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vair-doo-rah
- Desserts**
Dolce
dole-chay



Soldiers gathered in the Caserma Del Din gym Feb. 25 for the first U.S. Army Garrison Italy Total Army Sponsorship Rodeo. Participants visited service providers from across the installation and received a 15-minute presentation at each station.

Sponsorship Garrison agencies participate in first rodeo

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

VICENZA -- U.S. Army Garrison Italy held its first Total Army Sponsorship Program Rodeo Feb. 25 at the gym on Caserma Del Din here.

TASP Rodeo, an Installation Management Command-Europe initiative, is designed to help Soldiers, civilians and family members learn more about sponsorship resources from their garrison agencies.

Approximately 600 participants visit-

ed more than a dozen service providers from across the installation and received a 15-minute presentation at each station.

"The purpose of this event was to train Soldiers, civilians and family members on how to be great sponsors," said Melissa Wakefield, who coordinated the event along with Shaniequa Giacomucci, USAG Italy Directorate of Human Resources, and 173rd Airborne Brigade sponsorship representatives.

Wakefield added that the event provided an opportunity to show the community how important sponsorship is to the USAG Italy command team, and all

other command teams and their Soldiers.

"I have always felt strongly about sponsorship, the importance of making sure this program works. [For example], we want to ensure we take care of that new female single Soldier when she comes to her first duty station, thousands of miles away from home for the first time. We want to make sure that not only does she have a place to live, but that we provide great mentors so that she enjoys her time in Italy."

Wakefield also highlighted the

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AER campaign kicks off

USAG Italy Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dennison (middle) and representatives from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade cut a cake during the March 4 ceremony at Army Community Service to kick off the 2016 Army Emergency Relief campaign. This year's theme is "Never Leave a Soldier in Need." The fund-raising campaign is conducted annually and runs through May 15. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)





"2016 Army Emergency Relief Annual Campaign"

For the past 74 years, Army Emergency Relief (AER) has clearly made a difference in enhancing the readiness and relieving the distress of Soldiers and their Families by providing \$1.7 billion in needed financial assistance. Last year alone, over \$70 million in interest free loans and grants were distributed to more than 48,000 Soldiers and dependents. Such an extraordinary accomplishment is not sustainable without the continued generosity of active duty and retired Soldiers and Army Civilians.

Unfortunately, the number of Soldiers donating to AER over the past 2 years has declined 40%. This year, we are asking Commands to re-emphasize annual fundraising efforts to maintain past levels of AER support. Those efforts include:

- Ensuring every Soldier receives the opportunity to voluntarily donate through on the job solicitation.
- Creating a greater awareness of AER benefits through sustained publicity before and during the campaign.
- Conducting robust Campaign Kickoff events involving installation leaders at all levels.

The 2016 AER Annual Fundraising Campaign will commence on 1 March and continue until 15 May. The campaign theme, "Never Leave a Soldier Behind," carries the solemn and enduring promise of "Soldiers Helping Soldiers – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."


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Speak Out March is Women's History Month. Which female figure has most influenced your life?

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



Veronica Lauer
Directorate of Human Resources
"My mother; she was the greatest woman."



1st Sgt. Jonay Medina
HHC USAG Italy
"My mother Neyda. She beat cancer and is the reason I am the man and human being I am today."



Oxana Balke
Family member
"The most influential young woman is Pakistani school girl, Malala Yousafzai, who makes big changes in today's society."



Carly Exum
Family member
"My mom because she taught me everything I know, and she taught me how to love unconditionally."



Cristina Tolaini
DMC DPW
"My grandmother. I always wanted to be just like her, a strong woman who grew a big family through difficulties but with a big smile."



Spc. Jane Njenga
Livorno Health Clinic
"Hillary Clinton. I admire how she came up as a female and her professional ethics."

Darby devotes time, week to saving money

Story and photo by
Chiara Mattiolo
DMC Public Affairs Office

CAMP DARBY -- Local organizations invited Darby Military Community members to join in "Military Saves Week" by setting a goal and making a plan.

The weeklong event was a partnership between Army Community Service, Global Credit Union and Community Bank and served as a reminder to strive for a culture of "encouraging savings and not debt."

"Military Saves Week is about checking where you are, knowing where you are going, and devising a plan to get there," said Evelyn Watkins, ACS event representative.

Throughout the week, ACS displayed a human-sized "Tree of Savings" that featured long-term-goal pictures that might put a focus on savings, in the hopes of enticing people to save money.

"As the community members made their pledges, they solidified their (commitment) by adding their one, five, 10 or 20 dollar-bill pledges to the 'Tree of Savings,'" said Watkins. "The tree served as a reminder to continue saving in order to reach their final goal."

Each participant received a free credit report code and a packet of coupons to begin saving.



Evelyn Watkins, Army Community Service representative, passes the saver pledge to Ryjean Robb, SAIC contractor, who said he plans to save towards a college degree.

According to the Federal Trade Commission webpage, The Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the nationwide credit reporting companies-- Equifax, Experian and TransUnion-- to provide all American citizens with a free copy of their credit report upon request, once every 12 months.

"Staggering these reports-- that is, getting a report from a different company every few months-- can help monitor activity on our credit reports quarterly," explained Watkins.

The FCRA promotes the accuracy and privacy of information in the files of the credit reporting agencies. The Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, enforces the FCRA with respect to credit reporting companies. To order a free annual report, visit annualcreditreport.com, or call 1-877-322-8228.

For their part of the program, the credit union focused on classes and a cou-

pon-saving contest that began March 1 and will run through May 3. The contest will reward first- and second-place winners with a prize representing the "Fruits of their Savings" and encourage the Darby community to shop with coupons and reap the savings, Watkins said. To enter, shop with coupons and deposit your grocery receipt into the locked "coupon savings" box in the commissary. Make sure to write your name and telephone number on the back of the receipt.

Other activities that took place during the week were classes at the Youth Center to educate future leaders about starting to save money at an early age and classes for Soldiers on how to help set up an automatic saving plan, and translating/understanding Italian bills and the billing system.

The campaign continues but Military Saves Week closed with an open house at each of the financial providers on Camp Darby.

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importance of taking care of families whose spouses will deploy, and setting up their family to enjoy time in Italy even during that deployment.

"This simple concept called sponsorship is huge when it comes to the overall happiness and readiness of Soldiers, civilians and family members. It starts out with a simple welcome to Italy and 'here is how I am going to take care of you while you are here,'" she continued.

Providing information were 14 primary agencies such as DHR, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Army Community Service, Vehicle Registration, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Housing, Medical Command, Army Substance Abuse Prevention, Finance, Child and Youth Services, Youth Sponsorship and Spouse Sponsorship representation. Participants also had the chance to interact with other agencies including the Sexual Harassment and Response Program team, Arts and Crafts, and Outdoor Recreation.

"This outcome of support reiterates that we care about all of our new incoming personnel and we want to find a way to keep improving on a concept [sponsorship] that has been around the military for a long time. Overall, the agencies were grateful to get out information to personnel to let them know that we have some great services within our community," said Wakefield.

One of the SHARP team representatives at the event was Victim Advocate Michelle Demarais.

"We always try to have an opportunity to interact, and TASP Rodeo helps because we can show what we can do for the Soldiers and their families, and we can give all the information," she said after handing out some materials.

One participant, 1st Lt. Michael Miranda of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, arrived in Vicenza a few months ago.

"When I was first coming here I didn't understand what the sponsor needed to do," he said.

"I think this program is very beneficial for a better understanding to be a sponsor. I really appreciate how they tried very hard to have people get as much information as they can while PCSing, because getting to a new installation is the hardest part," he added.

Miranda thought some agencies were very helpful.

"I am glad that Outdoor Recreation representatives were here because they are amazing. The trips they plan are easy to take, they are inexpensive and, while traveling, a lot of people speak English, so it makes it more comfortable--especially (when) going to locations in different countries," he said.

Army garrisons throughout Europe will plan sponsorship rodeos on an annual basis, said Wakefield.

"Of all the garrisons within the European footprint, we have had the biggest participation thus far. I know that there are still some garrisons that will conduct their rodeos within the next month, but I predict we will have the biggest participation," she said.

Telehealth saves Army \$1.34 million, takes MEDCOM Wolf Pack Award

By **Ed Drohan**
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Public Affairs

SEMBACH KASERNE, Germany -- The Regional Health Command Europe Advancement of Telehealth team has been recognized by U.S. Army Medical Command with the quarterly Wolf Pack Award.

Sponsored by MEDCOM Civilian Corps, the award recognizes and celebrates team success throughout Army Medicine, and highlights teamwork that drives excellence in outcomes supporting the Army Medicine mission. Eligible teams must consist of a mix of civilian and military team members, and may include contractors.

The telehealth team was recognized for their efforts in establishing and advancing the first hospital-wide "real-time" telehealth platform within MEDCOM. The system allows medical, surgical and behavioral health care specialties to provide care through telehealth, according to Col. (Dr.) Kirk Waibel, RHCE telehealth medical director. With telehealth, patients at remote clinics can interact with Landstuhl medical center providers in more than two dozen specialties via a secure video link and using special exam tools and techniques.

"In the past 12 months, this team's efforts have resulted in 2,658 telehealth visits, a 160 percent increase," Waibel said in the award nomination package. "Based on survey feedback, patients want telehealth more than ever with more than 99 percent answering they would use telehealth again as well as recommend it to a friend."

Since telehealth means patients can be seen in local clinics without having to travel to Landstuhl, the program has also saved Soldiers, beneficiaries and their commanders an estimated 2,050 work or school days, \$1.34 million in travel-related expenses, and 825,000 kilometers that didn't have to be traveled, Waibel said.

"It's actually a ballet of coordination with the technical portion, the provider-physician portion, the patient portion, and then all the nuts and bolts that go into it through patient administration, finance, the technical equipment, making sure that the technical equipment is set up with the proper computer uploads, and just all of that technology together," said Ronald Keen, RHCE telehealth Chief. "I think what is so incredible is how our civilian

staff and our military staff work together, not only in Landstuhl but regionally with Regional Health Command Europe and Landstuhl as the hub, feeding out to all of the remote locations. It has been just an incredible collaboration effort."

What sets the RHCE program apart from others in MEDCOM is specialized personnel hired to support the program, Keen explained. The team currently includes four specially trained nurses -- with a hiring action in progress to bring a fifth aboard -- who facilitate the long-distance interaction between the patient and the specialty provider. The nurses are currently in place in Germany at the Wiesbaden, Stuttgart, and Vilseck Army health clinics; the Vicenza Army Health Center in Italy; and plans are to have one at SHAPE Army Health Clinic in Belgium soon.

Each telehealth nurse undergoes training with individual specialty providers to understand how to do examinations involved in their respective practices and to use equipment needed to perform those exams, Keen explained.

Vicenza's telehealth nurse is Abbigail Eason, and she has implemented the program in the health center on Caserma Ederle. Eason said she has been working with the specialized equipment since it arrived in Vicenza in early 2010, and it's made a difference in patient care.

"Telehealth capability has expanded the Vicenza community's access to care, leading to improved follow-up with specialty providers and decreased the number of trips necessary to Landstuhl," she said.

According to Waibel, this concept of operations has increased overall participation in -- and satisfaction with -- the telehealth program. Eason agreed.

"The patients have expressed their satisfaction with the quality of the telehealth experience and ability to see the provider from their own clinic," Eason said. She added that not every visit to a specialist can be facilitated via telehealth, but if someone were referred to a specialist, it wouldn't hurt to ask if a telehealth visit is appropriate.

Keen said he was honored, elated and gratified that such hard-working people have been selected for the award.

"Everybody is so very proud of this achievement," he said. "It's an inspiration to our global telehealth program where we have many, many other telehealth regions and site. When they see an award like this being given, it inspires them."

(Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office, contributed to this article.)

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Vicenza High School's Winter Guard, *Avventura*, performed for family and friends at the school gym Feb. 26. On left: Team Captain Makaylah Brown performs in the final performance. The group used songs from Disney movies "The Princess and the Frog," "Mulan" and "Frozen." Brown dubbed it the team's "happily ever after show." Right: Team *Avventura* performs a synchronized flag toss during their show.

Winter Guard caps inaugural season with flags, rifles and more

Story and photos by **Aaron P. Talley**
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

CASERMA EDERLE -- The winter season for high school athletics here is usually made up of basketball, wrestling and cheerleading. But this year, Vicenza High School added a new sport, Winter Guard.

Known to its fans as the "Sport of the Arts," Winter Guard involves choreographed movements with different props like flags, sticks or mock rifles. According to the Winter Guard International website (www.wgi.org), Winter Guard "provides a venue for young people to achieve the extraordinary through performance and competition."

For many of the Vicenza team, which they have named *Avventura*, being a part of Winter Guard has given them a chance to learn a new sport while also spending time with their friends.

"It makes it easier to coordinate because we already

know each other," said 10th-grader Nic Martinez. "It makes us more organized."

For team captain Makaylah Brown, also a 10th-grader, the fact that most of the team had little to no experience wasn't a problem.

"It's actually the perfect opportunity because there are no bad habits," she said. "It's been fun with this group because they're really talented naturally and learn well."

As director of team, Ronda Metzger had to pull from a variety of groups to put together a full squad. Her first criterion was "no experience necessary."

"It's the first year, so only three (of the students) had ever twirled flag before," said Metzger. "The other members are mostly instrumentalists that we borrowed from marching band, but they had never done anything like this before."

"Even the ones who had twirled flags hadn't done swing flag, hadn't done rifle, so this was a completely new thing for everyone-- and new to me, also, because even though I was a performer, I've never been a direc-

tor before."

The group performed during halftime ceremonies at several basketball games throughout the season, and then finished with a private performance for their family and friends Feb. 26 at the high school gym. For performers and director, the last show was a chance to show how much they had improved over the course of the season.

"The kids have come an extremely long way and are putting on an exciting show that the audience will love," said Metzger.

"I hope that this community that has not seen Winter Guard before falls in love with something new, and gets bitten in the way that I have gotten bitten and the kids have gotten bitten. [I hope they will] see why this is fun and exciting and enjoyable to participate in and enjoyable to watch."

"I hope that they see that we worked very hard to do this for them and they see our dedication for Winter Guard," Brown added.



Renaissance clocks

Matteo Soprana describes one part of a new exhibit called "Renaissance Clocks: Between Power and Prestige" at the Diocesan Museum (*Museo Diocesano*) in downtown Vicenza. Members of the U.S. Army Garrison Italy and U.S. Army Africa chapel teams attended a private viewing of the exhibit March 3. Community members are invited to the museum during open hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m., at Piazza Duomo 12. The exhibit is the initiative of Soprana's father, Stefano Soprana, and is on display through April 3. It takes visitors through time-telling history-- from public clocks to table clocks to clocks for the individual.

(Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)



February observance

Carl Phillip speaks to members of the Vicenza Military Community at the African American/Black History Month observance. The special event took place at the Golden Lion Conference Center on Caserma Ederle Feb. 24. Phillip, a retired sergeant major and current Department of the Army civilian, elaborated on the theme of the observance: "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories." (Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

Veterans' act allows Soldiers to transition from military with ease

By **Corey Kerzmann**
Vicenza Transition Services Manager

VICENZA -- All Soldiers, whether first-term, seasoned veteran or close to retirement, will eventually transition from military service, and there is some information that is important to know.

The military transition process is governed by the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act (Public Law 112-56). The VOW Act allows the service member to begin the transition as early as 18 months from the ETS (estimated time of separation) date or 24 months from the projected retirement date. However, it requires the service member to begin the process no later than 12 months from the ETS date.

So, if you are a Soldier less than 18 months away from separating (or less than 24 months from retirement) and have not already done so, now is the time to visit the Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program, or SFL-TAP, here.

SFL-TAP's (formerly known as the Army Career and Alumni Program) mission is to ensure a successful transition from the military to a post-military career by providing Soldiers with tools, resources and training to help them make informed career decisions and be competitive in the global workforce.

All Soldiers with more than 180 days of continuous active-duty service are required to meet Career Readiness Standards regardless of the reason for separation. DoD policy mandates the CRS and the standards are in

addition to the VOW Act requirements.

Using the 12-month schedule required under the VOW Act, Soldiers are able to schedule transition preparation around unit and mission demands, which will create a positive and less stressful environment. It should be mentioned that all transition requirements are to be accomplished prior to clearing, which should be at least three months prior to separation.

The Vicenza SFL-TAP Center is located in Building 126 on Caserma Ederle. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (open training holidays; closed federal holidays). Appointments are strongly recommended but not required. To talk to a counselor, call DSN 637-8154/8153 or commercial 0444-61-8154/8153; or email at usarmy.italy.imcom-europe.mbx.sfl-tap@mail.mil.

For more information about the transition process or to view our handbook, scan the QR code below or visit http://www.italy.army.mil/sfl_start.asp. SFL-TAP also has a Facebook page, <https://facebook.com/VicenzaSFLTAP>, where visitors will find articles on transitioning, job announcements, and information about virtual job fairs.

The SFL-TAP program prepares the service member for a graceful transition from military service to a civilian life. The key to a successful transition is to start the program early and come often. The benefits of the SFL-TAP center cannot be realized once a service member is clearing the installation.

Overall, SFL-TAP is a commander's program, but a Soldier's responsibility.



If you think you don't need a will, think again

Do not disregard the importance of obtaining a Last Will and Testament. Having this legal document in place can put minds at ease regarding responsibility for children, disposal of property.

By **Capt. Mark E. Starchman**
Legal Assistance Office

VICENZA -- Many Soldiers may think they don't need a will, but misconceptions may be preventing people from creating this important document.

"If I don't have a will, won't everything just go to my spouse/kids/parents automatically?"

Who actually inherits from you depends on many different factors and is subject to the laws of the state of residence or where one's property is located. Depending on the state and the family situation, this could mean that everything left behind goes to parents, a spouse, children, siblings, or some combination of those groups. By executing a will, the individual decides who inherits what is left behind rather than leaving it up to the state and courts.

For those with children, keep in mind the will doesn't just pass along wealth and property; it also allows you to designate who you'd like to care for your children after you're gone. If this preference hasn't been memorialized in a will, it may be up to a judge to decide who will raise your children and watch over their property. The judge won't know you, your children or your relatives as well as you do, and may leave the responsibility to someone you would never have wanted to care for your children.

"I've already filled out my DD93, DD214, and my SGLV 8286, so I'm all set, right?"

Wrong. Those forms filled out with the personnel office only distribute service-related benefits; they don't control what happens to everything else you own. Bank accounts, investments, real estate, vehicles, and

other personal possessions are not covered by any of the forms you fill out during in-processing and Soldier readiness forums.

"But I don't even have kids, why should I have a will?"

In addition to allowing an individual to specify who inherits, the will is a chance to tell the courts who will be in charge of your estate.

One of the most important things one does in a will is to appoint an executor or personal representative for his/her estate. After death, this person will be empowered to carry out the deceased's wishes and settle the estate (e.g., notify banks, credit card companies, and government agencies of the death; pay debts; contact heirs; pay taxes; collect, maintain, protect, and distribute property). An executor is entrusted with an enormous amount of responsibility in properly executing last wishes. By naming this person in the will, you'll ensure that someone you trust is managing your affairs.

"I keep meaning to make a will, but I just can't seem to find the time!"

At the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office, we try to make the process of making a will as quick and painless as possible. Just stop by during regular business hours to pick up the "Estate Planning Questionnaire." You can take this questionnaire home and fill it out at your leisure.

When you're done, drop it off at the office and schedule an appointment to return to review and execute your will. Legal assistance attorneys are also available to answer any questions about the estate-planning process. They will discuss options for leaving property to intended heirs or other more complex arrangements, such as setting up a trust for a child or disinherit a family member. If you want a say in how your property is distributed in the event of your death, a will is the appropriate legal document for you.

For more information or for specific advice, contact the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office in Building 241 on Caserma Ederle at DSN 634-7041, or comm. 0444-71-7041.

New principal brings experience, enthusiasm

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

CAMP DARBY -- Christy Blevins joined the Livorno Elementary/Middle School community following Principal Stephen Brown's retirement at the end of November 2015.

Most recently, Blevins served as principal in residence for Department of Defense Education Activity at the Mediterranean District Superintendent Office (DSO). Before her work at the DSO, she was the principal of Bahrain Elementary School, in Manama, Bahrain; Lakenheath Elementary School in the United Kingdom; and Sasebo Elementary School in Sasebo, Japan.

Blevins said she is excited to be here in Italy. "I am really delighted and honored to be part of this great school community. I look forward to opportunities and experiences working with the students, teachers, parents and military in the Livorno community," she said. "This is a great school community where everybody invests in school projects and feels responsible for school activities by sharing ideas and raising opinions."

Blevins joined DoDEA as a kindergarten teacher after having worked in Jefferson County public schools in the metro area of Denver. Before transitioning to school administration, Blevins worked in both the Pacific and European areas as a teacher in grades Pre-K through 6, as a reading specialist, and as a school counselor.

"I am here to be, in the first place, a part of the school community," said Blevins. "Of course also to provide leadership and guidance."

"I see there are some changes and attention that the school facilities are in need of, and will work strongly to make this happen."

Blevins said she is pleased to be in the area and thinks one of the major pluses of Tuscany is the good weather, which results in happier people.



Blevins



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European racquetball tour comes to Vicenza



Marco Arnoldi returns a ceiling shot against J.D. Lattuca at the Vicenza Winter Shootout that took place at the fitness center on Caserma Ederle March 5-6. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

CASERMA EDERLE -- The Vicenza Racquetball Club and Racquetball Italia played host to the Winter Shootout at the fitness center on Caserma Ederle March 5-6.

U.S. Army Garrison Italy Sports, Fitness and Aquatics staff supported the sporting event, one of the few Italian tournaments on the European Racquetball Tour.

Players from Italy, Germany, Bolivia (living in Italy), and the United States competed in three men's and one women's bracket for trophies and, more important, bragging rights until the next tournament, according to J.D. Lattuca, event organizer.

"We had a great turnout with 25 players," said Lattuca. "Not only did we have the top players from Northern Italy, but also some of our players traveled from as far away as Naples, Rome, and Bad Tölz, Germany, to play.

"We couldn't have done this without the support of Ricky Jackson and the rest of the fitness center crew," Lattuca added. "They went above and beyond to ensure this tournament was a success."

Doug Miller of the 414th Contracting Support Brigade here claimed the top prize of the weekend, defeating Carlo Papini of Rome in two games to win the Men's Open title (15-8, 15-11). Papini did not go home empty-handed, though; he defeated Vicenza's Robert Johnson in two highly competitive games to win the Men's B bracket (15-14, 15-11).

"Robert (Johnson), J.D. and I play here all the time so we get used to how each other plays," said Miller. "These tournaments force us to up our level of play and focus on beating top-level players from other clubs."

Piero "Bam Bam" Landa, president of Racquetball

Italia, called the weekend's event one of the best on the European Racquetball Tour.

"What a great weekend of play," he said. "Racquetball is already a great cardio workout; tournament racquetball is intense! You better be in shape if you're going to play in a tournament like this."

U.S. Army Africa's Tony Joseph defeated Bergamo, Italy's Fabio Teli in three games to claim the Men's C trophy (5-15, 15-10, 11-9).

On the women's side, Bolivian Adela Cordova came back from a first-game loss to defeat fellow Bolivian, Mabel Vela, in the tiebreaker (9-15, 15-7, 11-7).

Racquetball Italia and the Vicenza Racquetball Club will host its next tournament, the Italian Nationals (*Campionato Nazionale Italiano*), April 23-24 at the Caserma Ederle Fitness Center.

Tournament results:

Men's Open Final: Doug Miller (USA) def. Carlo Papini (ITA) 15-8, 15-11; Third/Fourth Place: J.D. Lattuca def. Piero Landa (BOL) 15-9, 15-9

Men's B Final: Carlo Papini (ITA) def. Robert Johnson (USA) 15-14, 15-11; Third/Fourth Place: Henry Angulo (BOL) def. Dan Navo (USA) 12-15, 15-13, 11-9

Men's C Final: Tony Joseph (USA) def. Fabio Teli (ITA) 5-15, 15-10, 11-9; Third/Fourth Place: Miguel Angulo (BOL) def. Charles Holt (GER)

Women's Open Final: Adela Cordova (BOL) def. Mabel Vela (BOL) 9-15, 15-7, 11-7; Third/Fourth Place: Alessia Papini (ITA) def. Vianca Torrico (BOL)

(Tournament information provided by Doug Miller)



Winter dodgeball

The 2016 BOSS Winter Dodgeball Tournament took place at the Livorno Unit School Gymnasium Feb. 26. Fourteen matches were played, with 1st-place honors going to Dodging Donkeys, and 2nd place to Franks Auto Company. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs)



Anyone who would like to play dodgeball in Vicenza can register now through April 10 at the Ederle or Del Din fitness centers. A coaches' meeting will take place April 20, 6 p.m., in the Ederle fitness center conference room. Cost is \$60 per team (6-12 players per team). Call DSN 634-7616, or comm. 0444-71-7616.



The Scaligeri (known in English as Scaliger) tombs, is a group of five gothic funerary monuments in Verona that honor the Scaligeri family. The family ruled in Verona from the 13th to the late 14th century.

Visiting VERONA: Seek out tombs of Scaligeri family

Story and photos by **Vanya Eftimova Bellinger**
Contributing writer

VERONA -- Today Verona is known as the city of Romeo and Juliet, but once it was famous as the seat of a powerful warrior dynasty. Between 1260 and 1387, the Della Scala Family, commonly known as Scaliger or Scaligeri, ruled territory as far as Lucca in Tuscany and was patron to Dante Alighieri and Giotto.

Despite Scaligeri's lengthy imposing rule, history buffs would not find museums or exhibitions exclusively devoted to their legacy. Yet Veneto still preserves many of their stunning castles—now famous tourist attractions in Marostica, Soave and Sermione. All of the Scaligeri undertakings are easily recognizable by the family crest representing stairs, the actual meaning of name Della Scala.

For visitors sightseeing in Verona, the Scaligeri family's most beautiful edifice is at the heart of the city, the warlords' own tombs in the courtyard of the church Santa Maria Antica. Rushing to popular but quirky attractions like Juliet's House, visitors often miss the quiet beauty of Piazza dei Signori, one narrow passage away from Piazza delle Erbe. Piazza dei Signori, with Dan-

te's magnificent statue in the middle, was once Verona's main square surrounded by various Scaligeri palaces. Today, neat information panels in English and Italian explain buildings' history and most interesting features. Another narrow passage, this one on the opposite end of Piazza delle Erbe, leads to the Santa Maria church and the tombs.

Five gothic monuments are placed at the tombs within a wrought-iron enclosure. Visitors should not despair because the marble tombs are built to be appreciated from afar. Massive and standing high above street level, each is its own small temple with elegant towers, knightly figures and craved images of angles, with sarcophagi in the middle and glorious warriors at the top.

The greatest of all Scaligeri warlords was Cangrande I, with the formidable tomb over the church entrance. Just months after coming to power in 1312, at barely 20 years old, he seized Vicenza and then snatched primacy over Northern Italy from Padova. Cangrande welcomed Dante, a political exile from Florence, to Verona. The poet paid him back with beautiful verses in the epic *Divine Comedy*.

Recently the warlord made news again when his mummy was exhumed and small sample of feces was discov-

ered. For centuries, Cangrande's death was a mystery. In 1329 he seized Treviso, thus finally uniting Northern Italy, but suddenly died four days later. According to *Smithsonian Magazine*, the six-centuries-old cold case is finally solved. Scientists discovered the warlord was poisoned with the toxic foxglove plant, probably by his power-hungry relatives. Verona never again ruled Northern Italy.

Just as in life, so in death Cangrande remains a gregarious character. Next to his sarcophagus two dogs hold the family crest, an analogy with the meaning of his name ("big dog" in English). Quite unusual for Gothic art, Cangrande's statue is also smiling. Visitors can come face-to-face with the original displayed in Museum of Castelvechio, another of Scaligeri's marvelous castles in Verona. An ironic smile from a glorious warrior, who, at very same moment of his greatest triumph, lost it all.

Visit the Scaligeri Tombs (Arche scaligere) at Via Arche Scaligere, Verona. Castelvechio Museum (Museo di Castelvechio) can be found at Corso Castelvechio, Verona. Entrance fee to the museum is 6 euros/4.50 euros reduced. Open 1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.



Read Across America ... in Italy

In honor of famed children's author Theodore Geisel, Dr. Seuss Day takes place each March 2 and coincides with Read Across America Day. To celebrate, the Camp Darby post library hosted a Dr. Seuss story hour. Retired DoDEA teacher Stephen Payne dressed up as the Cat in the Hat and delighted children with his reading of stories by Seuss.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

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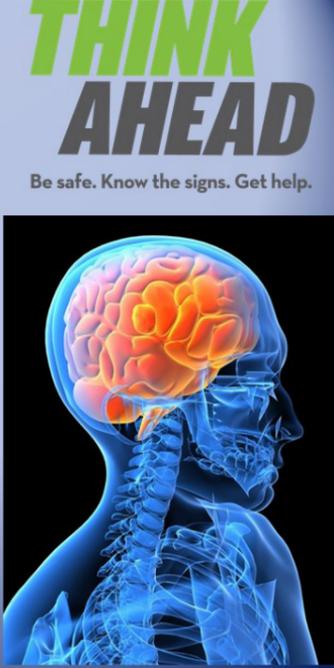
HEALTHY BRAIN WORKSHOP

Tuesday, March 15, 2015 0900-1430
Hall of Heroes, Caserma Ederle

Come for one or all of the interesting learning opportunities to keep your brain healthy for **Brain Injury Awareness Month!**

- 0915-1000 Sleep for Body and Mind
- 1000-1045 Stress and the Brain
- 1100-1130 Food for Thought
- 1130-1200 The Heart and Brain Connection
- 1200-1245 Concussion Prevention, Recognition and Recovery
- 1300-1400 Sports Concussion and Return to Play

POC: Abigail Eason DSN 636-9675 0444-619675
Abigail.eason.ctr@mail.mil



THINK
AHEAD

Be safe. Know the signs. Get help.

Demonstration warning

One or two protests are planned to take place March 12 outside the Caserma Ederle Chapel Gate (Gate 2). As a precaution, the Gate 2 pedestrian gate will be closed from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. During this time, the Housing Gate (Gate 4) will be open for pedestrian traffic only. Vicenza Military Community members are reminded to avoid demonstrations and remain aware of their surroundings at all times. If you happen to find yourself in the vicinity of a demonstration, leave the area as quickly as possible. Please monitor the USAG Italy Facebook page and AFN for updated information.

Author visit, presentations

Emma Sky, bestselling author, will present her book "The Unraveling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq" at the Post Exchange, March 11, 5:30 p.m. The book was one of the New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2015. Sky is the former key political adviser to Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, the 38th chief of staff of the U.S. Army.

Join Female 2 Female/SHARP for the We Mentor Lunch & Learn series, March 14, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., ACS conference room, Caserma Ederle. Sky will be the special panel member. Questions/RSVP to rsvpf2f@gmail.com.

Army Community Service events

ACS offers many activities every month. Following is a list of events for March. For more information, contact ACS or find the FMWR calendar online at www.italy.army.mil/mwr.

Multicultural Spouses Lunch

11:30 a.m. -1 p.m., March 23

Financial Fitness Course

9 -10:30 a.m., March 15

Romp-N-Stomp Playgroup (ages 0-3)

Bldg. 395, 10-11:30 a.m.

March 16 & 23

Bringing Baby Home

3:30-5:30 p.m., March 17

Baby Wearing

1-2 p.m., March 18

Baby & Me Infant Playtime

10:30 -11:30 a.m., March 17 & 31

Baby & Me Yoga, Bldg. 395

10:30 -11:30 a.m., March 24

Infant Massage

10-11:30 a.m., March 25

Master Resiliency Training

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., March 18

Go with the Flow Yoga

noon -1 p.m., March 14, 21, 28

Interview Skills

1 -2 p.m., March 21

Smooth Move PCS

1:30 -2:30 p.m., March 24

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.

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 an 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 customers 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.

Child Find

Child Find screenings for children, ages birth through 5, will take place at Vicenza Elementary School March 31. Screenings will be done by members of the early intervention team or developmental preschool team. To schedule, call DSN 634-5700, comm. 0444-71-5700. Child Find is a legal requirement that schools find all children who have disabilities and who may be entitled to special education services. The school must evaluate any child that it knows or suspects may have a disability. The Case Study Committee involves parents in the special education process. CSC ensures procedural safeguards are followed and that confidentiality is protected.

AAFES rewards good grades

The AAFES program "You Made the Grade" is designed to reward students, grades 1 through 12, for above-average academic achievement. Qualifying students can receive a coupon booklet by presenting a valid military ID card and proof of an overall B or better average to their local exchange customer service section. Each booklet contains an entry form for the exchange gift card sweepstakes along with coupons that can be redeemed at exchange facilities or at www.shopmyexchange.com.

Band needs instructor

The Vicenza High School marching band seeks a percussion instructor for the Fall 2016 marching season. Experience is a plus. For more information, call Gary Marvel at DSN 637-8600, comm. 0444-61-8600. Or email gary.marvel@eu.dodea.edu.

Testing center posts hours

The Vicenza National Testing Center schedule for March and April is as follows:

Now through March 25, CLOSED

March 28-April 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 5-6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 12-13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 19-20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Full testing service will be available at the NTC sister site in Aviano. For more information, call DSN 637-8141.

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. Ap-

plications 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. Applications can be found at <http://www.aerhq.org/-dnn563/Scholarships/Spouses.aspx>.

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. Anyone with questions may call DES Operations at DSN 634-7197, comm. 0444-71-7197.

Obtain ballot 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. 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.

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. Click on the "Every Vote Counts" button for more information.

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.

Pedestrian, bike path and dog restrictions

USAG Italy, in partnership with the city of Vicenza, has been working on a new pedestrian and bicycle path that goes to the entrance of Villaggio. A small portion of the fence line behind the Child Development Center will be moved to accommodate the path, and garrison anticipates being able to use the path this year. This will provide a safe and easy way for pedestrians and cyclists to commute to and from Caserma Ederle.

In the meantime, an agreement has been reached for up to one year until the new bicycle path is ready for use. However, the owner has placed a restriction on dogs being allowed on the path. Requirements for those using the path are as follows:

- Used by pedestrians and cyclists only. No motor vehicles allowed except to perform maintenance, repairs.

- No dogs allowed. Users may not walk or transport their dogs along the path.

- Users must conduct themselves in a reasonable fashion (i.e. no loud sounds, no littering, no trespassing).

- Used only during the following hours: Oct. 1 to May 31, 5 a.m.-8 p.m. and June 1 to Sept. 30, 5 a.m.-10 p.m.

All personnel are required to strictly follow these rules effective immediately, in order to adhere to contractual requirements and good neighborhood relations. Questions? Call DSN: 637-7950/7951, comm. 0444-61-7950/7951.

At the movies



The Little Prince

Based on the 1943 masterpiece by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. A little girl lives in a very grown-up world with her mother, who tries to make sure she's prepared for it. Her neighbor, an eccentric old Aviator, introduces the girl to an extraordinary world where anything is possible, a fantastic tale about a young prince.

March 11	7 p.m.	The Brothers Grimsby (R)
	10 p.m.	10 Cloverfield Lane (PG-13)
March 12	3 p.m.	Zootopia (PG)
	6 p.m.	10 Cloverfield Lane (PG-13)
March 13	3 p.m.	The Boy (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The Brothers Grimsby (R)
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)
March 19	3 p.m.	The Little Prince (PG)
	6 p.m.	The Brothers Grimsby (NR)
March 23	7 p.m.	Deadpool (R)
March 24	7 p.m.	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (PG-13)
March 25	7 p.m.	Batman vs. Superman (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13)
March 26	3 p.m.	The Little Prince (PG)
	6 p.m.	Batman vs. Superman (PG-13)

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

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

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

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



'Guys and Dolls'

Air Force Staff Sgt. Chris Jacobs (left) and Jeremy Cates sing during dress rehearsal for "Guys and Dolls" at Soldiers' Theatre March 3. The Broadway musical performed by VMC members runs through March 20 at on Caserma Ederle: Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. This show is the Vicenza theatre entry into the 2016 U.S. Army Entertainment Tournament of Plays competition. Judges travel to all installation theaters to judge performances, and awards are presented to participants in acting and technical categories. The production will be adjudicated at the March 20 show. If you haven't seen the show yet, that performance is a great opportunity to support your local theatre program and, if you have seen it, the cast and crew invite you to come again. Tickets are \$15 adult/\$12 youth. Reserve your seat by email to gerald.s.brees.naf@mail.mil. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

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

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 International 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 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.



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Out & About

La Festa del Papà Father's Day

March is a time of festivity in Italy. From celebrating new blooms to weather changes, March is also the time when Italians celebrate St. Joseph's Day or their Father's Day. While Americans celebrate it in the month of June, the Italians honor their dads on March 19, known as St. Joseph's Day, to commemorate *San Giuseppe* - father of Jesus Christ and therefore a fatherly symbol of love, compassion, kindness, generosity and acceptance. In some places, people light bonfires to celebrate this day, and annual donkey races are still held in some parts of Italy. Children usually buy gifts for their fathers as a sign of honor and reverence. Typical sweets are the St. Joseph's Day cream puffs or *Zeppole di San Giuseppe*: they are more common in southern Italy but they can also be found in some local *pasticcerie* (pastry shops).

VENETO & CLOSE BY

No Driving Sunday, March 20

March 20 has been declared a "no driving day" in Vicenza from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in all ZTL (no traffic zone) areas. The ordinance applies to all, including SETAF-registered vehicles. Vicenza city residents cannot use their vehicles during that time in the historic city center and adjacent neighborhoods. If they need to drive their cars outside the city limits, they should do so before 9 a.m. Free parking at the Stadio and Via Cricoli parking lots and free buses, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Orologi Rinascimentali - Tra potere e Prestigio Renaissance Clocks: Between Power and Prestige Through April 3, in Vicenza, Diocesan Museum, Piazza Duomo 12. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Free entrance.
<http://www.ologirinascimentali.com/>

Festa di San Giuseppe e Festa della Quaglia allo Spiedo

St. Joseph Festival and Spit-Roasted Quail Fair 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>

StraVicenza Marathon

The annual StraVicenza 1.5 km, 4.5 km and 10 km runs are going to be held March 20 at 9:30 a.m. Start and finish will be on Viale Roma, across from the main train station; registrations at Puro Sport, Via del Verme 3, or at the cafés at the Palladio Mall, or March 20 the StraVicenza Point, in Campo Marzo, from 7:45 a.m. Registration fee is €4 and €2 for children younger than 14; the cost includes bib number, snack and medical coverage; bag storage service is available for €1.
<http://corsa.stravicenza.it/>

Haru no Kaze Japanese Spring Wind Festival

March 11-20, in Vicenza; free classes and workshops will be held at the B55 Polo Giovani (Youth Center), Contrà Barche 55, unless otherwise specified. Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by calling 345-6497944.



L'uovo in ceramica, Nove

An English-speaking operator is available.

March 11: 10:30 a.m., Haru no Kaze grand opening at Palazzo Trissino; 6:30 p.m., contemporary art exhibit opening, Palazzo Cordellina, Contrà Riale 12. Free entrance; the exhibit will be open Tuesdays-Fridays, 5-7 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.

March 12: Sushi workshop, at Hotel De La Ville, Viale Verona 12, 9:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. "Go" game (ancient board game): 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.; Ikebana demonstration - Ikebana is the traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement, 3-7 p.m.

March 13: Bonsai workshop, 9:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Ikebana exhibit, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30-6 p.m.; kimono dressing workshop, 10:30 a.m., Contrà Santa Corona 4; Shiatsu treatment demonstration, 10 a.m.-noon and 2:30-6 p.m., Piazzale Giusti 23; Origami workshop, at 3:30 p.m. and at 4:45 p.m.

March 15: Zen meditation workshop, 8:30 p.m., Piazzale Giusti 23

March 16: 3-6 p.m., Shiatsu treatment demonstration, 3-6 p.m., Piazzale Giusti 23

March 17: Japanese dinner: 8:15 p.m., in Vicenza, "Le Rouge" Restaurant, Viale Verona 12. Reserve your seat no later than March 14.

March 19: Do-in and Makko-Ho: meridian stretching exercises, Piazzale Giusti 23. Origami workshop, 3:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.; beginning Japanese language lesson 3:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.; Japanese music concert, 8:45 p.m. at City Theatre, Viale Mazzini 39. Buy ticket online at www.tcvi.it.

March 20: Ikebana, 10 a.m.-12:20 p.m., Piazzale Giusti 23; Shogi Game, at 2:15 p.m., 3:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.; Chadō - Japanese tea ceremony and tea tasting: 4 p.m., Santa Corona 4. Sign up for tea tasting by March 18.
<http://www.ukigumo.it/manifestazioni/haru-no-kaze/>

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

March 13, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Verona, Fair Center, Via del Lavoro 8. Entrance fee: €5, €4 for senior citizens older than 60 and children younger than 14. More than 100 exhibitors. <http://www.kolosseo.com/verona-disco/>

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS VENETO

Vicenza: March 13, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

Lonigo: March 13, 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): March 13, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza 1° Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza (about 70 vendors)

Portobuffolè (Treviso): March 13, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza (250 vendors)

Godega di Sant'Urbano: March 20, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

Montagnana: March 20, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Padova: March 20, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

Soave: March 20, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)

Orto Giardino

Exhibit of floriculture, nursery products, horticulture and outdoor furniture

Through March 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 entrance for children younger than 13.
<http://www.ortogiardinopordenone.it/>

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

Through March 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/>

Mondomare

Nautical Expo

March 18-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. The exhibition will be comprised of the best products and services from powerboats, yachts, sailboats, scuba diving, fishing and water sport. Entrance fee: €8; reduced €6. <http://www.mondomare.eu>

530ª Fiera Campionaria

530th Trade Fair

March 18-21, in Lonigo, about 18 miles southwest of Vicenza. Exhibit and sale of Vicentine products and wines; in Piazza Garibaldi, flower and plant exhibit and market; local craft displays, agricultural equipment, garden and leisure exhibit and sale; stands featuring Bavarian products and beers. Free entrance.
<http://fieradilonigo.it/>

Mostra del Disco e del Fumetto

Records and Comic Books Exhibit and Sale

March 19-20, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Via Valsugana 22. Entrance fee: €5, €4 for senior citizens older than 60 and children younger than 14. More than 100 exhibitors.
<http://www.kolosseo.com/bassano-del-grappa/>

L'Uovo in Ceramica

Ceramic Easter eggs exhibit

March 20 - April 3, in Nove, Museum of Ceramics,



Irish Festival, Padova

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/>

Ferrara Marathon

March 20, Ferrara Marathon & Half Marathon. For full details in English, visit <http://www.corriferrara.it/?lang=en>.

38a Su e Zo Per i Ponti

38th Up and Down Over the Bridges

April 9-10, in Venice, 12 km non-competitive walk which crosses 43 bridges, with departure and arrival in Piazza San Marco. It is a spring event that involves thousands of people in a walk of solidarity around Venice alleys;

April 9: 9 p.m. a special evening as a tribute to Venice and to the march, through choral singing and surprise events; "Su e Zo Night Live" at the Hard Rock Café;

April 10: 9 a.m. Holy Mass in San Marco Basilica; at 10:30 a.m., the march departs from Piazza San Marco; 12 p.m. folk group parade in Piazza San Marco with award ceremony for the largest groups and best folk groups; 3:00 p.m. end of the walk. There are four official refreshment points. The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. Registration fee: €6,50 (pre-booked at www.suezo.it or appointed ticket points <http://www.suezo.it/en/punti-vendita>) or €7,50 (sold at the ticket booths on the day of the event at the ticket booths in San Marco square, at the railway station and at the Tronchetto parking lot).
<http://www.suezo.it/en>



Donkey race, Torrita



Anastacia (Photo by Cesare Greselin)

by flag throwers and musicians. At dusk the *torciatori* (torchbearers) place a puppet made of straw representing the winter (called "invernacciu") on top of a huge bonfire and burn it; its ashes are collected and kept in the houses as a sign of good omen; 5 p.m. food booth featuring local specialties, vin brulé and typical Saint Joseph Day pastries; 9 p.m. live music and dancing.
<http://www.maremmapromotion.it/it/eventi/torciata-san-giuseppe-2016-pitigliano-toscana>

Piazze d' Europa

International Food Market

March 25-27, in Follonica (Grosseto), Viale Italia, Viale Carducci, Piazza XXV Aprile. More than 140 vendors from all over the world feature their specialties, from Greek food to Spanish and Jewish specialties, Argentine beef, to German fast food and Irish beers; rally auto exhibit; children's entertainment with games, face painting and gadgets. http://www.inyourlife.it/vacanze/eventi/fiere_e_sagre/grosseto-GR/evento_e9548/index.php

Capodanno di Pisa

Pisa's New Year's Day

March 25; Pisa celebrates the New Year twice, on Jan. 1 and also on March 25. The Pisans have not forgotten their traditions, and each year they mark the beginning of the year as was their custom between the 10th century and 1749, when New Year's Day coincided with the Annunciation, nine months before Christmas. Today, just like then, the beginning of the Pisan Year is marked by a sort of solar clock, a physical phenomenon that is as simple as it is spectacular and intriguing: at midday sharp a ray of sunlight penetrates the Duomo through a round nave window, landing on a marble egg on a shelf surmounting a column next to the pulpit of Giovanni Pisano, on the opposite side. The event is preceded by a historical procession and a religious ceremony that ends at exactly noon. The beginning of the Pisan Year coincides with the official opening of the tourist season. <http://planturista.com/it/?event=capodanno-pisano-festeggiato-marzo>

CONCERTS/SPORTS

Notre Dame de Paris – March 10-13 and 15-19 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)
MotoGP – May 20-22, Mugello (Scarperia – Florence)
Formula 1 – Sept. 2-4, in Monza
MotoGP – Italian Grand Prix - Sept. 9-11, at Misano Circuit, San Marino
Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at <http://www.greenticket.it>.

TUSCANY

Sagra del Tartufo Marzuolo Marzuolo Truffle Fair

March 11-13, and **March 18-20**, in Certaldo (Florence). Food booths featuring many traditional specialties prepared with local truffles, wine and desserts. Open 8 p.m. and Sundays at noon and 8 p.m.
<http://www.asstartufaivaldelsa.org/start.htm>

Taste

March 12-13, 2:30 -7:30 p.m. and **March 14**, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in Florence, Stazione Leopolda, Via Fratelli Rosselli 5. Food and wine exhibit and sale; more than 300 Italian companies present their specialties. Entrance fee: €20; free for children younger than 10.
<http://www.pittimmagine.com/en/corporate/fairs/taste/sections.html>

PiacereDiVino

Food and wine fair

March 13, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., in Bientina (Pisa) at the BlackLine Café, 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/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=7&city=&date=&page=1&post=1061>

Palio dei Somari

Donkey Race

in Torrita di Siena (Siena)

March 12: from 3 p.m. medieval market, food booths and street artists; 6:30 p.m. in Piazza Matteotti historical re-enactment; 9:30 p.m. juggling shows and live music.

March 13: 10 a.m. *Somarando* free donkey rides for children; 10:30 a.m., medieval market; 4 p.m. entertainment with drummers and flag-throwers; 7 p.m. food booths; street artists, live music and juggling shows

March 19: 9 p.m. Donkey race presentation; 22 p.m. drummers and flag-throwers competitions

March 20: 9 a.m. town districts participant presentation; 10:45 a.m. drummers and flag-throwers shows; 11:45 a.m. historical parade; 4 p.m. donkey race.

In case of inclement weather, the race will be postponed to March 28.
<http://www.paliodeisomari.it/il-programma/>

Torciata di San Giuseppe

Saint Joseph torchlight procession and festival

March 19, in Pitigliano (Grosseto), Piazza della Repubblica and Piazza Garibaldi. This annual event celebrates the arrival of spring; historical parade accompanied

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

TUSCANY

Bolgheri (Livorno): March 12-13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets
Firenze (Tuscany): March 13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito
Forte dei Marmi (Lucca): 2nd Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante
Livorno: March 13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour
Montepulciano (Siena): March 12-13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande
Piombino (Livorno): March 12-13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci
Pisa: March 12-13, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri
Pistoia: March 12-13, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Pertini
Vicopisano (Pisa): March 13, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca
Certaldo (Florence): March 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno
Florence: March 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1
Lucca: March 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelmellini, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini
Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): March 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio
Pontedera (Pisa): March 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Financial Fitness Course

March 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.

Army Family Team Building Level G

March 15 & 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Learn how to cope with challenging situations through a series of modules designed to support personal development in military life and set the ground work for leadership. This two-day class will aid emerging leaders through personal development and encouragement, as well as teach them how to cope with challenging situations.

Baby and Me Infant Playtime

March 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 395, Caserma Ederle

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

Bringing Baby Home

March 17; 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Learn what to expect when you bring your new baby home. Topics include newborn behavior, sleep, expectation vs. reality, SIDS, how to soothe a cryin' baby, feeding and more.

Family Readiness Group

Common Core Training

March 18; 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Family Readiness Group (FRG) Common Core Training is important for company commanders, FRLs, FRG leaders, and treasurers. Learn basic essentials and key tasks for effective FRG operations. Register in person at the front desk.

Master Resilience Training for civilians

March 18; 9:30 a.m.-noon

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

ACS offers Master Resilience Training (MRT) for couples, spouses, and civilians. Life is not all it's cracked up to be. Do you find yourself reacting badly to situations and interactions? Learn how to bounce back from setbacks and move forward with purpose. Increase your resilience, build mental toughness, discover your character strengths, and build better relationships. MRT classes will be offered the first and third Fridays of each month; a different module will be covered at each session. There are 14 different skills in all. Participants must complete the Global Assessment Tool before the first session. Call ACS to register, DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Interview Skills Workshop

March 21; 1-2 p.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Gain some valuable insight into the interview process. Learn effective strategies that will help you to prepare for an interview, develop a 30 second elevator pitch, address common questions, and more. Must register no later than Friday before the class. Call ACS to register, DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Darby Dine on a Dime

March 21; 4:30-6 p.m.

Bldg. 428, Camp Darby

Learn how to prepare a healthy meal that won't break the bank. Participants will be able to meet other single and unaccompanied service members residing in the barracks/dorms over a fresh, home-cooked meal.

Cake Decorating Class

March 21; 4:30-6 p.m.

Bldg. 504, Camp Darby

Learn tricks of the trade from a trained expert, and make your cakes look wonderful with a few simple steps. Bring a cake container for transporting cake. All required items will be supplied. Register by March 15 by emailing usarmy.livorno.imcom-europe.list.acs-distribution-list@mail.mil.

Multicultural Forum:

Know your Legal Rights

March 23; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Learn from an expert the laws and your rights as a multicultural spouse of a Soldier or DA civilian. You will have the chance to ask questions privately or in an open forum. Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your knowledge and understand your rights. Register by March 18 by calling DSN 634-8525.

ARTS /CRAFTS

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.

Beginner Photography Class

March 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.

St. Patty's Crafting Event

March 15; 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$5

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Your child will enjoy making a variety of crafts with the focus being on the color green. We will have 4 different activities available, all with the St. Patrick's Day theme in mind. Signups will be available as long as space is available. Call 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 3: April 28 - May 19

Ages 3 months to 4 years; session cost is \$64 and includes the price of four classes & digital materials. Call (314) 634-5563, or comm. 0444-71-5563.

Introduction to Framing

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

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Learn how to custom frame your art. Bring a 5"x7" photo or smaller.

Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt

March 16; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Library, Caserma Ederle

Get in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day by making a leprechaun hat and going on

a scavenger hunt throughout the library. For children ages 3-11. All supplies provided. Sign up at the front desk by March 14.

Messy Art

March 25; 10-10:40 a.m., \$5

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Geared for children 9 to 18 months old. Learn the benefits of introducing art to your child(ren) early on. Children enjoy exploring paint, water, clay and more. All materials are included in the price; wear comfortable clothing and clothing you don't mind getting dirty.

SPORTS & FITNESS

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.

Power Pump

March 14, 16, 18 & 21, 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

March 14, 16, 18, 21, 23 & 30

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. 0444-71-7616, for more information.

Zumba® Fitness

March 15, 16, 17 & 22, 23, 24

10:45-11:45 a.m., Ederle Fitness

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

"Fitness parties" that blend upbeat world rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography for a cardio and total-body workout. Open to all skill levels.

TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

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 enjoy some down-home activities, eat, and

kick back with country music.

Family Movie Night

March 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31

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.

*Ask about \$2 daily bowling!

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.

Wines of Lake Garda

March 16, 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

ODR, Caserma Ederle, \$65

On this tour we will taste two delicious white wines, Lugana and Custoza white wines produced south of Lake Garda. The Lugana wine is one of the few whites that can be aged and you'll learn more about why. These traditional Italian white wines each have a unique history that we will discover as well. Cost includes transportation, wine tasting with finger foods and wine cellar tour.

Darby Luau Kick Back Night

March 18, \$5

Bldg. 730, Camp Darby

Teens and youth can kick back and relax with friends at this Hawaiian-inspired event! Get a taste of Hawaiian cuisine, play games, and compete for prizes. Register by March 16. Contact DSN 633-7629 for more information.

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.

Val Gardena Ski and Snowboard Trip

March 19, 5 a.m.-8 p.m.

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Placed in the heart of the Sella Ronda, Val Gardena offers kilometers of skiing for intermediate & advanced skill levels.

Tortellini and Borghetto Village

March 23; 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

ODR, Caserma Ederle, \$55

The famous "nodo d'amore" tortellini of Valeggio is strictly handmade and are delicious in broth or heavenly with melted butter. We will visit the tortellini workshop and enjoy walking around the village of Borghetto. This historic village has a proud history as the first settlement by the ford across the Mincio river. The lush landscape gives this region its agricultural economy.

Lugano and Chocolate Shopping

Alprose, Switzerland

March 26, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

ODR, Caserma Ederle, \$85

Lugano is the largest town in the region of Ticino and houses the Alprose Chocolate Factory.