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### Learn Italian

**Happy Easter**  
**Buona Pasqua**  
bwon-a pahs-kwa

**egg/eggs**  
**uovo/uova**  
woah-vo/woah-vah

**chocolate**  
**cioccolato**  
cho-koh-lah-toh

**surprise/surprises**  
**sorpresa/sorprese**  
sor-prays-ah/sor-prays-ae

## Italian commander addresses local national workforce

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

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- Italian base commander Col. Umberto D'Andria met with the entire Italian civilian workforce of the Vicenza Military Community during a first-of-its-kind town hall at the post theater here.

D'Andria opened the March 18 meeting by introducing himself and the Italian military staff to more than 300 in attendance, praising the workforce for its professionalism and dedication.

"What you do is vital to the success of the United States' mission in Italy, and I want to thank each one of you for your

support and for worthily representing our country on the international level," D'Andria said.

The colonel, who assumed command Nov. 30, provided an overview of his role and responsibilities as Italian base commander, ultimately responsible for the Italian military infrastructure used by the United States for fulfillment of their mission.

"As the senior representative of the Italian Defense General Staff on base, my office has equal dignity as the American commanding general officer," noted D'Andria, adding that his primary duty is to ensure both parties abide by the terms and conditions of the bilateral Italian/American agreement.

During the hourlong session, D'Andria discussed his command priorities, which are aimed at strengthening the already solid ties between the two communities here.

While hiring, conditions of employment, and union-related issues are beyond the scope of his authority, the commander announced his willingness to serve along with his staff as an intermediary between Italian employees and their American counterparts.

"If you have an idea, a suggestion or a project that you think could be of interest to the community and you don't know whom to approach at the office,

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### USAREUR leader shares insights



Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commander, U.S. Army Europe, visited Caserma Ederle March 15 and spoke to a full house of Soldiers and civilians at the post theater as part of U.S. Army Garrison Italy's speaker series. Hodges presented an overall picture of the need for a "Strong Europe," as he discussed the threat from Russia, immigrants from Syria and the importance of working collaboratively with U.S. allies and U.S. Army National Guard and Reserve forces. The general was frank with the audience when discussing how to "make 30,000 [Soldiers] look like 300,000." The deterrent effect comes down to speed, Hodges emphasized-- speed of recognition, speed of decision and speed of assembly. "And this is where you come in," he told his audience here. "How fast we can get our assets in place when we need them depends on you here in Italy. The 173rd and garrison have that burden of responsibility." The commander reiterated the five pillars of a Strong Europe, which include empowering junior leaders, Army Reserve and National Guard, allies and other partners, regionally allocated forces and a dynamic presence. (Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

## Townspeople, military community volunteers clean up

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

**VICENZA** -- More than 30 members of the Vicenza Military Community came out in sunny and warm pre-spring weather March 12 to help Italian volunteers from the towns of Longare and Arcugnano pick up trash, pull weeds, sweep walkways and clean hiking trails.

The garrison command team and Soldiers, recruited by BOSS, partnered with officials of the Longare city council to work in small Italian/American teams led by senior members of the local Alpini chapters.

Together, they collected trash around Longare, the small town southeast of Vicenza that houses a small installation with U.S. Army Reserve activities and a veterinary clinic.

"I really enjoyed having a chance to come here and join the Italian volunteers to do something good for the community," said Pfc. Ene Kapisi, 207th Military Intelligence Brigade.

"Not only does it provide an opportunity to give back to the community and our host nation, but it also gives Soldiers a goal to work towards," said Sgt. Dylan Widener, BOSS president. "It also builds great morale and creates a strong bond-

ing experience between Soldiers outside of work."

Mayor of Longare Gaetano Fontana and Col. Steve Marks, U.S. Army Garrison Italy commander, were also there working shoulder to shoulder to help the cleanup effort.

"We are honored to continue this initiative we started last year and glad to see how many young Americans responded to our call," said Fontana. He said that everybody in town appreciates the hard work the volunteers did together and called it "another tangible sign of the

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## 63 years combined service



The Vicenza Military Community gathered at the Golden Lion March 17 for the Quarterly Retirement Ceremony. U.S. Army Africa Deputy Commander Brig. Gen. Kenneth Moore and Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Gilpin recognized, from left, Lt. Col. Jonathan Cameron (21 years of service); Lt. Col. Darin Thomson (21 years of service); and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Pablo Caballero (21 years of service). Spouses and children of the retirees received certificates of appreciation signed by U.S. Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

## Army Europe members urged to always remain vigilant, aware

By **Sgt. 1st Class Crista Mary Mack**  
U.S. Army Europe

**WIESBADEN, Germany** -- With terror attacks becoming more frequent, U.S. Army Europe Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and their family members have a number of resources available to stay vigilant and ready.

"The recent attacks that we have seen in Brussels and Turkey really highlight that we are facing a significant and persistent threat throughout the theater," said Robert Balcerzak, deputy chief for U. S. Army Europe anti-terrorism.

Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commanding general, U.S. Army Europe, addressed the attacks and recommended actions for DoD personnel.

"I'm saddened by these attacks and my condolences go out to the victims and families. U.S. Army Europe will continue to stand by our Belgian allies ... indeed we must all stand together in the face of these terrorist attacks," said Hodges. "I urge everyone to be aware of their local security situation, listen to AFN or local news outlets and ensure you are signed up for AtHoc with your local garrison so that you may have the latest updates."

For individuals considering what may be correct responses or actions to take, Balcerzak recommends the importance of training such as Anti-Terrorism Awareness and Threat Awareness and Reporting Program.

Researching an area prior to traveling is recommended as well, and DoD employees are encouraged to use the number of Social Media resources available as well.

\*See full article at <http://www.army.mil/article/164705/>.



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## Speak Out It's National Nutrition Month. What healthy food would you recommend others to add to their diet? Why?

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



**App. Sc. Marco Borlini**  
SETAF Carabinieri

"I'd recommend a diet based on vegetables, non-genetically modified organisms because they are not artificially manipulated."



**Sgt. Spencer Hrabak**  
1st Bn., 503rd Attack Co.

"High protein, dry food, almonds and especially kale, rich source of vitamins."



**Marika Piccoli**  
Vicenza Commissary

"A variety of food including carbohydrates and proteins because we need them for a good diet."



**Julie McDonough**  
Livorno Unit School

"Bananas because you can eat them at any time, it is easy to digest, and a good snack food that fills you up."



**Sgt. Wayne Drinnen**  
Livorno Health Clinic

"Vegetables because they are low in calories but rich in vitamins."



**Maj. Chet Fischer**  
46th Air Brigade

"Bell peppers because spices reduce cravings."

# Pisa prefect makes inaugural visit to Darby

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

**CAMP DARBY** -- Pisa Prefect Attilio Visconti visited Camp Darby March 11, the first since his appointment in 2015.

Visconti was accompanied by his wife Michela and Pisa Questore Alberto Franchi.

David Leinberger, deputy garrison manager, together with Italian Base Commander Lt. Col. Renato Vaira, offered the group an informational briefing on the installation functions and missions.

After the briefing, the group took a windshield tour of the post, the depot area and the ammunition storage area.

"I am incredibly surprised and fasci-

nated by the beauty of this installation," said Visconti. "I enjoyed every single moment of this visit. The windshield tour of the installation was very informative."

The visit continued at the Darby Community Center where the visitors enjoyed a typical American lunch.

"I am really glad I was able to accept this invitation," Visconti said. "It is important that we all fully understand the capabilities of this reality. [Camp Darby] is so important, both from a political point of view and even more for the economic impact this installation has on the local community of Pisa and the surrounding areas."

The guests were given a framed photo of the group as a memento of the visit, and they left with the promise of coming again for future community events.



David Leinberger (right), deputy garrison manager, presents Pisa Prefect Attilio Visconti and wife Michela with a gift to commemorate their visit to Camp Darby.



## USAG Italy warrior shows mettle

(Left) Staff Sgt. Khristopher Dancy, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, negotiates an obstacle during the obstacle course portion during the second day of the Installation Management Command-Europe Best Warrior Competition at Panzer Kaserne in Böblingen, Germany, March 21. (Above) Dancy prepares for the land navigation portion during the second day. The IMCOM-E Best Warrior Competition identifies the best soldier and noncommissioned officer to represent IMCOM-Europe in the 2016 IMCOM Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year "Best Warrior" Competition. (U.S. Army photos by Kevin S. Abel)

# Combat simulator readies Soldiers for exercise, real world

*Training that prepares service members for a multitude of scenarios proves invaluable to units before major upcoming exercise in Germany*

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

**VICENZA** -- The golden hue of the sunset shines upon pine-filled fields. Four Humvees slowly roll down a placid Bavarian country road, leaving a trail of dust behind. Sitting behind the steering wheel in the lead vehicle is a young private on his first exercise in Germany. A sergeant occupies the seat next to him. The convoy trolls along at about 5 mph, scanning the roadside and surrounding fields for anything suspicious. It looks like a routine patrol exercise, nothing out of the ordinary. Then, all of a sudden, there is an explosion; one vehicle is damaged and the other three are forced to stop. This is when it all begins.

This is one possible scenario that Vicenza-based Soldiers might face while honing their convoy live-fire skills in the realistic environment of the Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer that was positioned at Caserma Del Din from March 7 to March 25.

"This is an initial step in training (whereby) Soldiers can conduct repetitively in the simulator before advancing to live training," said James V. Matheson, chief, Regional Training Support Division South.

## Soldiers benefit

According to Matheson, Soldiers assigned to heavy weapons' companies in infantry battalions and Soldiers in brigade support battalions are the ones who benefit the most from training in the RVTT. This is because the simulator can be configured to replicate the vehicles assigned to those units.



Brunell Caudill (left), training and development specialist for Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer, reviews drills with Spc. Gibram Cruz (center) and Pfc. Andre King, both from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), during a convoy live-fire training session at Caserma Del Din March 10.

"The RVTT system consists of a series of trailers equipped with four life-sized replica Humvees surrounded by floor-to-ceiling, 360-degree movie screens," said Brunell Caudill, RVTT principal training and development specialist. "The suite provides an immersive virtual environment that can accommodate approximately 20 trainees per 90 minutes, training simultaneously on the same scenario," he said.

The vehicles have the look and feel of real vehicles, including all seats, driver controls, radio and turret ring mount. "The system database allows testing units on different terrains, to include Afghanistan, Iraq, Germany, many installations in the U.S. and Korea. Lighting and weather conditions can also be adjusted

to add to the threat," Caudill said.

## Realistic training

"This training is very helpful and useful, and the scenario is very realistic, especially the way the trucks go down, the explosions and the firefight," said Sgt. Angel Santiago, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), who was the lead vehicle gunner for the exercise.

"I deployed to Afghanistan in 2011, and I do remember one mission where I was the gunner. The scenario that was presented to us today made me feel the same way as I did when downrange, with the tension that one may have in a mission. I think this will help out in lots of ways," Santiago said. The 173rd Airborne Bri-

gade was the first unit to use the simulated convoy training to prepare for an exercise in Germany.

## Train at home

"Normally, this simulator is based in Grafenwoehr, so the opportunity to have it in Vicenza for a few weeks eliminates the need to travel 800 km north of Vicenza to use the trainer. This is the first time we have had a convoy simulator here in the last couple of years so it is an infrequent training opportunity," Matheson said, emphasizing that during these tough economic times, the RVTT provides a cost-effective option to units who want more training for the buck.

"If a unit knows their mission when they are deploying, we can create that mission and the unit can practice the mission before deploying," Caudill said. For this session, it was the 173rd that chose the Bavarian database to prepare units for a major exercise in Hohenfels.

## Practice run

"We train Soldiers on how to use communications equipment both audio and digital, small-arms weapons familiarization. If a unit knows they are going to be conducting a convoy, live-fire range in the Grafenwoehr training area, we can build that exact range in the RVTT and the unit can practice that range several times in a day versus real dry runs of maybe two a day. This reduces risk assessments of the range and improves the performance of the unit on the live fire range," said Caudill.

Combat multipliers (for example, close-air support, explosions or medical evacuations) can be programmed to add realism and threats into the exercise.

"Any training a unit conducts at home station or training area can be conducted in the RVTT, saving the units lots of time, resources and money," said Caudill. "In my mind and heart, I know we have saved lives because of this training."



Italian base commander Col. Umberto D'Andria met with the Italian civilian workforce of the Vicenza Military Community during a town hall at the post theater on Caserma Ederle March 18.

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feel free to come and talk to me," he told the group. "My staff and I are willing to listen and provide support," he said, acknowledging that communication sometimes can be a challenge. Following his briefing, the commander opened the floor to questions.

After a few employees expressed concern over the perception of decreased security at the leased site of Lerino, D'Andria said he would address the issue with the garrison commander to see what can be done.

While most questions dealt with specifics of installation passes and base security, the general reaction among

audience members appeared to be positive because the commander made it a priority to open a new door for dialogue, according to some workforce employees.

"In my 40 years with the U.S. Army here in Vicenza, it is the first time that an Italian base commander has met with the Italian workforce," said former union representative Ronald A. Carpenter, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army Garrison Italy.

"I think this is an important signal that testifies the Italian military's attention to the issues of the Italian civilian employees," Carpenter said.

"I found Col. D'Andria to be an open person, with a good sense of humor. He projected a positive attitude, and I would say he was able to establish a solid foun-

dation with his audience," said Leticia Pimentel, senior human resources specialist at the civilian personnel office. "Events like these make the Italian workforce feel more at home in the workplace. They provide a channel for open communication, and provide for a more interpersonal contact and perception of fairness in the workplace."

Also pleased with the opportunity of the town hall was Lt. Col. Alfredo La Marca, Italian Air Force Liaison officer stationed with South European Task Force at Caserma Del Din.

"Today it was great chance for both the Italian military personnel and the civilian workforce to get to know each other. I think everybody left with a better understanding of the role of the Italian armed forces within installations that host U.S. military units," he said.

Asked about his impression after more than three months into the job, D'Andria said the initial impact was quite challenging.

"This is a complex environment, extremely varied, and it requires a great deal of tact and determination. I think one can get the best results only with a high degree of personal commitment and motivation," he said, adding that a previous multinational experience and exceptional support from both Italians and Americans helped him make a seamless transition.

As far as goals during his tenure, D'Andria said: "The Italian workforce here has a lot to offer in terms of professionalism, and I am thinking of new ways to rightfully value those talents. At the same time, I would like to give more institutional visibility to that group of military who, almost unnoticeably, work on a daily basis to attain some goals that it would be impossible to achieve without their personal and admirable involvement.

"This is a fantastic assignment, and it is impossible to get bored. I am going to enjoy it a lot," D'Andria said.

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# US Army Africa appreciates talents of food, water safety officer

By Staff Sgt. Lance Pounds  
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs Office

**VICENZA** -- About 65 percent of the human body is made up of water. Having safe water to drink is a necessity. A close second is having a safe food supply. At the brink of dehydration or starvation, a person may try to consume anything to subdue the thirst or hunger.

Consuming tainted food is worse than no food. Sure, your stomach is full; however, the side effects of ingesting unapproved food or water can be life-threatening. Counting on both to be safe not only provides a sense of comfort, but also allows time for activities other than searching for safe food and water.

Helping to ensure food and water safety for U.S. Army Africa Soldiers is the job of Chief Warrant Officer Clayton Davenport.

Davenport stands tall at 6'8". He graduated in 1990 from Somerset High School, just south of San Antonio, where he won several awards playing basketball. Davenport said his greatest high school memory was when his team played against Shaquille O'Neal.

"We had only heard rumors of this amazing player. Our team walked into the locker room of Cole High School, Fort Sam Houston (Texas), and in an equipment cage was a shoebox that was twice the size of a normal shoe. Our jaws dropped when we saw his shoe size was a 22," said Davenport. "We got beat that game."

Following high school, the Air Force Academy recruited Davenport, but he decided to take a different path. Throughout his 20's, he held a variety of jobs: a bouncer for a club, club manager and owner of a bar. Due to hard economic times, though, he began searching for a new career.

In 2006, Davenport joined the U.S. Army as a veterinary food inspection specialist. After multiple career achievements, deployments, and assignments worldwide as an enlisted Soldier, he was selected to at-

tend warrant officer candidate school.

Davenport now works as a food safety officer with Public Health Command District-Southern Europe. His job takes him to Africa and southern Europe to conduct surveys on local food and water distribution companies. USARAF relies on Davenport's abilities to ensure safe food and water options, regardless of location, and has tapped him for the upcoming Western Accord 2016 planning event in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Western Accord is part of USARAF's annual Accord series of exercises, which focuses on partnering with African nations within that

his discomfort.

"No matter where I'm going, I ask if there's an exit row seat available," said Davenport, who added that he gets that particular seat about half the time.

Davenport said when he doesn't get an exit row seat he almost always gets an aisle seat, which is good and bad. Good because he can stretch at least one of his legs and bad because he gets hit by people walking up and down the aisle or by the flight attendants' cart. His travel challenges do not end there.

"I gave up trying to do work from a plane because there is barely enough room between me and the seat in front of me

of their daughters' swim meets. He said he has been to numerous swim meets in Italy, as well as Belgium, Germany and Portugal.

"Being a supportive husband and father is important," he said, adding that he is also a grandfather. His oldest daughter, who recently had a baby, remained in San Antonio to pursue a business career.

Davenport carries that supportive nature into his work with Regional Health Command Europe, his parent unit and USARAF.

"Purchasing from a locally approved bottled water facility saves taxpayer dollars by not

where he inspected five hotels and three caterers.

Davenport conducted a risk assessment of each supplier and reviewed overall production and sanitation practices. If the company passes inspection, he lists it as a possible supplier. Should it fail in one or more areas, he offers suggestions on how to improve.

"They can take my suggestions or not, it is solely up to them," said Davenport. He added, even if a company does make the improvements, there is no guarantee the military will purchase from them.

Pass or fail, the inspection process helps onsite commanders make a safe, informed decision as to which supplier to use. Onsite commanders get this information from a carefully prepared memorandum, in which Davenport lists each potential supplier from least to greatest risk.

"The memorandum helps the onsite commander assume an acceptable level of risk," he said. In addition, those same results and recommendations are made available for future missions conducted in that area. A summary of Davenport's work is presented in a variety of pre-country briefs, mandatory for all USARAF personnel entering the continent, according to Donald Houghton, chief of current operations for USARAF Current Operations and Integration Center.

The mandatory briefs ensure personnel entering the continent are armed with the knowledge they need to not only survive, but to avoid potential hazardous food and water as well. Obviously, day-to-day functions would be much easier to perform when not hunched over a toilet in gut-wrenching pain from ingesting unapproved food or water.

Davenport said his he loves his job and it has been a real eye-opening experience.

"I'm passionate about what I do," he said. "It makes me look at food from a different perspective. Even though it is an obscure type of job in the Army, I feel like I'm making a difference."



Warrant Officer Clayton Davenport (center), food safety officer assigned to Public Health Command District-Southern Europe, conducts a commercial sanitation audit of a bottled water facility in Mali. The audit was performed to ensure the facility utilized good laboratory practices, proper testing methods, and meet U.S. standards. (U.S. Army Africa photo)

specific region.

Davenport, like many USARAF personnel, travels to host nations to coordinate and finalize details before exercises.

Burkina Faso, on average, is more than a 20-hour trip from Venice, if you factor in layovers. Long flights make just about anyone uncomfortable, but especially if you are the size of Davenport.

When traveling by air, Davenport attempts to minimize

to eat let alone work, and forget trying to sleep."

However, Davenport said despite extreme discomfort, he travels a lot. He has accumulated more than 200,000 frequent flyer miles since reporting in 2014. Most of those miles were in support of USARAF or U.S. Africa Command missions in Ghana, Tanzania, Zambia, Mali and Niger.

Off duty, Davenport travels with his wife, Alicia, in support

having to ship water to the continent on a C-17 from Germany or somewhere else in Europe," said Davenport. "We audit and inspect local distribution companies to ensure Soldiers still receive the best possible food and water."

"This is where I come in," Davenport said. He explained the process he uses to identify safe suppliers through a recap of his most recent trip to Zambia for exercise Southern Accord,



Dario Giaretta (left), member of the local Alpini chapter, worked side by side with Pfc. Patricia Samples and Pfc. Isaiah Didier, both from the U.S. Army Health Clinic Vicenza, to collect trash downtown Longare during the March 12 cleanup day.

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growing integration between the Italian and American community."

Marks said he was grateful to the Soldiers and their families for their participation.

"Longare is such a critical community for the U.S. Army," he said. "We really want to do our best to help keep up beautiful small towns like this. What a wonderful way to spend a spring day in Vicenza."

Resident of Longare, Capt. Kyle McCarter, commander, Company A, 307th Military Intelligence Battalion, participated with his wife Cassidy. "We had an amazing experience here today with the community and the local chapter of the Alpini. We made many new friends while working alongside them. We plan on doing this again next year," McCarter said.

The same day, a few miles away up in the hills of Arcugnano, 12 Soldiers from 509th Signal Battalion stationed at Caserma Del Din joined forces with local volunteers. Their mission: to clean a trail and rake leaves and branches around the ruin of an ancient watchtower that dates back to the 14th century.

"This initiative brought together Alpini, Boy Scouts and the Civil Protection Agency. It shows our commitment to restore the ancient beauty of the site, especially for what it represents to the local citizens in terms of historical importance," said Flavia Zolla, Arcugnano city official in charge of historical heritage.

After the work was done, the Alpini cooked and offered a friendship-building luncheon to all participants.

Annual community cleanup days are part of community outreach efforts by USAG Italy in partnership with nearby Italian towns. For information on future events, call 637-8009.

## News splash: Sharks bring home hard-won treasure

By **Cara Wright**  
Contributing writer

**VICENZA** -- February was the “Super Bowl” month of swimming for Vicenza’s Mako Sharks swim team.

Twenty-eight swimmers traveled Feb. 7 to Acireale, Sicily to compete in the European Forces Swim League (EFSL) Southern Division Championships, the last meet of the regular season in which all swimmers have an opportunity to qualify for championships.

Overall, 27 swimmers either qualified or earned their spot to participate in the EFSL Championships that took place Feb. 27-28 in Eindhoven, Netherlands, marking the largest number of swimmers Vicenza has ever sent to championships.

The Sharks’ competitive season, September to February, offered swimmers the opportunity to compete, set and chase personal goals, and develop a lifelong love for swimming-- and make some friends along the way.

Of the 28 swimmers who attended divisionals, 23 swam personal bests in at least one individual event. The Mako Sharks placed many swimmers on the Southern Division podium. Kylie Davenport, 13, placed first in her three events, as did her sister, 10-year-old Madisson. Not only did Madisson place in her events, she is the current EFSL record holder in the 400 meter freestyle, which she set earlier this season.

Two first-place finishes were also scored by Rose Powell, 17; Ethan Amis, 17; Camilo Gravito, 7; and Kinley Jones, 7. Elizabeth Williams, 16, placed second in all of her events.

Other swimmers who earned medals during Divisionals include, Kate Bender, 10; Sam Bender, 11; MaolE-won Coffey, 10; Emilia Counsil, 10; Alejandra Garavito, 9; Sabrina Groth, 13; Tyler Hale, 14; Piper Jones, 11; Jessica Maddox, 16; Tabitha Maddox, 14; Isabel Mesa, 11; Caroline Nuckowski, 14; Sophie Nuckowski, 12; Laney Reardon, 9; Giulia Sanchez, 12; Alex Sendmeyer, 11; Paige Sendmeyer, 14; and Bethany Williams, 13.

The Sharks swam hard and earned third place in the division. This is the first trophy earned in recent history of the team.

“There is nothing more rewarding than watching these swimmers conquer their goals. Whether it’s mastering



Vicenza’s Mako Sharks swim team ended their regular season with a final meet in the European Forces Swim League Southern Division Championships in Sicily. From that competition, 27 swimmers either qualified or earned a spot to participate in the EFSL Championships that took place in the Netherlands. (Courtesy photo)

a new flip turn or grabbing that gold medal, it’s great to see their hard work pay off,” said head coach Alicia Sendmeyer.

League Championships saw the Mako Sharks racking up medals and placement ribbons once again.

With the EFSL, comprised of nearly 1,000 swimmers, the team represented themselves in championship form. They earned 10th place overall in Europe, to include fourth overall in Girls Gold Medal count-- an achievement ensured by Kylie and Maddie Davenport, earning seven gold medals each.

The Davenports also earned Overall Top Points Earners in each of their age categories, accompanying their EFSL Pentathlon first-place finishes (top all-around swimmers in all four strokes and the Individual Medley over the course of the entire season).

Other top performances included both Anna Zielinski, 15, and Ethan Amis, 17, both earning sixth place in the Pentathlon series for their age groups. Nearly every swimmer achieved personal best times and many of the award recipients from divisionals received additional accolades at the championships.

All the while, several team members earned top honors for maintaining high academic standards, a hallmark of the Mako Sharks athletes.

The swimmers are on a short reprieve as they gear back up for training season (spring through August) to refine stroke and turn techniques as well as set and strive for new personal goals.

Keep an eye out for the Mako Sharks to make a big splash in 2016-17.

## Youth basketball takes title

**HOHENFELS, Germany** -- Child & Youth Services Sports scored a big win with the Vicenza Celtics, the juniors basketball team, during the IMCOM-Europe tournament March 5-6.

The team traveled to Hohenfels to compete in a double-elimination tournament, where they emerged victorious with four straight wins to become the IMCOM-E Juniors Basketball champions.

The Celtics played three tough games March 5, defeating U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, Aviano Air Base, and USAG Bavaria.

On March 6, the Celtics played for the championship against Ansbach, who had fought their way back through the loser’s bracket. The team defeated Ansbach for a second time to become the 2016 IMCOM-E champions.

The team had an undefeated season



The Vicenza Celtics basketball team poses after their championship win in Germany. (Courtesy photo)

with seven wins and remained undefeated with the four tournament victories.

Team members include Chamond Williams, Christian Williams, Paige Czarnich, Cameron Cao, Lily Knapp,

Connor Cates, Dominic Randazzo, David Paulin, Raashard Tucker and Bridget Craig. The team was coached by Jeffrey Craig and Penny Williams.



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**0800-064-077**

# CIAO Conference brings VMC women together

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

**VICENZA** -- The annual Combined Italian American Organization Conference offered 120 registered participants from Vicenza Military Community the chance to enjoy a special one-day women's conference March 4 at Dai Gelosi restaurant, a few miles east of Vicenza.

Sponsored by the Vicenza Community Club, the CIAO conference marked its 14th anniversary with a compilation of sessions featuring 13 classes that ranged from Italian cooking, Palladian history, Italian balsamic vinegar and olive-oil tasting to painting Venetian masks.

Much planning and preparation goes into the event each year.

"We focused on this event at the beginning of February. We have a good committee and we knew some of the topics that attendees enjoyed from previous experiences," said Susan Jackson, one CIAO Conference organizer, who has attended the event for four years.

First-time participant Cathy Barker said, "The CIAO [Conference] is extremely well organized and very professional."

Barker also said the instructors for each



Chef Lucas Migliorelli demonstrates the preparation of *bigoli*, a Vicentine long, thick pasta with the assistance of Katy Allin, CIAO Committee member and a participant in the Cooking with Lucas class, as part of Vicenza Community Club's annual CIAO Conference March 4.

class she attended were knowledgeable.

"They seemed to have an absolute passion for their work. I love learning and developing my skills and knowledge, and this conference helps to inspire me," she said.

The conference received enthusiastic reviews from attendees and presenters, including veteran Sabrina Bonamini, Italian extra virgin olive-oil-tasting presenter, who has been invited for many years.

"I think this event is really great. I love the idea of women who plan to spend one day together and share experiences across cultures," she said. Bonamini added that, after attending her class, participants know more about olive oil and its many uses.

"I can see their enthusiasm in learning something about this Italian product, which [seems to be] less known in the States except in California where it is produced. Oil, like cheese and wine, represents what is considered the 'Italian experience' food wise while in Italy."

Approximately 15 members of the CIAO committee pulled together the event, which included breakfast, transportation, classes, luncheon and participation in prize drawings.

"I have participated in the CIAO Conference each year since arriving here five years ago," said Arlene Baptiste, CIAO committee member, who said she believes in CIAO's mission of providing a safe way for new spouses to learn while having fun. "CIAO is very helpful for new spouses throughout a variety of classes, from wine tasting to painting. [It's a place] to learn about the wonderful things Vicenza and the surrounding areas have to offer."

## First dental clinic visit turns into fun for CYS pre-Kindergarten children

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

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- For anyone still scared to go to a dentist appointment, the Child Development Center Strong Beginnings' visit to the Vicenza Dental Clinic on Caserma Ederle March 10 would have been a good experience to defeat any fear.

In fact, for 14 children from the pre-kindergarten program, the field trip to the facility was anything but scary.

The event was coordinated by Phoenix De La Pena and Maria Garcia, Strong Beginnings teachers, with the help of Lt. Col. Alfred Anderson, dental clinic commander.

"Our class had been learning about health and nutrition. We think it was very helpful for them to learn more about dental hygiene and to see what we had been discussing firsthand," said De La Pena.

She explained that the field trip also helped to familiarize the children with the environment and tools they see when they visit the dentist.

Teachers and some parents accompanied the children throughout five stations that were set up for them by the dental clinic staff.

Assisting during the field trip was Maj. Chad Eardley, pediatric dentist for the clinic.

He said, "It was a great success in our view, and would be nice to continue in the future. Many pre-school age children are scared about new things. Bringing them to the clinic -- with all of their classmates -- is a good way to help the children feel comfortable and safe. Many of them are more likely to try new things when they see their friends participating."

Divided into smaller groups, children were introduced at each station to some of the things they will experience in a dental setting.

"Many things used in dentistry can look scary to children. This was an opportunity to let them explore the dental setting in a non-threatening way," Eardley continued.

He explained how each station provided information; for instance, at the Tooth Pictures station, children were able to see how the camera is positioned around the head and, afterwards, the digital x-ray images on the computer screen.

"They may get scared first, but once we show them the procedures, they get used to it and it is helpful for kids of this age before their first visit," said Pfc. Daradano Toun, dental assistant at the X-rays station.

Other stations included introduction to air and water syringe, chair rides and dental instruments (mirror and tooth counter), and oral hygiene instruction.

"In this station [oral hygiene instruction], children



Vicenza Dental Clinic Pediatric Dentist Maj. Chad Eardley, and Pfc. Daradano Toun, dental assistant (foreground), hold some (dental) frosting while teaching children a science experiment at the last station during the Strong Beginnings' visit to the facility March 10.

used puppet tooth models and oversized toothbrushes to learn about proper brushing and flossing technique. Interestingly, one of the scariest things for kids is the dental chair moving up, down and reclining. So during the children's visit, each one was able to have a 'chair ride,'" he said.

Eardley also added: "They practiced going up, down and lying back. They had fun holding the dental mirror and smiling, trying to see their reflection in the mini-size mirror. In the last station -- hands-on with impression material -- children were given gooey impression material in their hand and watched it harden right before their eyes. They loved this part."

De La Pena echoed the sentiment that the visit was successful.

"The children enjoyed interacting with the dental clinic staff. Everyone at the clinic was extremely helpful and friendly. They put together a very organized, fun and interactive event for our class," she said.

## Translator support available through Army Community Service

By **Ryan Moore and Cara Panzarella-Tarr**  
Army Community Service

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- Encountering foreign language situations in an overseas environment can be exciting and frustrating, particularly while moving. To assist with a smoother transition in and out of the USAG Italy Community, Army Community Service provides a contracted, limited translation service in English/Italian.

During in-processing and out-processing, the translator offers administrative and linguistic support to help provide adaptation, education and informational awareness for service members, their family members, and Department of Defense civilians in personal matters that are of a non-business, non-academic, non-legal and non-medical nature. A few examples of translations the translator cannot provide are as follows: a written translation of an internet or other service/business contract, academic transcripts, and medical bills or reports.

The translator's job is to help service members, family members, and DoD civilians transition in and out of the community with greater ease. The services he or she may provide could include correspondence associated with living and working in a foreign environment. Examples include reading and explaining your "initial" or "final" electrical, mechanical, or similarly related bills and Soggiorno extensions.

Current ACS translator Richard Galley does tireless work in the community as shown through numerous positive testimonials he receives each week:

"I would like to say that I was more than pleased with the Italian interpreter at ACS. His name is Richard Galley. I presented him with a bill that I needed help with. He read everything to me and explained what was in the bill. I must have been in his office for at least 20 minutes and he never once made me feel like I was bothering him. He took his time making sure I understood my bill."

"Mr. Richard Galley was extremely helpful, proficient and timely in helping me resolve an issue after my PCS back to the US. He worked around my schedule and the six-hour time difference between Italy and the U.S. and was instrumental in a process involving both a language and time barrier. I am deeply appreciative of his help. His expertise, professionalism and helpful character are notable and to be commended."

Community members are encouraged to use the translator service. Contact ACS for more information.

# News briefs

## Estate claims: Spc. Kiley I. Williams

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Spc. Kiley I. Williams in 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Brigade Combat Team, should contact Summary Court Officer 1st Lt. Vince Marcantonio at DSN 637-4200 or via e-mail: vince.m.marcantonio@mail.mil.

## Travel restrictions

European Command: Travel to the republic of Turkey is prohibited through April 30. Requests for official travel shall be coordinated and routed through the members' chain of command following current USEUCOM and USAREUR travel guidance. Unofficial travel (regular leave, liberty and special pass) to or within the Republic of Turkey is prohibited. Questions concerning unofficial travel shall be addressed through your Antiterrorism Officer. The restrictions and approval levels apply to all Department of Defense elements and personnel, including military personnel, DoD civilian employees, contractors, and command-sponsored dependents/family members. Read the travel warning at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/turkey-travel-warning.html>.

## Eggstravaganza event

The Easter Eggstravaganza event will take place March 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the sports field on Caserma Ederle. Enjoy a few hours watching children gather eggs and participating in children's activities. Egg hunts will be divided by age groups (ages 0 to 2, 3 to 5, 6 to 7, and 8 to 10). Plastic eggs will contain chocolates, nuts, Reese's peanut butter cups and more! Parents/guardians are asked to be aware of insects on the grassy fields. Other activities include bouncy slides, arts and crafts, bowling specials, and photos with the Easter Bunny.

## Easter Sunrise service

The Caserma Ederle Chapel community invites all community members to the Easter Sunrise service March 27, 7 a.m., at Hoekstra Field. There will be a continental breakfast following the service. Anyone with questions should contact the Ederle Chapel, DSN 637-7575, comm. 0444-71-7575.

## Holiday hours

March 28 is an Italian holiday. The following Vicenza Military Community offices will have limited staffing or will be closed as indicated. The garrison apologizes in advance for any inconvenience this may cause, and asks community members to plan accordingly. Hours of operation will resume on normal schedule March 29.

## Directorate of Emergency Services

Vehicle Registration and Pass and Badge Office -- CLOSED

## Directorate of Public Works

Customer Service Desk and Housing Division to include the Central Furnishings Warehouse -- CLOSED

\*Appointments made for taxi/Interpreter services are not affected.

\*For emergency work orders after duty hours and on holidays, please call 0444-23-9149.

## Directorate of Human Resources

Passport Office -- reduced staffing  
Soggiorno Office -- CLOSED  
In/Out Processing Offices and MPS -- reduced staffing  
ID Cards -- OPEN

## Resource Management Office

Funding Certification/DTS Support -- reduced staffing

## Logistics Readiness Center

CLOSED:

IMMA Production Control Office  
Installation Property Book Office  
Procurement Office  
Central Issue Facility  
Supply Support Activity  
Transportation Motorpool 3  
Customs  
Personal Property Processing Office  
Quality Control  
Drivers Testing Station  
Privately Owned Vehicle Inspection Point

The mass transportation shuttle bus between Ederle and Del Din will continue to run on normal schedule.

The tax center at Del Din will be closed March 25 and March 28. The Ederle Tax Office will remain open both days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## School registration

School registration is required every school year. Registration for 2016-2017 at Vicenza elementary, middle and high schools will take place accordingly: For children in elementary school, VES Building 700 in Villaggio, Room 261 Parent Center; middle and high school students, register at VES, Room 263. Early bird registration, for returning students only, takes place March 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-3:30 p.m.

Requirements for returning students are as follows:

Sponsors must review, update and sign new SY 16-17 Registration Form and any other forms required; bring copy of DEROS extension if tour appropriate; updated Student Health History Form; and updated immunization records. All documents must be on file in order for students to attend school. Staffing for next school year is based on number of students registered. Register on March 30 to ensure adequate staffing for next year.

\*If students currently registered for this school year are NOT RETURNING next school year, notify the appropriate office so children's records may be prepared. A copy of PCS orders will be required. School lunch accounts will need to be closed and cleared at the Post Exchange before picking up student records.

## 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 a screening, call DSN 634-5700, comm. 0444-71-5700. Child Find is a legal requirement that schools find all children with disabilities who may be entitled to special education services. The school must evaluate any child 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.

## Walk for multiple sclerosis

Community members are invited to join Team Global in a walk for multiple sclerosis, April 3, 1-4 p.m. at the Vicenza Fitness Center football field on Caserma Ederle. Ask how you can walk or donate to Team Global today. Also, grab a marker or some paint to design your "I walk for ..." white t-shirt to help

support the MS walk and awareness April 1 in front of Global Credit Union, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and in front of the Main Post Exchange, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring your own white t-shirt. Participants should then wear their shirts to the walk. Donations for the MS organization will also be accepted at the shirt-decorating event. Anyone with questions should contact Global Credit Union at 0444-71-7174.

## 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 gift card sweepstakes along with coupons that can be redeemed at exchange facilities or at [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://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](mailto:gary.marvel@eu.dodea.edu).

## Testing center posts hours

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

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.

## Soldiers' Theatre honored

The 2015 Headquarters IMCOM Excellence in Army Recreation Awards announced Soldiers' Theatre, USAG Italy, with the top award in Army Entertainment: the U.S. Army Entertainment Program of the Year Award. The annual award program recognizes excellence in entertainment programming, artistic quality, facilities, participation and volunteer support. Soldiers' Theatre management and members extend their appreciation to the many outstanding volunteers and enthusiastic audiences for making Soldiers' Theatre the best in the Army.

## Music Café

Join the fun! Enjoy the music! Perform on stage! Join in with other musicians April 8 at 7:30 p.m., Soldiers' Theatre, while showing off your musical talent. Just bring your favorite instrument and/or voice and jam. No karaoke, just true music lovers getting a chance to perform for a small, music-loving crowd. Sound, lights, amps, drums and guitars will be provided.

## 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, comm. 0444-71-7281.

## 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. 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>.

## 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.

## Obtain voting ballot

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](http://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.

## 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. Request help online at [redcross.org/HeroCareNetwork](http://redcross.org/HeroCareNetwork) or by calling 877-272-7337.

This secure online option is easy to use and can be accessed from computers, tablets or smart phones. 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.

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.



### St. Patty's crafting event

Delilah N. Nataren, 7, creates some personalized items for St. Patrick's Day at the Arts and Crafts Center March 15. Vicenza Military Community children had the opportunity to make a variety of crafts focused on the color green including a watercolor rainbow, decorated bracelet and pot of gold.

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

## At the movies



### Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice

Fearing the actions of Superman are left unchecked, Batman takes on Superman, while the world wrestles with what kind of a hero it really needs. With Batman and Superman fighting each other, a new threat, Doomsday, is created by Lex Luthor. It's up to Superman and Batman to set aside their differences along with Wonder Woman to stop Lex Luthor and Doomsday from destroying Metropolis. Starring Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Jesse Eisenberg, Jeremy Irons, Holly Hunter.

March 25	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	Batman vs. Superman (PG-13) My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13)
March 26	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Little Prince (PG) Batman vs. Superman (PG-13)
March 27	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13) Batman vs. Superman (PG-13)
March 30	7 p.m.	Zootopia (PG)
March 31	7 p.m.	Zootopia (PG)
April 1	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	Miracles from Heaven (PG) My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13)
April 2	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	Zootopia (PG) Risen (PG-13)
April 3	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	10 Cloverfield Lane (PG-13) Batman vs. Superman (PG-13)
April 6	7 p.m.	The Brothers Grimsby (PG-13)
April 7	7 p.m.	Deadpool (R)

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).

*SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE*

## Chapel activities

### Chapel Services (VICENZA)

VMC Chapel, Building 29  
Phone: 637-7575

#### Holy Week Schedule

**Good Friday, March 25**  
5:30 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday, March 26**  
8-10 p.m. The Holy Easter Vigil

#### Easter Sunday, March 27

7 a.m. Hoekstra Field  
The Caserma Ederle Chapel community invites the community to the annual Easter Sunrise Service. A continental breakfast will follow. Attire: civilian chapel attire & dress warmly.

9 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass  
9 a.m. Resurrection Sunday

#### Regular 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)  
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)

**Youth of the Chapel**  
High School 5-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
Call chapel for location.

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

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
Building 395  
6:30-7:30 a.m. Mon thru Fri Seminary  
6-7 p.m. Tuesdays; Young Men/Women Meeting

**Church of Christ:** Sundays, Bldg. 395, 1-3 p.m. Call chapel for more information.

**Jewish:** Call chapel for more information.

**Del Din Soldier Ministry**  
Siegholtz Center  
6 p.m. Tuesdays Bible study & dinner

### Chapel Services (CAMP DARBY)

DSN 633-7267, comm. 050-54-7267  
24/7 Chaplain Crisis Line  
634-KARE (5273) or 0444-71-5273

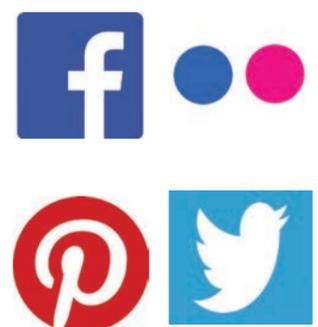
**Sunday schedule**  
Camp Darby Chapel  
9-10 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass  
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service

**Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study**  
9:30 a.m. Tuesdays

**Holy Week Schedule**  
**Good Friday, March 25**  
11-11:30 a.m. Catholic confession  
6 p.m. Protestant Service

**Resurrection Sunday, March 27**  
9 a.m. Catholic Mass  
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service  
noon Easter Meal at Darby Community Center

\*There will also be an Easter egg hunt. Call 633-7267 for more information.



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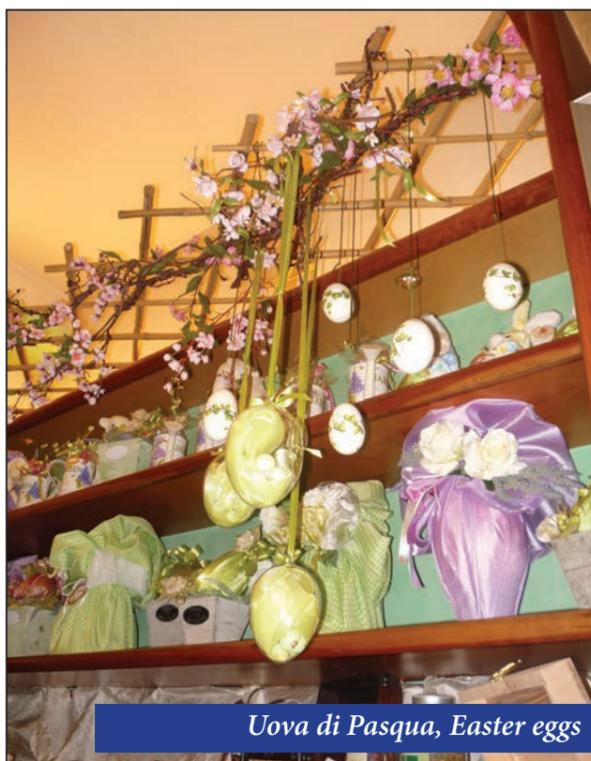
Medieval Festival, Verona

## Pasqua Easter in Italy

This year Easter is celebrated March 27. Easter in Italy is a sacred season for Catholics and is accompanied by several traditions and customs. For example, on Good Friday many communities remember the day with Passion processions. In some Italian regions, including Veneto, Italians decorate hard-boiled eggs, especially for picnics on the day following Easter, *Pasquetta*. Many bars, pastry shops and supermarkets feature brightly wrapped *Uova di Pasqua*—chocolate Easter eggs. They come in many different sizes and different prices, and you can choose between milk and dark chocolate. All but the tiniest eggs contain a surprise. Some producers distinguish between their chocolate eggs for children and grown-ups. Adults often find their eggs contain little silver picture frames or gold-dipped costume jewelry. The very best eggs are handmade by artisans, who offer the service of inserting a surprise supplied by the purchaser. Such surprises can vary from simple mementos to expensive gifts such as jewelry.

Among the typical Easter dishes are lamb and special stuffed or layered pasta dishes such as lasagna, manicotti, and pasticcio. You will also find special pastries such as *Colomba*; the dove, a symbol of peace, gives form to this traditional sweet bread that is to Easter what *Panettone* is to Christmas. It has the same consistency, without the candied fruits and it's covered with glaze and almonds. Other typical pastries are focaccia and pastiera. Pastiera is more common in southern Italy but it can also be found in some local *pasticcerie* (pastry stores).

*Pasquetta*, or Easter Monday, is another important holiday in Italy. It's more than an extra day off work. It's the unofficial start of spring and a chance to go for a picnic with friends and family. Schools and most of the stores will be closed.



Uova di Pasqua, Easter eggs



Vintage car exhibit, Verona

perience medieval life for a day with knights, bowmen, musicians, fire-eaters, fortune-tellers, jesters, flag-flyers, and medieval music. Everyone is invited to play games and attend bow and arrow competitions and duels. Admission fee €9; € 4 children ages 4-10 and senior citizens older than 70; free for children younger than 4. At 12:30 p.m. medieval lunch with knights, dancers and musicians. Cost : €37; €20 for children ages 4-10; free for children younger than 4. Includes a guided tour of the castle.

[http://www.castellobevilacqua.com/menu/calendario\\_eventi/hotel\\_a\\_verona-7706.html](http://www.castellobevilacqua.com/menu/calendario_eventi/hotel_a_verona-7706.html)

## 38 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 start and finish 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, 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; noon, folk group parade in Piazza San Marco with award ceremony for the largest groups and best folk groups; 3 p.m. end of the walk. There are four official refreshment points. All-weather event. Registration fee: €6,50 (pre-booked at [www.suezo.it](http://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/>

**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.orologirinascimentali.com/>

## Verona Legend Cars Vintage car exhibit

**May 13-15** in Verona, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., at Verona Fair, Viale del Lavoro 8. This exhibit is a leap from the past to the present with a large exhibit and parades of vintage cars as well as stands devoted to new models from major manufacturers with areas for test drives; a wide variety of the most sought-after spare parts and numerous miniature models to build, sell, and buy. Entrance fee: €15, reduced €12 for children aged 12-16; free entrance for children younger than 12 and for disabled; special discounts (€12 and €9 reduced) for American soldiers and civilians stationed in Vicenza. To get the coupon, send an email to [anna.terraccino2.ln@mail.mil](mailto:anna.terraccino2.ln@mail.mil).

If you own a vintage vehicle and you would like to exhibit free of charge at the fair, please call 049-7386856; an English-speaking operator will assist. Outdoor Recreation has organized a May 14 trip to the car show. It departs from Caserma Ederle at 8 a.m., and at 8:30 a.m. from Del Din with return from Verona at 3 p.m. The €45 fee includes transportation and entrance. To book your seat, call DSN 634-7453 or comm. 0444-71-7453. [http://www.veronalegendcars.com/?page\\_id=prodotti&id-contenuto=361&idparent=100012&LID=1](http://www.veronalegendcars.com/?page_id=prodotti&id-contenuto=361&idparent=100012&LID=1)

## Killing Cangrande Mystery guided tour

**April 30**, 5-8 p.m., in Verona. Led by an English-speaking guide, discover medieval Verona and play the role of a detective to solve a murder case of 700 years ago. The €30 ticket includes Italian aperitif in Piazza Erbe; free for children under 12 accompanied by two adults. Reserve your tour by sending an email to [info@livinginvicenza.com](mailto:info@livinginvicenza.com).

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/killing-cangrande-mystery-guided-tour-downtown-verona-2773>

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS VENETO

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

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

**Spresiano (Treviso):** March 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles north-east of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

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

**Marostica:** April 3, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (135 vendors)

**Noventa Vicentina:** April 3, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza (120 booths)

**Vittorio Veneto:** April 3, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (70 vendors)

## VENETO & CLOSE BY

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

**Through 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 March 20 at 11:30 a.m.; open on Saturdays, Sundays and Italian holidays 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7 p.m. Free entrance.

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

### Mercatino Regionale Francese French Regional Market

**March 25-28**, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori. French products exhibit and sale.

<http://www.iltritone.info/>

### XVI Grande Festa Medievale 16th Great Medieval Festival

**April 2-3**, in Verona, at the Bevilacqua Castle, Via Roma, 50, about 36 miles west of Vicenza

**April 2:** at 6 p.m., medieval village opens; 7:30 p.m. medieval dinner; cost €37; €20 for children 4-10; free for children younger than 4; reservations are mandatory; call 0442-93655; English operators available.

**April 3:** 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; children and adults can ex-



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International food market, Tuscany



Marcus Miller (Photo by Cesare Greselin)

## TUSCANY

### 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 Spain 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](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, Jan. 1 and also 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 tourist season.

<http://www.hotelgalileipisa.it/it/feste-mostre-e-eventi-pisa-toscana/20-eventi/121-capodanno-pisano-e-gia-2016.html>

### Sagra del Cedro e Palio delle Botti

#### Cedar Festival and Barrel Competition

**March 28**, 9 a.m.- 8 p.m., in Bibbona (Livorno). Local products and crafts exhibit and sale; in the afternoon, Bingo and other traditional games are played in the main square; live music and sampling of local products and wines; historical parade and the town's districts compete in traditional barrel race.

[http://www.costadeglietruschi.it/toscana\\_mediterranea/detail\\_evento.asp?keyEvento=11084](http://www.costadeglietruschi.it/toscana_mediterranea/detail_evento.asp?keyEvento=11084)



Barrel competition, Tuscany

### Volterragusto

#### Flavors in Volterra

**April 2-3**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Volterra, Piazza dei Priori. Exhibit and sale of local food products including the famous local white truffles, wines, chesses and chocolates; food booths; Tuscan cigars sampling accompanied by wine, beer, and chocolate; wine tasting.

<http://www.facebook.com/VOLTERRAGUSTO/>

## CONCERTS/SPORTS

**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)

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**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>.

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

### TUSCANY

**Bientina (Pisa):** March 26, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

**Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo):** March 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza Del Municipio

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

**Montevarchi (Arezzo):** March 27, 9 a.m.-7 pm. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

**Arezzo:** April 2-3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Grande

**Carmignano (Prato):** April 3, 9:30 a.m.-7p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti

**Cascina (Pisa):** April 3, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Corso

**Orbetello (Grosseto):** April 2-3, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia

**Pietrasanta (Lucca):** April 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo

**San Giuliano Terme (Pisa):** April 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia

**San Miniato (Pisa):** April 3, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo

**Scarperia (Firenze):** April 3, downtown squares and streets

# Family & MWR Events

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

### Go with the Flow Yoga

March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25  
Noon-1 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Come to beginning yoga and learn how to stretch out and release tension in your body. Basic yoga poses to improve strength and flexibility. Improves your body and focus your mind. Meditation techniques to bring calm to any situation. Drop in, no registration required. Every Monday except federal holidays.

### English as a Second Language

March 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. Registration is ongoing. Call DSN 634-7500 or comm. 0444-72-7500.

### Cupcake Networking

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

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Whether this is your first or 15th PCS, the twists and turns of military life can make it challenging to find the right job and follow your own career path. Join us over lunch and a few cupcakes! We'll discuss strategies on how to get the most out of military life while still pursuing your own career goals. It's a potluck lunch, so feel free to bring a dish to share. RSVP by emailing Employment Readiness, usarmy.vicenza.imcom-europe.mbx.acs@mail.mil.

### Darby Tuscan Tots Playgroup

March 31, April 7 & 14; 10-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 428, ACS, Camp Darby

Tuscan Tots playgroup provides play and craft activities for you and your child; resources to help you develop a healthy, loving relationship; helps infants and young children learn to play and get along with each other; and parents get a chance to meet and discuss ideas, problems, joys and frustrations of parenting. Call DSN 633-7084, comm. 050-54-7084.

### Survivors Walk & Talk

March 31, April 7 & 14; 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ederle Track & Field, Caserma Ederle

You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Survivor Outreach Services is a "one" Army program. Regardless of your loved one's Army component, duty status, location, or manner of death, Survivor Outreach Services Support coordinators are here to provide dedicated support when needed, and for as long as you desire. No registration required. Takes place weekly.

### Spouse Transition Seminar

April 1; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Whether your Soldier has one month or 10 years left in the military, join us for a seminar designed specifically with spouses in mind. Experts will share knowledge needed to make the transition from military to civilian life as smooth as possible. Call ACS to register before March 30: DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### Darby Host Nation Orientation

April 4; 9 a.m.

Bldg. 504, ACS, Camp Darby

Navigate Darby resources; learn the Italian language from a native; experience touring hospitals, downtown Pisa and riding public transportation; and tour downtown Livorno and more. The orientation is free to attend. Come in com-

fortable clothing and plan 7-10 euro per day for local transportation and meals. Call ACS to register, DSN 633-7084, comm. 050-54-7084.

### EFMP Information Hour

April 6; noon-1 p.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Monthly information session to learn about building resiliency skills. The sessions offer valuable information to individuals caring for someone with special needs. Guests are invited to bring your lunch and eat during the presentation. Registration not required.

### Volunteering 101

April 7; 1-3 p.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Monthly training for all organization volunteers on Volunteer Management Information System and how to track hours. Register at least 24 hours before training. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### Infant Massage Class

April 8; 10-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Join the New Parent Support Program for this chance to bond with your infant.

## ARTS /CRAFTS

### Spring Cleaning Open House

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

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

A chance to pick up some bargains and take a peek at examples of what is ahead for the new season. Learn about the magic of engraving, find out how you can be certified to do your own custom framing, and more!

### Youth Resiliency Through Art

March 31, 3-4:30 p.m. or 5-6 p.m., \$5

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

This program for youth ages 5 and up focuses on the process of personal expression through art in a small-group setting. No prior art experience is needed; registration required. Contact DSN: 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

### EDGE! Art

April 7; 1:30-3 p.m., \$20 per month

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Thursday afternoons will focus on fine arts and allowing participants the opportunity to have fun while learning. Students will learn new tips and techniques each week, while exploring a variety of art mediums with the guidance of qualified art instructors: drawing, painting, perspective art, and pottery. Classes once per week on Thursdays; grades 1-5 April 7-28 and grades 6-12 March 3-34 & May 5-26. All materials and instructions are included with the fee. Call DSN 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

### SKIES Kindermusik

Through 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.

### Month of the Military Child

Family Fun with Art

April 8, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

As part of Month of the Military Child, CYSS in partnering with the Arts & Crafts Center to offer families the opportunity to foster resiliency through art. This session's projects are appropriate for families with youth ages 6-10 years. No signup necessary, but families are encouraged to be flexible with their time since participation is based on space availability.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### CYSS Track & Field Enrollment

March 28-April 11, \$40

CYSS Sports & Fitness

Villaggio Housing Area, Bldg. 702

A fun, recreational league that starts with the fundamentals. Open to youth ages 6-15 years old. Practice dates April 26-June 4, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. at the North-40 track on Caserma Ederle.

### CYSS Tennis Enrollment

March 28-April 11, \$40

CYSS Sports & Fitness

Villaggio Housing Area, Bldg. 702

Expose your child to the game of tennis while having fun and trying something new. For ages 6-15 year old. Practice dates are April 25-June 1, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. All gear will be provided except shoes. Players should wear appropriate athletic apparel and shoes.

### Sunrise Yoga

March 29 & 31, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Ederle Fitness

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

This class will most likely appeal to people who are already quite fit, enjoy exercising, and want minimal amount of chanting and meditation with their yoga. Tickets must be purchased from the front desk and presented to the instructor at the start of the class.

### Kettlebell AMPD

March 29 & 30

9-10 a.m., Ederle Fitness

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

Kettlebell AMPD takes heart-pumping music and favorite kettlebell moves and combines them into 60 minutes of calorie-torching fun! Each song concentrates on a main area, while maintaining a whole-body routine. Kettlebell AMPD is a total body workout that emphasizes group fitness and focuses on specific areas such as arms, legs, core and cardio. For all fitness levels.

### Hotline to Heroes 5K

April 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ederle Outdoor Track, Caserma Ederle

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes in our community. Come dressed up as your favorite hero to help bring awareness to sexual assault, teen dating violence, substance abuse and domestic violence as we present the teams and hotlines that face those issues head-on every day.

Event information:

- EFMP Family Lap 8:15 a.m.
  - Pre-brief at 9 a.m.
  - Run starts at 9:15 a.m.
  - Runners, joggers, walkers and pets welcome
  - Stroller-friendly
  - Promotional item giveaway
- Units that would like to pre-register for participation awards must register by March 25. Race day registration is also an option.

EFMP Families are encouraged to pre-register by calling the EFMP Manager @ 634-7500.

## TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

### Family Movie Night

March 27 & 31, April 3, 7, 10 & 14

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!

### World War I Snowshoe Trip

April 2; 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

ODR, Caserma Ederle, \$40

Join ODR for an adventurous ascent of Monte Vezzena in the Dolomites. Don snowshoes and visit two WWI forts, covering approximately 14 KM and 500 meters of elevation. Pack a lunch to enjoy at the peak. Total snowshoeing times will be approximately 3 1/2 to 5 hours.

### Milan Fashion Walking Tour

April 2, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

ODR, Caserma Ederle, \$85

Enjoy a three-hour walking tour of Quadrilatero della Moda, Milan's fashion quadrangle. Learn the history of fashion in Milan with an expert local guide. Finish with a visit to Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, the bustling arcade at Piazza della Scala.

### Darby Parents' Night Out

April 2, 5:45-11 p.m.

Bldg. 726, Camp Darby, \$20

Take advantage of an opportunity to spend an evening with the children to enjoy dinner, a movie or just relax. Children are required to be picked up by 11 p.m., or a late fee will be charged. Register and pay by March 30.

### Women's Bike Ride

April 6; 8:15 a.m.-noon; \$20

Outdoor Recreation, Caserma Ederle

Learn more about the area and meet new people who enjoy being active outdoors. Ride departs from ODR and heads towards Riviera Berica bike path, passing notable sights along the way. All that is required is that you know how to ride a bike. Participants are welcome to use their own bike, or rent one from ODR (please reserve in advance).

### Venice Kayaking

April 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

ODR, Caserma Ederle

There's no better way to experience Venice than from its twisting canals. Rather than just an expensive gondola ride, why not paddle your own vessel for a couple hours? Finish off the experience with refreshments at the local rowing school. Space is limited so sign up early.

### Music Café

April 8, 7:30-11 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle

Casual improv jam nights for music lovers. Great music and amazing community talent. Performers can sign up at Soldiers' Theatre. Bring your favorite instrument if you like, but sound, lights, amps, drums and guitars are provided. Enjoy light snacks and refreshments while listening. Contact DSN 634-7281, comm. 0444-71-7281.

### Salzburg, Austria Express

April 9, 3 a.m.; returns April 10 4 a.m.

ODR, Caserma Ederle, \$115

Take a ride with breathtaking views of the landscape where "The Sound of Music" was filmed. Trace the Trapp family and enjoy a bus tour of Salzburg and its surroundings. The tour will visit all of the original film settings.