14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

Forte dei Marmi (Lucca): Feb. 13-14, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante

Livorno: Feb. 14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

Montepulciano (Siena): Feb. 13-14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande

Piombino (Livorno): Feb. 13-14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci

Pisa: Feb. 13-14, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

Pistoia: Feb. 13-14, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Via Pertini (except July and August)

Vicopisano (Pisa): Feb. 14, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca

Certaldo (Florence): Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno

Florence: Feb. 20-21, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

Lucca: Feb. 20-21, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelmellini, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio.

Pontedera (Pisa): Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown

Quarrata (Pistoia): Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Financial Fitness Course

Feb. 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.

ACS Breakfast for Soldiers

Feb. 18

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Pavement outside Del Din ACS office

Soldiers will have the opportunity to learn about employment readiness and volunteering while enjoying breakfast. Registration not required.

Tuscan Tots

Feb. 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 relationship with your child(ren). To register, call (314) 633-7500.

Federal Resume Workshop

Feb. 18; 1-2 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Learn how to navigate the federal employment application process and write a competitive federal resume. Call to reserve a seat. Contact 634-7500, comm.: 0444-71-7500, for more information.

Organization Point of Contact Training for Volunteers

Feb. 18; 1:30-2 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Monthly training is available for all Organization Points of Contacts (OPOCS) on the Volunteer Management Information System. This will assist volunteers in tracking hours and enhance organization effectiveness. Register at least 24 hours prior to training. Contact 634-7500, comm.: 0444-71-7500.

Bringing Baby Home

Feb. 18; 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Your new baby is coming home, so learn what to expect. Expecting parents learn practical tips about newborn behavior, expectation vs. reality, how to soothe a crying baby, and much more! Contact 634-7500, comm.: 0444-71-7500, for more information.

Baby-Wearing Class

Feb. 19; 1-2 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

This class will teach you about the practice of baby wearing, whether you choose to use a sling or another type of carrier, so you and your baby can enjoy the maximum benefits of closeness. This class is for everyone. No registration required.

English as a Second Language

Feb. 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.

Darby Dine on a Dime

Feb. 22; 4:30-6 p.m.

Bldg. 428, Darby Military Community

Learn how to prepare a healthy meal that won't break the bank. You will be able to meet other single and unaccompanied service members residing in the

barracks/dorms over a fresh, home-cooked meal. This is a reoccurring event each month. Registration not required. Call 633-7084, comm. 050-54-7084, for more information.

ARTS /CRAFTS

Adult Resiliency Through Art

Feb. 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.

Youth Resiliency Through Art

Feb. 18 & 25; 3-4:30 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

This program for youth ages 5 and up focuses on the process of personal expression through art, in a small group setting. See listing above for contact information.

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.

Art Exploration

Feb. 26; 3:30-4:15 a.m.; \$8 fee

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Children 4-6 years of age will have a great time exploring different materials while getting basic instruction on how to best use them. Instructor Chantille will guide them in their creative process ensuring that they all walk away with a personalized piece of art. 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.

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. 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. 17, 19, 22, 26 & 29; noon-1p.m.

Ederle Fitness

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

This class will most likely appeal to people 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.

High Intensity Interval Training

Feb. 18, 23, & 25; 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Ederle Fitness

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

A high intensity interval training that involves body weight exercises and weight training movements using the tabata method, which is 20 seconds on and 10 seconds off (rest) for 8 rounds. Quick bursts of exercises to get your heart rate up, build muscles, and increase your burning power.

Taekwondo

Feb. 18, 22, 25 & 29; 6-7 p.m.

Ederle Fitness

\$10 per class

Self defense class based upon the Tae Kwan Do techniques that will provide students the tools for self defense.

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

TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

Family Movie Night

Feb. 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 ac-

tivities. 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.

*There is also Daily \$2 Bowling, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Music Café

Feb. 19; 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle

Music Café nights are casual improv jam nights for music lovers by music lovers. Great music and amazing community talent await at the next Music Café, celebrating its 6th year. It's free! Bring your favorite instrument; no karaoke. Sound, lights, amps, drums and guitars provided. Sign up at Soldiers' Theatre.

Arabba Ski and Snowboard Trip

Feb. 20; 5 a.m.-8 p.m.; \$40

Outdoor Recreation, Caserma Ederle

Arabba is one of the most well-known resorts in the Dolomiti SuperSki area. It's also a great launching point for anyone considering circling the entire Sella Ronda. As one of the largest resorts in Italy, it features terrain for everyone to enjoy. Three-hour bus trip one way. Sign up at ODR or on WebTrac. Call 634-7453, comm. 0444-71-7453.

Italian Wine Regions Tour: Alto Adige Valle

Feb. 20; 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; \$95

Outdoor Recreation, Caserma Ederle

On this tour you will be tasting the wines of the Adige Valley in northern Italy. Price includes transportation and wine-tasting.

Youth Center:

Folgaria Ski & Snowboard

Feb. 20; 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; \$15

Outdoor Recreation, Caserma Ederle

Folgaria is a great place to learn to ski/snowboard and is highly advised for beginner skiers & snowboarders. For students grades 6-12, all ski/snowboard experience levels.

Rome Express

Feb. 27; 3 a.m. (a 24-hour trip, return at 3 a.m. Feb. 28); \$105

Outdoor Recreation, Caserma Ederle

Modern and old, past and present go side by side all the time in Rome. You can decide to follow the typical tourist paths or be brave and venture off on your own. Rome is one of world's most photographic cities which isn't surprising when you remember what's there. Locations of interest include the Vatican, Trevi Fountain, St. Peter's Square, the Spanish Steps, and the Colosseum.

Genova and the Aquarium

March 5; 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; \$95

Outdoor Recreation, Caserma Ederle

Discover the beautiful city of Genova, one of the most important seaport cities in northern Italy. This city is filled with various museums, historical palaces, breathtaking cathedrals and many other amazing attractions. There will be free time in the city and visit the largest aquarium in Europe that exhibits 15,000 animals of 400 species in 70 recreated environments. Price includes transportation and entrance fee to the aquarium. Sign up today!