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### Learn Italian

**Can I have a bag, please?**  
**Posso avere un sacchetto, per favore?**  
*po-so a-vay-ray oon sa-kay-to pair fa-vor-ay*

**What would you like?**  
**Cosa desidera?**  
*ko-za day-see-day-rah*

**Anything else?**  
**Qualcos' altro?**  
*kwal-cose ahl-tro*



Soldiers stationed at Vicenza learn about sports vision, body movement and economy of motion from Duffy D. Paulson, Europe lead for CK Gunfighter Gym.

## Soldiers refine shooting skills with gunfighter gym

Story and photo by **Anna Ciccotti**  
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**VICENZA** -- U.S. Army Soldiers stationed here have an unprecedented opportunity to refine their instinct-shooting skills.

The Conflict Kinetics Gunfighter Gymnasium opened Jan. 25 on Caserma Del Din and will remain available until March 18 for marksmen who aim at increasing their precise lethality and survivability.

"I believe this training is paramount because it helps refine the skills one needs to be a proficient shooter. This gunfighter gym provides a system that fills the gap between the Engagement Skills Trainer required of all Soldiers and actual live fire. This is exactly what needs to be in place to benefit Soldiers Armywide as well as our NATO allies helping us build a strong Europe," said Sgt. 1st Class Jer-

amy Smith, lethality noncommissioned officer and marksmanship instructor, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne).

After several weeks of training in Grafenwoehr, Germany, the CK suite arrived for the first time in Vicenza. The mission: to support not only paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade, but also their Italian and NATO partners who rotate through Del Din for advanced marksmanship skills training required of infantry Soldiers.

With an innovative, higher-level technology platform that increases the ability to shoot and engage targets in a 220-degree environment, CK has developed a patented program defined as Synthetic Marksmanship that recreates the physical and visual challenges of combat. The program helps improve an individual's neuro-motor pathways and motor skills associated with the rapid decision

making process of shooting or not shooting on the move, under physical stress and with noise distraction, according to Smith.

"The key to our training is to create some sort of problem-solving physical exercise in every drill that we do. The system and methods used elevate the shooters' skill set exponentially, immediately. Skill level varies, but from the highest level operator to the new Soldier fresh out of basic, the training grows their ability to see faster, hit quicker and make decisions based on teaching the mind to process information quicker, and then make a cognitive decision," said Duffy D. Paulson, Europe lead for CK Gunfighter Gym.

"We build upon these skills in a safe environment. As budgets shrink and the need for elevating our Soldiers' marks-

See **GUNFIGHTER**, page 4

## 'Strong Families' initiative aims to improve resiliency

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

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- Building resilient families is a priority in the Army, and U.S. Army Garrison Italy is embracing the challenge with the Strong Families Initiative announced at the Feb. 3 Information Exchange at The Arena here.

The initiative is a three-part program designed to build healthy and resilient families in the Vicenza Military Community by encouraging family participation in activities and events. Julia Sibilla, director, Army Community Service here, said the program is in line with the commander's vision for what the garrison should

be doing to help Soldiers and families become stronger and thrive in the community.

"This did not come down from Department of the Army," Sibilla said. "This is grassroots, a 'USAG Italy let's take care of our Soldiers and families' initiative. We are going to do this together,

we are going to help our families one by one, have fun, work together, play together, and do things a little bit better."

The first phase of the initiative, welcoming families into the community, is something that's already being done, but the garrison team is going to step it up a notch. Every second and fourth

See **STRONG FAMILIES** page 3

## Detachment deploys to Kosovo

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

**VICENZA** -- Eleven Soldiers from Detachment C, 106th Finance Management Support Unit here, deployed Feb. 16 to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, to support U.S. Army National Guard units.

The Soldiers will be in Kosovo for approximately nine months, according to Capt. Timothy Johnson, detachment commander. Their mission: to provide area finance support within the Balkans area of responsibility during KFOR 21.

Keeping finances well taken care of is crucial to a Soldier's morale and well-being. See **KOSOVO**, page 4



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## Speak Out *What do you like most about living in Italy?*

By Chiara Mattiolo



**Christy Blevins**  
Livorno Unit School

*"I like the people. They are happy and friendly, and this makes life much easier."*



**Pfc. Nicholas Jenkins**  
Livorno Health Clinic

*"What I like most about living here is being able to visit incredible places."*



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*"I like the people, the culture and having my family in Bari."*



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## Army Emergency Relief kicks off 2016 campaign

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** -- The Army Emergency Relief campaign begins March 1 and runs through May 15, the 2016 campaign theme being "Never Leave a Soldier in Need."

Over the last several years, AER has made significant changes to meet the needs of today's Army, adding new categories of assistance, expediting the assistance process and increasing grants by 30 percent.

Last September AER made a policy change that allows all Soldiers, regardless of rank, direct access to AER assistance.

"Never Leaving a Soldier in Need is in keeping with the Army's core values," said AER Director, retired Army Lt. Gen. Robert Foley.

"Whether the need is money for a Soldier's emergency leave, new brakes for the family car or to cover the initial rent deposit on a new apartment, AER is there.

"To maintain this level of assistance today, donations from Soldiers, active and retired, are essential to ensure the legacy of Soldiers helping Soldiers," Foley said.

Army Emergency Relief is a

private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Soldiers, active and retired, and their families. Since it was founded in 1942, AER has provided more than \$1.7 billion to more than 3.6 million Soldiers and families.

Last year, more than \$71 million dollars in assistance was provided to nearly 47,000 Soldiers and families. Vi-

cenza alone received \$20,000 in donations and assisted with \$140,000 in non-interest loans, said Steve Mendiola, AER officer, IMCOM Europe. Soldiers needing AER assistance can either contact their unit chain of command or go directly to one of the 78 AER sections at their nearest Army installation.

On Caserma Ederle, AER is located in Building 108, Army Community Service. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call DSN 634-8524/7500, comm. 0444-71-8524/7500 for more information. At Camp Darby, call ACS at DSN 633-7084.

Follow AER on Facebook: Army Emergency Relief Headquarters, or go to [www.aer.org](http://www.aer.org) for more information.



March is...

## Red Cross Month!



Join the American Red Cross Vicenza as we celebrate our history. Discover all the programs and services the Red Cross provides the Vicenza Military Community!

March 3: Clara Barton Day  
March 9: Disaster Day  
March 17: PHSS Carnival  
March 30: Volunteer Ceremony

For more information on events, contact the American Red Cross Vicenza at 71-7089 or [Vicenza@redcross.org](mailto:Vicenza@redcross.org)

# Florence consulate brings services to Darby

Story and photo by  
**Chiara Mattiolo**  
DMC Public Affairs Office

**LIVORNO** -- Since November, a representative from the American Consul in Florence pays a monthly visit to Camp Darby to provide a variety of services.

These services include official and no-fee passports for active duty, Department of Defense civilians and their family members, tourist passports, Social Security cards, reports of birth abroad and notarial services.

"Through these visits, Darby Military Community members have the opportunity to benefit from those services right at the Family Affairs office," said Michela Ferrara, soggiorno liaison technician. "The service will be provided on a 'first-come, first-served' basis, and the monthly visits will be announced to the community in advance."

Ferrara added that this is an additional

service to the one already provided by the Family Affairs office on a daily basis.

"This is a very convenient opportunity for customers who have to apply (for) or renew their official and no-fee passports," Ferrara said. "Applicants will also have the second option to go to the Consulate in Florence for their government official passports instead of driving to Vicenza."

The Family Affairs office is available to check all applications/packages and to provide information about possible fees prior to the consular visit.

"It is a pleasure for us to be able to provide this service to the community, saving time and effort to military families," said Vice Consul of the United States of America Scott Macintosh.

For additional information, feel free to contact the Family Affairs office at 633-7371 or at [michela.ferrara3.ln@mail.mil](mailto:michela.ferrara3.ln@mail.mil). The next visit from the consular officer from Florence will be announced via e-mail.



Sgt. First Class Guillermo Martinez (right), 839th Transportation Battalion, receives consular services during one of the monthly visits provided to Camp Darby Soldiers, civilians and families. Consulate employees pictured are Hasmin Espiritu (left) and Scott Macintosh.

## Authorities caution community to remain vigilant in light of break-ins

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

**VICENZA** -- With nicer weather coming and people traveling more frequently, the Directorate of Emergency Services here reminds community members to be ever vigilant about securing homes and privately owned vehicles.

During the Presidents' Day weekend, said Maj. Brian Mumfrey, DES/Provost Marshal, there were six break-ins—a mixture of car and home thefts—in a few off-post communities.

Mumfrey advised that residents must get into the habit of locking homes and vehicles, and taking proper precautions to prevent burglary.

Staff Sgt. Joseph R. Hicks, a physical security specialist who works at DES, concurred.

"Local communities that are highly populated with Americans have seen break-ins on the rise," Hicks said. "We recommend that community members take all necessary mitigations to deter theft, thereby saving themselves some money and a headache."

There are many precautions Soldiers, civilians and their family members can take, he said, beginning with their vehicles.

The easiest precaution is: do not leave anything of value inside. That includes fuel coupons, euro change, a GPS or other electronic devices/high value items in plain sight. These items, if seen, will only encourage a thief and make vehicles more susceptible to a break-in. Also, if you have a garage, park in it and make sure to lock the door.

Taking precautions at home is also important, Hicks said. It is especially key to make your-



self less of a target to potential thieves. Put away anything that may alert someone that an American lives at the residence. This includes not only such items as team flags, yard decorations and large gas barbecue grills, but also activity like being in the driveway while wearing a military uniform.

"Although policy allows Soldiers to travel to and from their domicile in uniform, I always caution against it," Hicks said. "It only draws attention to where you live."

A few other home safety tips are as follows:

- Fully lock all shutters on all floors when you leave and at night when going to bed.

- Set the alarm if you have one. If you do not have one, consider working with the property owner to get one installed.

- Be careful of whom you let into your home. Do not keep gold and silver jewelry on display, and not all in one place.

- When going out of town, leave on a light or two and have a friend check on the place. And although it's tempting to do so, don't post on social media that you're going away; this includes "check-ins" on Facebook to alert friends and family that you're at the airport or train sta-

tion heading somewhere exciting for the weekend.

Hicks said PMO personnel are available to conduct physical security inspections at private residences, whether someone is just moving into a home, has been there for a while, or has already had a break-in.

To schedule, go to the military police station on Caserma Ederle, fill out an inspection request, and turn it into the desk sergeant. An alternative is to call with the request, DSN 634-5833, comm. 0444-71-5833. Pre-move in inspections are encouraged before accepting a home through the Housing Office. Personnel stationed at Camp Darby should contact the local MP station.

During the physical security inspection, inspectors get a "snapshot" of the outside of the home: fencing, types of illumination, and identifiable-as-American factors. Inside, they look at types of locks, bars on windows, intercom and camera systems, and more.

Once they have looked at everything, they provide recommendations for improvements, and residents can make changes as necessary.

For more information, call the PMO physical security office at the number provided above.

## STRONG FAMILIES

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Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m., the garrison commander and his team will meet with newcomers at the Ederle Inn for an introduction, quick overview of services, and the opportunity for people to ask questions of the professionals in attendance. Light refreshments will be available. The invitation is extended to newcomers staying at local hotels off the installation as well. Community members and sponsors are encouraged to spread the word about the informal meeting.

Phase two, Sibilla said, is considered the "fun phase" of the initiative. In the spirit of reality TV challenges, this phase implements a 60-day challenge that encourages and fosters strong families by way of family participation in a variety of healthy, productive and positive activities.

"The 60-day challenge encourages families to do things together by utilizing all of the great programs and services we already have in place. It's just packaged a bit differently," said Sibilla.

Families (more than one person) must register at any of the registration points—the post library, ACS in Building 108, or at Child and Youth Services. Registration takes only a few minutes and involves filling out a form with family information and taking a quick survey. Afterwards, participants should look for the Strong Families Initiative logo around the installation, which will indicate a program, activity, or service that can be counted in the challenge.

During the 60-day period, the challenge is to participate in as many of the 200 offered events as you can. Examples of Strong Family activities can be broken into four groups: physical, cultural, spiritual/emotional, and miscellaneous. For example, doing something physical could be going on a bike ride together or attending an Outdoor Recreation trip; for cultural, go to a museum together, visit a new city or town, or watch a movie; for spiritual/emotional, attend a yoga or arts & crafts class, or participate in a service project together; and for miscellaneous, host another family for dinner or play a family board game. The opportunities are limitless.

"Even if you already do these things in your family, we are trying to have people think about their relationships with loved ones and have a more targeted approach to spending quality time together," Sibilla said.

So how does a family prove they have participated in an event? They must take a photo with the logo during the activity, Sibilla said, sort of like a "Flat Stanley" project. Being creative with the photos is another way to make the initiative more fun. When participating in one of the formal activities such as a class, make sure to have the participation card stamped at the activity.

The final phase is a Strong Families Summit. The summit is a one- to two-day education summit for families to learn, grow and develop. There will be classes and lectures with topics such as parenting, marriage enhancing, and relationship building. The summit will include a keynote speaker as well.

At the February Information Exchange, Garrison Commander Col. Steve Marks spoke about the program and encouraged families to participate.

"In the OCONUS environment, the garrison becomes that surrogate family that families need. The ACS is an 'emergency room' where families can go to get treatment," he said. "The Strong Families Initiative is an effort to build and sustain strong families in our community."

Season 1 begins March 1, and registration takes place from March 1-8. Subsequent season dates will be announced.

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## KOSOVO

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ing, said two military pay clerks in the detachment who are dedicated to the mission at hand.

“We are going to Kosovo to make sure Soldiers get paid correctly and on time,” said Pfc. John Mayer, MilPay clerk from Williamstown, N.Y., who has been stationed in Vicenza for six months. “Our job is to make sure we take care of Soldiers and their families. If we don’t do our jobs correctly, it can affect birthdays and Christmas for a family. A Soldier’s personal life can suffer if there are pay issues.”

Pfc. Patrick D. Green, MilPay clerk from Virginia Beach, Va., agreed. “It’s important that we take care of Soldiers who are arriving and disembarking. Our goal is to make sure there are no issues with someone’s pay and, if there are, to correct those issues right away.”

The group is well trained and ready to go, said their commander.

“The fact that our Soldiers were fully prepared for this mission when they departed is a testament to everyone’s individual readiness and dedication to duty,” Johnson said.

As the Soldiers will be confined to the installation during their time at Camp

Bondsteel, Green said he will use his free time to pursue self-development. The Soldier said he plans to work on college courses to complete his degree in general studies. That’s not the only opportunity he’ll be taking advantage of during the deployment, however.

“I’m looking forward to working with other members of NATO forces and building multinational relations,” he said.

Mayer concurred.

“I’m excited about the deployment,” he said. “I’m really looking forward to working with (people from) other nations.”

That’s the general feeling of the detachment Soldiers who are deploying, Green said. “We’re excited about the opportunity,” he said.

“My advice to the deployed Soldiers is to work hard, improve your surroundings, take care of Soldiers and last, but not least, use this time downrange to improve yourself. This is an opportunity that should be taken for what it’s worth,” said Johnson.

The Soldiers will spend time in Germany for training on the way and are expected back in Italy by Christmas.



Charlie Detachment, Team Kosovo, 106th Financial Management Support Unit, Operation Joint Guardian (KFOR 21). From left to right: 1st Lt. Michael Volanti, Spc. Xiaohu Deng, Sgt. Boyang Li, Pfc. Hansol Sim, Spc. Samuel Ngaropo, Pfc. Patrick D. Green, Spc. Felix Gonzalez, Pfc. John Mayer, Spc. Ying Jiang, Sgt. 1st Class John O’Connor; (guidon) Spc. Antonio Nunez. (Courtesy photo)

## GUNFIGHTER

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manship skills is ever present, we can provide the Armed Forces with a platform that increases skill while producing cost-effectiveness. The skills imprinted on the Soldiers in the gym transfer to live fire, thus making the live rounds worth every dollar because the shooter is far more advanced, confident and effective after utilizing our platform,” Paulson said.

The company is founded in decades of professional sports trade secrets, and Paulson said there are four key elements the trainee will improve upon during each drill and transfer directly to combat marksmanship. These include ocular sport vision, decision making and latency, body control and economy of motion.

“In my opinion, soldiering is an athletic endeavor and should be coached as such. In high-level athletics you are faced with split-second decision making, physical exertion and output, high pressure situations, and competition. The successes the athlete earns on the field of play come from mastering the skills needed and controlling the body and mind quicker and faster. ... The warrior athlete is created by repetition, fundamentals, body movement, stress and physical output. I did not wear a uniform, but I have knowledge to pass on that will elevate my Soldiers’ ability to become that ‘Warrior Athlete,’” Paulson said.

Thanks to software that captures approximately 70 points of information per trigger squeeze per shooter, the system has the ability to build a shooting profile for each individual.

The suite can accommodate approximately 20 trainees per 90 minutes. During the first week of operation with 155 registered Soldiers, 68,000 rounds were fired.

“CK data collection capabilities include scoring applications that give

commanders the feedback on shooter performance as well as trend analysis,” said Nick Motto, Paulson’s assistant. “Scoring metrics are available for almost every drill and we would expect to see a corresponding percentage live-fire improvement between a ‘pre’ and ‘post’ gunfighter gym training period.”

According to James V. Matheson, chief, Regional Training Support Division South, the gunfighter gymnasium inserts itself into the training progression between live-fire basic marksmanship qualification ranges and live-fire advanced marksmanship tables.

“In the past, we paid for each bullet we fired in order to train advanced marksmanship skills since EST does not train those skills. The training progression was training in the EST, followed by live-fire basic marksmanship qualification ranges, followed by live fire on advanced marksmanship tables,” Matheson said.

“We add thousands of iterations of advanced marksmanship skills training prior to the live fire without pay a ‘per bullet fired’ cost.

“This iterative process is always limited by available range time and available ammunition. With the gunfighter gymnasium, we remove much of those two obstacles to iterative training and task improvement.”

Finally yet importantly, for Vicenza-based Soldiers there are immediate advantages from lessened transportation costs to and from the ranges in Germany.

“It allows the 173rd to overcome the hinders of training in Italy and maximize marksmanship training at home station, completely increasing brigade readiness and capability,” Smith said.

Units interested in this training opportunity can schedule training through the RTSD South office here.



### 414th CSB awards

Master Sgt. John Brown receives an award from Col. Christine Beeler, 414th Contracting Support Brigade commander, during a ceremony Feb. 17 at the Arena on Caserma Ederle in Vicenza. Brown was recognized for earning a professional certification from the National Contract Management Association. Brown was one of 12 employees of 414th CSB who were recognized during the ceremony, which also included a town-hall style briefing from Beeler. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

## \$20,000 in scholarships up for grabs from AAFES

DALLAS -- Students who excel at serving their communities can earn cash for college by telling their stories in an essay contest sponsored by the Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Unilever.

Through the worldwide Rewards of Caring scholarship contest, four winners will each be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. To enter, authorized students in grades six through 12 with a 2.5 or higher grade-point average can submit an essay in English of 500 words or less explaining their involvement in community service projects, and why their community is important to them.

“The Exchange is excited to reward young scholars who are making a difference in their communities,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, Exchange senior enlisted adviser. “Giving back can start at any age, and the winners of this scholarship contest will serve as role models for all of us.”

Now through March 3, students should submit essays to: **AAFES Rewards of Caring Scholarship Contest; P.O. Box 7837; Melville, NY 11775-7837**

No purchase is necessary. Rewards of Caring scholarship contest winners will be notified on or about May 1.

**LIVING THE ARMY ETHIC**

We the People

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**WHY WE SERVE & HOW WE SERVE**

FOR LOVE OF COUNTRY AND OUR FAMILY TO PRESERVE PEACE-PREVENT, SHAPE, WIN DEFEND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND VALUES

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# Palladio expert provides insights into Jefferson connection

*Renaissance architect from Veneto,  
Andrea Palladio, inspired and  
influenced America's own  
Thomas Jefferson*

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

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- A native son of the Veneto and an American president were linked Feb. 11 in a lecture given by Professor Howard Burns at the Golden Lion conference room here.

Nearly 60 guests from the Vicenza Military Community gathered to listen to a presentation by Burns, president of the Academic Council at the Palladio Center in Vicenza. He presented "Palladio in America" at the invitation of U.S. Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks and Italian Base Commander Col. Umberto D'Andria, in partnership with the Vicenza Palladio Museum.

Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio is regarded as the greatest architect of 16th-century northern Italy, and his influence traveled far and wide-- most notably in this presentation, to the United States of America via Founding Father and President Thomas Jefferson.

As he welcomed the guest speaker, the garrison commander hinted at the influence of Palladio on Jefferson.

"Palladio's work significantly influenced American architecture. ... Just think for a moment about Thomas Jefferson, who was never able to see the works of Palladio in person, but who admired them and was inspired by them through books and drawings," Marks said.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to learn more about a son of Vicenza who inspired a vision of the New America."

For his part, Burns said he was pleased



Professor Howard Burns, president of the Palladio Center Academic Council, presents a guest lecture at the Golden Lion conference center on Caserma Ederle Feb. 11. (Photo by Laura Kreider/USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

to visit the military installation.

"This is the first opportunity (the Palladio Center has had) for cultural inter-

change with the base," he said. "This is a good start towards doing things together and collaborating."

Burns shared the connection of Palladio and Jefferson, the subject of a current exhibit at the museum, "Jefferson and Palladio: Constructing a New World." The speaker took the audience on what he called "reflections around the exhibition" to educate, and perhaps entice, them to learn more. In fact, during Presidents' Day weekend, the museum hosted Thomas Jefferson Days, whereby all American citizens and Italians who work here were offered free admittance and guided tours.

Jefferson, called a "gentleman architect" by historians (a common practice before architecture became a licensed profession), gave the young United States some of its most iconic buildings. According to historian and writer Calder Loth, Jefferson was Palladio's foremost American disciple.

We only need to look as far as a nickel in our pockets, Burns said, to see why Jefferson is the subject of a presentation in Vicenza. The nickel features Monticello, a Palladio-inspired building, designed by Jefferson himself.

After actively studying Palladio's "The Four Books on Architecture," Jefferson was so inspired that the Italian's work was the sole model for the American's vision of the New World. The Rotunda of the University of Virginia and buildings in the state capitol of Virginia are just a few examples of Palladio's style brought about by Jefferson.

Many more similarities between the two gentlemen abound, and visitors are encouraged to visit the exhibit at the museum, Palazzo Barbaran, Contra Porti 11. It is open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., until March 28.

Entrance fee is 10 euro/reduced 7 euro. For more information, go to [www.palladiomuseum.org](http://www.palladiomuseum.org).

## Great things don't come easily, even if you are Leonardo da Vinci

Story and photo by **Anna Ciccotti**  
USAG Italy

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- More than 100 community members joined New York Times best-selling author and art historian Ross King for a book presentation and signing event at the Golden Lion conference center on Caserma Ederle Feb. 17.

King shared his "the behind-the-scenes, in the studio, up-on-the-scaffold history" of how Leonardo da Vinci came to paint "The Last Supper," one of the world's most famous works of art.

"The dining scene painted by Leonardo for the refectory of the Dominican Convent of *Santa Maria delle Grazie* in Milan is an image so famous that we all know one way or another. It almost identifies the Italian cultural DNA like the shape of Italy on the map," said King in opening remarks.

"Much less known is how Leonardo came to painting it and the process he went through as he painted it. Actually, it is this fascinating history of the painting that I tell in my book, and the events that led to the accidental creation of this masterpiece," he said.

The insight on the human elements of the artist's restless mind and his lifelong quest for understanding are in fact just as interesting, said King, especially because da Vinci "in his heart of hearts didn't want to be a painter, and until the age of 42 had not created a single work of fame." During the one-hour conversation that followed, King provided an overview of the genesis of the painting. He spoke about the particular set of circumstances under which da Vinci found himself working in 15th-century Milan after a troubled departure from Florence.

King went back to the beginning and walked the audience step-by-step through da Vinci's project, stressing the problems he had to solve during the remarkable couple of years on the scaffold in Santa Maria.

King said challenges included the technical difficulty of painting on wet plaster, and how da Vinci the inventor came up with his own technique; pressure from the



Historian and writer Ross King autographs a book for a VMC community member at the Golden Lion Feb. 17.

commissioner and monks who obviously needed their refectory; casting 13 faces and pairs of hands. Not to mention many simultaneous, unrelated projects that would interest the creativity of such a flaky genius, notorious for his boundless enthusiasm.

The presentation continued with a review of several events and accidents surrounding the painting throughout the centuries. King said around 1650 some unnamed monk-- on a mission to insert another door into the refectory-- decided the only logical spot was smack dab in the middle of the wall, which in fact was done. Finally, he gave an account of how miraculously the mural survived the World War II bombs and then spoke about the most recent restoration completed in 1999.

Regarding the challenges and struggles da Vinci encountered during the early years of his career and how those prepared him for greater achievements later in life, King was asked whether there was a lesson he could share with students and younger audience members.

King said, "I take a lot of heart from the fact that many of the great geniuses I write about suffered personal setbacks such as rejection and disappointment, and yet they still managed to achieve success despite their problems. In fact, these setbacks were important because their early failures taught them how to overcome defeat

and deal with adversity. Perseverance and stubbornness, and a refusal to quit, are a big part of achievement. Great things do not come easily -- not even if you're Leonardo da Vinci."

This was King's second visit to the Vicenza Military Community since April 2015. He came at the invitation of Lisa Balboni, English Language Arts and U.S. Government teacher at Vicenza High School. She met King at one of his lectures on Machiavelli at the Stanford Overseas Program in Florence and thought her senior students would find his lessons beneficial.

"He enjoys talking history with our students. He has this magical touch with students of all ages and relates very quickly to their queries. We all were so taken by his knowledge and his approachability," Balboni said.

Commenting on the special bond he and his family have developed with the American community, King said, "I feel privileged to come to the base and speak since my father served in the Canadian Army, my father-in-law was a career officer in the Royal Air Force, and my nephew is currently a U.S. Marine based at Camp Lejeune (N.C.). My wife is a proud RAF 'brat' so she really enjoyed meeting the students too, because she had similar experiences while growing up."

William Brockus, VHS senior, said, "It is always great to meet someone who is an expert in their field so you can get an in-depth look at a particular subject. Professor Ross King is the authority on Renaissance history, so it was a great to be able to ask specific questions about a complicated time period and receive a three-dimensional answer."

"It was a privilege to hear directly from the author how this mural painting became the world-famous, cultural icon that it is and how [da Vinci] came to influence the Western culture down to the modern day," said U.S. Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks, who hosted the event.

"I was also glad to see how many people from the community attended the event and joined the conversation with Professor King on one of humanity's finest minds."

# Five free things to do in VENICE

By **Beatrice Giomotto**  
FMWR Outdoor Recreation

**VENICE** -- Venice is a beautiful and fun city to venture into, but it is known to be a bit expensive for tourists. Although it may seem like a city not suitable to the budget traveller, there are some things you can do to keep costs down.

Here are five free things to do in Venice:

## Visit the Jewish Ghetto

The entrance to the Jewish Ghetto is just off *Ponte delle Guglie*, at the beginning of the *Strada Nuova*. As you get off the bridge, turn immediately left and then right under one of the arches, *Sotoportego del Ghetto Vecchio*. Once upon a time, this was a gate marking the boundary of the ancient ghetto, from which people of Jewish faith weren't allowed to leave. Visitors will enter a small dark alley that leads them into the world's first ghetto (established in 1516 by the Serenissima government). Notice how tall the buildings are. This is the only area of Venice where buildings can go up seven to eight floors. This is because the area where Jewish people could live was extremely small so they had to find a way to build houses that could host all of the community. Continue until *Campo del Ghetto Novo*, near the *Scuola Grande Tedesca*, and find a small museum. It stands in the main *campo* and houses the history of the Jewish community in Venice. After the visit to the museum (costs a nominal fee), visitors can explore three synagogues that are found next to the museum, and then continue to *Campielo delle Scuole*, in the Old Ghetto. A note here: as during the Holocaust, the people

living in the ghetto had to wear a yellow badge to show that they were Jews.

## Stand on top of Rialto Bridge and visit the fish market

This is definitely a must-do, free experience. I suggest going to see Rialto bridge either very early in the morning or after sunset. The atmosphere on the bridge is so different from the busy, packed one you will get during the day. At these times, the bridge is less crowded, and views from the bridge with the lights of the city is amazing. If you arrive extremely early in the morning, don't miss the fish market (*pescheria*) with fish stalls displaying all of the freshly caught fish brought in on the barges from the lagoon, and the veggie market (*erberia*).

## La Passeggiata alle Zattere (the walk in Zattere)

This is the most classical walk all Venetians take on a Sunday afternoon, the best way to relax by watching boats and cruise ships sail by. The *Fondamenta delle Zattere* is a long walkway/promenade overlooking the Canal of the Giudecca. It extends for about 1 km, running from *Stazione Marittima a San Basilio* up to *Punta della Dogana*, where the Canal enters St. Mark's Basin.

Since it is mainly situated in a south position, it is sunny and breezy and the perfect spot in spring and summer for a lovely walk. Don't forget to stop in one of the numerous bars or gelato places. One of the best is Nico's, which serves fine gelato and a host of other snacks. Don't leave town without trying *Gianduiotto*, a fist-sized block of chocolate and hazelnut gelato plunged into a cup of freshly whipped thick cream.



Looking down a Venice street. (Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

## Go to the beach (lido)

Take a day trip to beach of Venice. This is the place where Venetians go during the hot and humid summer months to try to get some breeze and to dip into the clean, warm water of the Adriatic Sea. If in Venice in September, you may even spot some famous film stars walking along the beach, since The Venice Film Festival takes place at the Lido during that time. If it's winter or autumn, the beach will be empty but still beautiful; during spring and summer, it will be more crowded not only with tourists but also with many local Venetians, as tradition calls. Take bus line 61/62 to get directly from Piazzale Roma to the Lido.

## Take a tour of the parks

It is true, Venice is more about stones than trees and plants, but there are some lovely oases of peace and green even here. Before her amazing economic growth and rise to power, Venice used to be surrounded by green. Today the green area of Venice historic center is divided into public gardens spread all over the city: *Pineta di S.Elena*, *Giardini Napoleonici*, *Giardini Papadopoli*, and *Giardini Savorgnan*.

*Pineta di Sant' Elena* is the green area on the island of Sant'Elena and is called pineta since all of the trees are pine trees. It is an open space, without gates or fences.

*Giardini Napoleonici* (Napoleon Gardens) are situated among *Riva dei 7 Martiri*, *Viale Trieste* and *Via Garibaldi*, in *Sestiere di Castello*, and have the most extended green area of Venice. The gardens are known locally as *Giardini di Castello* and were created in 1807 under the order of Napoleon.

*Giardini Papadopoli* are near *Piazzale Roma*, and it is the first park as you enter the city from the bus terminal.

The Savorgnan gardens are in S. Geremia, and they are an integral part of *Palazzo Savorgnan*. There are trees everywhere but there aren't any edges, so it looks more like a little forest than a garden.

So there you have it. Who says you can't see Venice on a budget? Ways to get there: Drive into Venezia Maestre and take the bus or train into Venezia Santa Lucia, or take a regional train from Vicenza, or any small town, to the Santa Lucia train station, which puts you on the Grand Canal.

## Sports



## Hoopin' it up

Above: Vicenza High School freshman Jordan Wakefield pushes the ball up the court during the Lady Cougars' matchup against the Aviano Saints Feb. 19 at the post gym on Caserma Ederle. Vicenza swept both the Friday and Saturday games to finish the regular season undefeated.

Right: Vicenza High School senior Alex DeCaro puts up a jumper to pull the Cougars within two against the Aviano Saints Feb 19. The Cougars took the Friday night battle 58-49, but Aviano earned a split on Saturday with a 50-41 win.



(Photos by Aaron P. Talley, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

# Sesame Street launches newest initiative

*Elmo, Rosita report for duty to help military families transition to civilian life*

**NEW YORK** -- Sesame Workshop announced at the end of January the launch of *Sesame Street for Military Families: Transitions*, the latest effort in its 11-year commitment to meet the needs of American military families.

Informed by extensive research and recommendations from parents and caregivers plus child development and military advisers, the innovative resources feature the characters Elmo and Rosita with success strategies for every member of a family facing the major milestone of leaving military service. Adults are provided tips for maintaining everyday routines, keeping lines of communication open and reaching out for help if needed; children will find fun, comfort and coping tactics with characters they love.

*Sesame Street for Military Families: Transitions* was funded with support from major private companies. The free resources will reach families nationwide as Sesame Workshop partners with military, veterans and employment organizations as well as university and human resource departments for distribution across multiple channels.

Previous military-focused Sesame Street initiatives approached issues like deployment, homecoming, injuries and grieving. Now Elmo and Rosita address an unmet need in the community-- emphasizing a child's perspective in new resources for families transitioning from active duty to civilian life.

More than a million personnel will exit the military between 2011 and 2016. The challenges they and their families face may be considerable-- the search for new employment, a new home, new family roles and routines-- and they often happen simultaneously.

In 2013 and 2014, 148,000 children younger than 10 had a parent who transitioned into the civilian community-- more than 50 percent of families said that readjustment to civilian life was "difficult."

The program aims to help with resources including:

**My Story, My Big Adventure Activity Book:** A printed keepsake book to support kids through the transition, with activity and conversation ideas to spark family excitement about new possibilities. Printable pages will also be available on web site.

**10 new videos:** Original musical anthem, "It's an Adventure," featuring Elmo and Rosita, interviews between Elmo and kids, a new animated segment and video moments of parents sharing their transition experiences.

**Implementation toolkits:** Guides for partner organizations to spread the word about these resources on social media, at meetings and more.

**Website:** A new page on [sesamestreet.org](http://sesamestreet.org) to house all the *Sesame Street for Military Families: Transitions* resources.

**The Adventure Campaign:** A series of engaging e-newsletters that provide helpful tips and relevant content to caregivers and on a bi-weekly basis. Anyone can sign up to share in the adventure.

"*Sesame Street for Military Families: Transitions* was designed to help alleviate anxiety and stress that our service members and their families may experience as they begin reintegration into civilian life," said Sherrie Westin, Sesame Workshop's EVP of Global Impact and Philanthropy. "We are honored to continue supporting our nation's military families and hope that these resources will help fill a gap by addressing the needs of the whole family at a time of transition."

"For many military families, the transition to civilian life can be challenging be-



Elmo and the Tenley family pose for the latest Sesame Street endeavor, tackling the issues surrounding transition from military to civilian life. Sesame Workshop is a global educational force for change, with a mission to reach the world's most vulnerable children. (Courtesy photo)

cause they often lose their existing support networks," says John Damonti, president, Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation. "We are proud to support Sesame Workshop's efforts to make this transition easier for military families and to help the general public better understand and recognize the service and sacrifice of all veteran family members, especially children."

Sesame Workshop will work in collaboration with military, veterans and employment organizations to distribute the materials and implement them into their communities. In addition, a combined effort with the USO will help reach targeted communities across the U.S. and bring additional resources supporting military transitions to families nationwide.

"We have appreciated the long-standing working relationship with Sesame Workshop," said Rosemary Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy.

"Their unique ability to translate difficult topics into language easily understood by children and trusted by their parents is most unique. These fun and engaging products will only help military families as they adjust to new changes with the same resilience that marked their service to our nation."

Sesame Workshop is the nonprofit organization behind Sesame Street, the pioneering television show that has been helping kids grow smarter, stronger and kinder since 1969. Today Sesame Workshop is a global educational force for change, with a mission to reach the world's most vulnerable children.

For more information, visit [sesameworkshop.org](http://sesameworkshop.org).



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## Be my Valentine

A Valentine's Day Workshop took place at the Caserma Ederle library Feb. 10. Approximately 30 children participated in the event and created a variety of crafts including a Valentine card, Valentine fish and a heart mouse. Here, Elleanny Gonzalez, 4, works on her Valentine card during the workshop.

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

# News briefs

## USO birthday bash

Don't miss the USO birthday bash that takes place Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Ederle Fitness Center, 3-6 p.m. The carnival will include games and food booths with carnival favorites such as caramel corn, caramel apples and cotton candy. Don't miss the blue ribbon pie, jelly/jam, and USO-themed craft contests. For more information, contact Rebecca Womack at the USO via DSN 637-7156, comm. 0444-71-7156.

## Buy tickets for 'Guys and Dolls'

Mark your calendar for Frank Loesser's 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. Loesser's brassy, immortal score is a crowd-pleaser. Performances run March 4-20; Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets on sale now. Adult ticket \$15; youth \$12.

## Private music instruction

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 Soldiers' Theatre for details, schedule and fees, DSN 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.

## Vicenza Winter Shootout

Deadline is Feb. 28 to register for the Vicenza Winter Shootout, the European racquetball tour that takes place March 5-6. Entry fee is 15 euro. Singles only, no teams: Men's Open, Women's Open. Limited to 25 players. Contact J.D. Lattuca for more information at JD\_lattuca@yahoo.com.

## Passport office hours

To optimize services to customers, hours of operation at the passport office 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.

## Legal Assistance Office hours

Updated hours of operation for the OSJA Legal Assistance, Claims and Tax Center are as follows:

### Legal Assistance and Claims

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri  
8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.  
Thurs  
8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

### Tax Center

Caserma Ederle  
Mon-Fri  
9 a.m.-4 p.m. (open during lunch)

### Del Din

Mon, Wed, Fri  
9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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.italy.army.mil/newcomers.asp](http://www.italy.army.mil/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 take place on Thursday afternoons and transportation is provided from Caserma Ederle. A representative will assist new parents through the process and provide translation services. For more information, contact DSN 637-7469/7165, or email usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.mpd@mail.mil.

## Call for nominations

A call for nominations for the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award. The award was established by the military departments in 1996 in honor of the Fishers, who have contributed extensively to the support and welfare of members of the armed services. The award is intended to honor and recog-

nize 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.

The Department of Defense Spirit of Hope awards are awarded annually to individuals and organizations that epitomize selfless service and dedicated commitment to our military. There is an immediate call for nominations from all Army activities, active and reserve components. Nominations are due by 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 2016-1017 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](mailto: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

## Del Din parking

Parking on Caserma Del Din along Via Dal Molin (the road adjacent to buildings 2, 3, garage 8 and barracks 24) and along Airborne Avenue and Bayonet Boulevard is not authorized. Vehicles parked in these areas will be issued a DD 1408 (Armed Forces Traffic Ticket). Parking is authorized only in the parking garages. To view the policy letter, go to [http://www.italy.army.mil/files/policyletters/pl\\_20\\_parking.pdf](http://www.italy.army.mil/files/policyletters/pl_20_parking.pdf). Anyone with questions may call DES Operations at DSN 634-7197, comm. 0444-71-7197.

## Safety information

If winter blues are about lack of daylight, it's no surprise that treatment involves getting more light into your life. Feeling low? Get outside as often as you can, especially on bright days.

It's also important to eat well during the winter. Winter blues can make a person crave sugary foods and carbohydrates such as chocolate, pasta and bread, but don't forget to include plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables in your diet. Another weapon against the seasonal slump: keep active.

Don't forget, winter is not over. Don't become complacent. Remain vigilant while driving in winter weather.

## Don't forget to vote

2016 is a Presidential Election Year. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) works to ensure Service members, their eligible family members and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have resources to successfully do so from anywhere in the world.

Voting is a fundamental right for U.S. citizens. Elections are managed individually by the 50 States, four territories (American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the District of Columbia. There are many rules for absentee voting, but the basic steps are simple:

1. Register to vote and request an absentee ballot by filling out the Federal Post Card Application, and mail to official in state of legal residence.

2. Election official approves the FPCA, disapproves, or requests additional clarifying information.

3. Once FPCA is approved, election official sends an absentee ballot to the citizen.

4. Citizen completes and returns ballot to local official by state deadline.

AR 608-20 requires that the FPCA be delivered either in hand or via electronic delivery to all Soldiers active and reserve no later than Jan. 15 of every year. The application can be found on the garrison website at [www.italy.army.mil](http://www.italy.army.mil). Click on the "Every Vote Counts" button for more information.

# At the movies



## Zootopia

In a world populated by various anthropomorphic animal species, Judy Hopps is an idealistic rabbit from Bunnyburrow who fulfills her dream of joining the police force of the mammal metropolis of Zootopia. She passes her difficult training and is assigned to Zootopia Police Department's 1st Precinct. Unfortunately, Judy is relegated by Police Chief Bogo to parking duty. Although she operates zealously to prove herself, she is manipulated and humiliated by Nick Wilde, a small time fox con artist. Starring Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Idris Elba.

March 2	7 p.m.	Eddie the Eagle (NR)
March 3	7 p.m.	Deadpool (R)
March 4	7 p.m.	London Has Fallen (PG)
	10 p.m.	Dirty Grandpa (R)
March 5	3 p.m.	Zootopia (PG)
	6 p.m.	Wiskey Tango Foxtrot (NR)
March 6	3 p.m.	Zootopia (PG)
	6 p.m.	London Has Fallen 3D (PG)
March 9	7 p.m.	Wiskey Tango Foxtrot (NR)
March 10	7 p.m.	London Has Fallen (PG)
March 11	7 p.m.	The Brothers Grimsby (NR)
	10 p.m.	Cloverfield Lane (NR)
March 12	3 p.m.	Zootopia (PG)
	6 p.m.	Cloverfield Lane (NR)
March 13	3 p.m.	The Boy (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The Brothers Grimsby (NR)
March 16	7 p.m.	Race (PG-13)
March 17	7 p.m.	Risen (PG-13)
March 18	7 p.m.	Miracles from Heaven (PG)
	10 p.m.	Forest (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](http://www.imdb.com).

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## The ABCs of AFAP

Army Community Service is home to many support programs for service members, civilians and their families, and one such program is the Army Family Action Plan. AFAP recently designed a display in Building 108, where community members will find the AFAP Book of Issues for fiscal year 2016 (to include subject-matter expert responses and updates); signage referencing AFAP; issue submission forms; and a Book of the Month sign that touts the AFAP book as the "Book of the Month" with testimony from the AFAP coordinator. Stop by ACS on Caserma Ederle to learn more about the organization. (Courtesy photo)



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# Chapel activities



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## 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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lescall@gmail.com).

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

**Trinity Church Vicenza:** An International Presbyterian Church congregation. Call 328-473-2949 or email: [trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com).

**Vicenza Hospitality House:** A good place for anyone to enjoy food, fun and

fellowship. Each Friday is a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by Walk in the Word. Call 0444-581-427 for more information or transportation.

## 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

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

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.

# Out & About

## La festa della Donna Women's Day

March 8 is International Women's Day, or *La Festa della Donna*. In Italy this is a day men give bunches of Mimosa to the women in their lives. The flowers are bright yellow and fragrant. Authorities don't agree on how or why, but the custom started in Italy, some say in Rome in 1946. Women have since then given Mimosa to each other. The flowers are a sign of respect for and an expression of solidarity and support for oppressed women worldwide. Today, women enjoy having lunch or dinner together in restaurants or pizzerias before going to discos or clubs where special shows are organized. The dinner usually ends with a so-called Mimosa cake.

## VENETO & CLOSE BY

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

Feb. 25-28, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16. From 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; embroidery and patchwork exhibits and workshops; sewing and T-shirts decorations classes; creative techniques workshops for children. Entrance 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>.

### Schella Marzo March Festival

Feb. 27-29, in Asiago. During the last three nights of February, adults and children flock to the streets, dragging long rows of tin containers, and pound on them with sticks to make enough loud noise to wake up the spring; Feb. 29, at 9 p.m. in Piazza II Risorgimento, Rogo della vecia (burning of an old woman): a huge puppet made of wood and papier-mâché symbolizing winter is burnt. It is a traditional way to celebrate the awakening of nature after its winter sleep; vin brûlé and hot chocolate for everyone. [http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art\\_schella\\_marz\\_2016\\_il\\_grande\\_falo\\_della\\_vecia\\_asiago\\_dal\\_27\\_al\\_29\\_febbraio\\_2016/](http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_schella_marz_2016_il_grande_falo_della_vecia_asiago_dal_27_al_29_febbraio_2016/)

### Fiera Elettronica Electronics Fair

Feb. 27-28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria. Amateur radio, robotics, electronics and computing exhibit; Vicomix – cartoon and Cosplayer fair; second hand electronic and photo items market. Entrance fee: €8; reduced: €6. <http://www.expoelettronica.it/eventi/expo-elettronica-vicenza-27-febbraio-2016>

### Festa di San Giuseppe e Festa della Quaglia allo Spiedo

**St. Joseph Festival and Spit-Roasted Quail Fair**  
March 5-6; March 11-13, March 16-17, and March 20, in Villaganzerla, about 9 miles south of Vicenza. Carnival rides, fair trade market, craft show, painting and photo exhibits; food booths featuring the traditional spit-roasted quail and other local specialties open at 7 p.m. Charity raffle; live music and dancing starts at 9 p.m. <http://www.festadisangiuseppe.it>



Mimosa flowers

### Festa di San Rocco St. Rocco Festival

March 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Brendola, about 9 miles southwest of Vicenza. Local products exhibit and sale; demonstration of antique trades presented by the Brendola craftsmen association; music, bounce houses, and rides. <http://prolocobrendola.it/eventi/festa-di-san-rocco-2/>

### Spazio Casa Exhibition of furnishings, home and wedding

March 11-14 and March 18-20, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16. Thursdays-Fridays, 3-9 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; the show is dedicated to classical, country and ethnical furnishings, modern and contemporary furnishings, stoves and chimneys, garden and patio furniture, clothing and wedding articles. Free entrance. <http://www.vicenzafiera.it/it/fiere/spaziocasa>

### Irlanda in Festa Irish Fest

March 9-20, in Padova, Geox Theatre, Via Tassinari 1, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Typical Irish cuisine and beer; live Celtic music and Irish dances, kick boxing, carnival rides. Free entrance to all concerts and events. <https://www.facebook.com/irlanda.in.festa/>

### StraVicenza Marathon

Annual StraVicenza 1.5 km, 4.5 km and 10 km runs, March 20, 10:30 a.m. Start and finish will be on Viale Roma, across from the train station in Vicenza. Register at Puro Sport, Via del Verme 3, or at any café at the Palladio Mall, or race day at StraVicenza Point in Campo Marzo, 8-10:15 a.m. Registration fee is €4 and €2 for children younger than 14; cost includes bib number, snack and medical coverage; bag storage service is available for €1. <http://corsa.stravicenza.it/>

### L'Uovo in Ceramica Ceramic Easter eggs exhibit

March 20 - April 3, in Nove, Museum of Ceramics, Piazza De Fabris 5, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Each year Nove celebrates Easter with an exhibition of ceramic eggs made by Italian pottery artists. Grand opening is March 20 at 11:30 a.m. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Italian holidays 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7 p.m. Free entrance.

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

### Salone Italiano del Golf Italian Golf Fair

Feb. 27-28, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Feb. 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in Parma, Viale delle Esposizioni 393A, about 120 miles southwest of Vicenza. Over 100 companies present the latest news on golf equipment, shoes, clothing and accessories; golf competitions between champions and professional amateurs. The fair also provides non-golfers opportunities to try out a new sport. Admission fee: €10; free entrance for children under 14; discount: €8 if you purchase your ticket online at <http://biglietteria.fiereparma.it/bweb/index.php>. <http://www.italiangolfshow.it/visitare.html>

### Olio Capitale Top quality extra-virgin olive oil expo

March 5-7, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., March 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; in Trieste, Molo dei Bersaglieri 3, about 120 miles east of Vicenza. Attendees will experience some of the highest quality extra virgin olive oil in Italy during the Olio Capitale, the country's premier olive oil exhibition. Stop by the oil bar to taste extra-virgin olive oil with regional experts. Tasting sessions cater to English speakers; cooking tips. Entrance fee: €6; get a reduced ticket (€4), by filling out a form at <http://www.oliocapitale.it/eng/register.html>.

### Orto Giardino Exhibit of floriculture, nursery products, horticulture and outdoor furniture

March 5-13, in Pordenone, Viale Treviso, 1, about 90 miles northeast of Vicenza. Mondays-Fridays 2:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Admission fee: €8; reduced €6 for children 13-18; free for children younger than 13. <http://www.ortogiardinopordenone.it/>

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS VENETO

**Cerea:** Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

**Dolo (Venice):** Feb. 28, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

**Piazzola sul Brenta:** Feb. 28, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

**Spresiano (Treviso):** Feb. 28, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

**Treviso:** Feb. 28, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

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

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

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



StraVicenza, Vicenza

## TUSCANY

### EcoCarnevale

Feb. 27-28 and March 5-6, 2-8 p.m., in Chianciano Terme. Contest for the best costumes made from recycled materials; cosplay and fantasy contests; local crafts exhibit and sale; baby dance and face painting; music and shows. Entrance fee: €8; free for children younger than 14.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=2008>

### Terre di Toscana-eccellenza nel bicchiere Tuscany lands – wine fair

Feb. 28, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Feb. 29, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in Lido Camaiore (Lucca), UNA Hotel, Viale Sergio Bernardini. Local and international wine producers present their wines to the general public. The €25 entrance fee includes unlimited wine tasting; free shuttle bus from Viareggio train station to the hotel and back from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

<http://www.dievole.it/en/blog/annual-wine-events-in-tuscany/?splash18=56af7fd920603>

### Carnevale in Viareggio

Feb. 28 and March 5. Float 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/>.

### Il Pagliaio – Mercato biologico e artigianato locale The Barn – Organic market and local crafts exhibit and sale

Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Greve in Chianti (Florence), Piazza Matteotti. Seed workshops for children; seed exhibit; entertainment for children and live music.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com>

### PiacereDiVino Food and wine fair

March 13, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., in Bientina (Pisa) at the BlackLine Cafè, Via Marco Polo 83. Exhibit and sale of the best gastronomic Italian products; wine tasting; biological products; cooking workshops. The €10 entrance fee includes unlimited food and wine sampling.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com>



Saint Joseph Festival, Veneto



Spazio Casa



PONTERERA

## Piacere di Vino

13 Marzo 2016 ore 11-19

dalla terra alla tavola

Salone delle eccellenze enogastronomiche locali





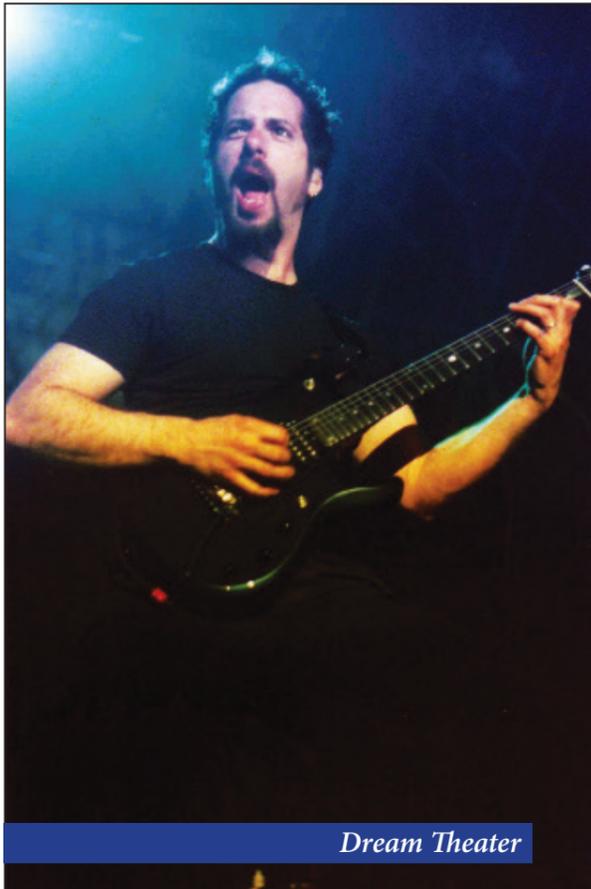



Food and Wine Fair, Pisa

Salone Enogastronomico



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Dream Theater

## CONCERTS/SPORTS

**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  
**Dream Theater** – March 17-19 in Milan; March 20 in Trieste  
**Uriah Heep** – March 18 in Milan; March 19 in Rome; March 20 in Bologna  
**Prince Royce** – March 30, in Rome  
**Anastacia** – April 3 in Padova; April 4 in Milan; April 6 in Bolzano

**Marcus Miller** – April 15 in Rome; April 17 in Padova; April 18 in Milan; April 20 in Catania  
**Mariah Carey** – April 16 in Assago (Milan)  
**Steven Wilson** – April 26 in Trieste; April 27 in Florence  
**James Morrison** – April 26 in Milan  
**Cannibal Corpse** – May 1 in Milan

**Adam Lambert** – May 4 in Milan  
**Wolfmother** – May 8 in Milan  
**5 Seconds of Summer** – May 13 in Verona; May 14 in Rome  
**Elvis Costello** – May 23 in Torino; May 24 in Milan; May 25 in Padova; May 27 in Florence; May 28 in Bologna; May 29 in Rome; May 31 in Brescia  
**Yes** – May 26 in Milan; May 27 in Padova, May 31 in Florence; June 1 in Rome

**Adele** – May 28-29 in Verona  
**Black Sabbath** – June 13 in Verona  
**Queen + Adam Lambert** – June 25 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)  
**Bruce Springsteen** – July 3 in Milan; July 16 in Rome  
**Wilco** – July 4 in Ferrara; Nov. 12 in Milan

**Van Morrison & Tom Jones** – July 9 in Lucca  
**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 + Earth Wind and Fire** – July 11 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 12 in Lucca

**Neil Young** – July 13 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 15 in Rome; July 16 in Lucca; July 18 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)  
**Beyoncé** – July 18 in Milan

**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  
**Justin Bieber** – Nov. 19-20 in Casalecchio Di Reno (Bologna)

**WWE Live Wrestlemania** – April 13 in Assago (Milan); April 14 in Florence MotoGP - May 20-22, Mugello (Scarperia – Florence)  
**Formula 1** – Sept. 2-4, in Monza

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at <http://www.greenticket.it>.

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](http://www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza).

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS TUSCANY

**Bientina (Pisa):** Feb. 27-28, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

**Cecina (Livorno):** Feb. 28, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

**Florence:** Feb. 28, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Via Ciampi

**Montevarchi (Arezzo):** Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

**Ponte a Egola (Pisa):** Feb. 28, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

**Prato:** Feb. 27-28, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

**Arezzo:** March 5-6, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Grande

**Carmignano (Prato):** March 6, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti

**Cascina (Pisa):** March 6, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Corso Matteotti

**Orbetello (Grosseto):** March 5-6, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia

**Pietrasanta (Lucca):** March 6, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo

**San Giuliano Terme (Pisa):** March 6, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia

**San Miniato (Pisa):** March 6, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo

**Scarperia (Firenze):** March 6, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., downtown squares and streets.

# Family & MWR Events

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

### Financial Fitness Course

March 1 & 15; 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.

### English as a Second Language

March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 9 a.m.-noon  
March 7, 14, & 28, 2-4 p.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, 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.

### EFMP Information Hour

March 2, noon-1 p.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Monthly information hour to learn about building resiliency skills. Sessions offer valuable information to those caring for someone with special needs, many times with practical hands-on exercises for successful outcomes from an expert behavioral therapist. Guests are invited to bring lunch and eat during the presentation. Call (314) 633-7500 for more information.

### Organization Point of Contact Training for Volunteers

March 3; 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.

### 2016 AER Campaign Kickoff

March 4; 3-4 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Celebrate the 74th anniversary of the AER campaign! Enjoy some cake and light refreshments while learning more about AER.

Take this opportunity to learn about what AER can do for you!

### Host Nation Orientation

March 7; 9 a.m.

Bldg. 504, ACS, Camp Darby

For Darby newcomers! Day 1: Full morning of navigating the Darby resources. Learn the Italian language from a native. Day 2: Experience touring hospitals, downtown Pisa and riding the public transportation. Day 3: Tour downtown Livorno, view hospital location and experience local culture. This event is free. Come in comfortable clothing and budget €7-10 per day for transportation and meal costs in the community.

### Photo Club: Photo Editing

March 12; noon-1 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Learn how to apply editing effects to your photos. Registration is required by March 10 at the Arts & Crafts Center or online through WebTrac. Cost \$5.

### Introduction to Framing

March 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., \$40

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Learn how to custom frame your art.

## ARTS /CRAFTS

### Beginner Photography Class

March 1, 8, 15, & 22, noon-1 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Take this course to learn how to effectively use your digital camera. Bring a lunch if you like. No experience necessary. Contact DSN: 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

### Woodshop Certification

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

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Safety course to learn about procedures and precautions in the woodshop. Upon completion, participants will receive certification card which is required to use the woodshop. Use of woodshop after certification is \$2.50 per hour. 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

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### Power Pump

Feb. 29, 9-10 a.m.

Ederle Fitness

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

Classes are 60 minutes and contain eight separate muscle-group specific songs. Work with free weights, barbells, aerobic step.

### Power Vinyasa Yoga

Feb. 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.

### Adult Swim Fast Track Course

March 1-18, 4-5 p.m.; meets Tues-Fri

Fitness Center, Del Din

\$60 for eligible DoD ID cardholders

If you enjoy swimming and would like to be a stronger swimmer, this is the class for you. Our fast track adult swim course will give you the skills needed to improve your swim and be more confident in the water. Free for active duty.

### Fit EDGE! Boxing Training/Cond.

Tues & Thurs in March; 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. Cost: \$20.

### Intro to Scuba

March 17 & 23; 5:45-7 p.m.

Del Din Fitness Center Pool

\$10 per session (need only one session)

A basic introduction to scuba diving for people who want to try it before taking a NAUI Basic Open Water Scuba course. Small-group instruction with certified instructor. All equipment supplied; bring swimsuit. Pay in person at ODR, fill out required paperwork and let's dive.

### Scuba Refresher

March 31, May 12; 5:30-10 p.m., \$75

ODR Classroom & Y-40 Diving Center

Has it been more than 12 months since you last went scuba diving or do you just want to have a refresher before diving this summer? Join NAUI scuba instructors for an evening of learning and fun. Proof of certification required.

## TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

### Photography Exhibit

Now through March 8

Library, Caserma Ederle

Stop by the library to view photos from youth in grades 6-12 in the Vicenza Military Community, and cast your vote for

your favorite. Categories include black & white; color; digital; and alternative.

### Darby Youth Center Laser Tag

March 4, \$5 plus 15 euro

Bldg. 730, Camp Darby

Play laser tag, eat pizza, have fun! Need minimum of six participants. Contact DSN 633-7629 for more information.

### Auditions for Beauty & the Beast Jr.

March 7 and 8, 5:30 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle

"Be our guest!" at musical auditions. Looking for large cast of young actors, ages 8-18; 30 roles available. Audition consists of cold readings, a song from the show, and simple dance steps. Call DSN 634-7281 for more information.

### Family Movie Night

Feb. 28 and March 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20

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

For \$29.95 enjoy a movie, two hours of bowling for up to six people, pizza and more. Reserve 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

March 1; 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.

### Genova and the Aquarium

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

Outdoor Recreation, Caserma Ederle

Discover Genova, one of the most important seaport cities in northern Italy. There will be free time and a visit to the largest aquarium in Europe, with 15,000 animals of 400 species. Cost includes transportation and aquarium entrance fee.

### Comedy Force 5

March 7; 8-9:30 p.m.

The Arena, Caserma Ederle

Comedy Force 5 is touring Europe and Vicenza is on their calendar! Show targeted to adult audiences due to adult humor; seating is first-come, first-served.

### Boot Scootn' Boogie

March 12; 7 p.m.

Warrior Zone, Bldg. 41, Del Din

Don't sit at home watching TV; come out and make new friends. Get together with host country nationals and play some down-home activities, eat, and kick back with country music.

### Seattle Seahawks Sea Gals

March 15; 3-5 p.m.

Caserma Ederle Post Gym

The community is invited to be entertained by the Seattle Seahawks Sea Gals, cheer leading team of the 2014 Super Bowl champions. The Sea Gals team will allot time to ensure autographed cards are handed out. Focus is cheerleading and entertainment; Q&A session for high school and youth cheerleaders upstairs in Group Fitness 1 Room @ 3:15 p.m. Event in main gym begins at 3:30 p.m. Room for 400; first-come, first-served.

### Salzburg, Austria Express

March 19; 3 a.m.; \$95

Outdoor Recreation, Caserma Ederle

The hills come alive when you visit this historic Austrian city, home of famous composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and the setting for the classic musical, "The Sound of Music." Seven hours drive each way. Register at Outdoor Rec or on Webtrac. Call DSN 634-7453, comm. 0444-71-7453, for more information.

**Soldiers' Theatre Presents**

# GUYS & DOLLS

*A Musical Fable of Broadway*  
Based on a story and characters by James M. Casper  
Music and Lyrics by Frank Loesser  
Book by Jo Swerlow and Joe Swerlow

**Featuring**

<b>LeeAnn Farris</b>	<b>Annie Jacobs</b>	<b>Aaron Talley</b>	<b>Vance Kit Williamson</b>
Jeremy Cates	Chris Jacobs	Jason Brown	
Alphonso Ortiz	Darrin Olinger	Rodger Allison	
	Nancy Hacker		
Ryan Butler	Adam Casey	Sarika Coolbrane	
Leigh Della Vecchia	John Seward	Matthew Wheeler	
Alexis Bennett	Victoria Davis	Daniela Frigola	
Sarah Corvin	LaSandra McDonald	Sandra Meegan	
Pat Wilson	Myrta Davis	Dreana Holland	
Robin Sampson	Robin Allison	Karina Beretich	
Valerie Bryant	Francesca Borry	Latesha Miles	

**Director: Jerry Brees**

**Musical Director: Ciriaco Colella**

**Choreographer: Linda Dahlstrom**

**Vocal Director: Aaron Talley**

**March 4-20, 2016**  
Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.  
Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$12 Youth  
Box Office: 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281  
www.Italy.armyMWR.com

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