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Explosive device found alongside Longare fence

LONGARE -- Military police from United States Army Garrison Italy responded to a report of a suspicious package here March 31 and found an anti-personnel mine inside the Longare Military Facility.

A USAG Italy employee found the device during routine maintenance work along the fence line.

The U.S. military police responded to the initial report, and Italian authorities were called to the scene. A Yugoslavian PMR 3 Anti-Personnel mine was discovered only a few feet away from the fence. *Carabinieri* secured the area, and the Padova Exploitation Team was called in shortly afterwards to conduct preliminary testing and evidence collection at the scene, and to neutralize the explosive device. The exploitation team detonated the device near the site.

Testing of the suspicious package concluded that the package did not contain

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Month of Military Child

Children from SKIES Unlimited taekwondo, under direction of Master Kim (not pictured), participate in the Month of the Military Child kickoff event on Villaggio at the School Age Center April 1. In addition to the taekwondo demonstration, the event included fun activities, snacks and giveaways. Many MoMC events are scheduled throughout April at several facilities on post and Villaggio including Army Community Service, the Arts and Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle library and Teen Center. April was designated Month of the Military Child in 1986 by Department of Defense to acknowledge the personal sacrifice and important contributions of military children.

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

Think, Type, Post Online conduct can have far-reaching effects

VICENZA -- The evolution of the Internet, social media and other electronic media over the last decade has drastically altered how people communicate and interact. It is now easier and faster to convey messages and information than ever before, and in some cases, this can be done in complete anonymity.

While anonymity may allow people to feel more free and uninhibited to discuss otherwise embarrassing or stigmatizing topics, it can also be a community's biggest enemy. People can hide behind their computers while saying whatever they want with little ramifications. Protected by this sense of anonymity and lack of accountability, some people become ill-meaning individuals who participate in inappropriate and potentially harmful interactions over the Internet.

The Vicenza Military Community has been the focus of a lot of negative atten-

tion by the host nation recently because of social media activity by and directed at VMC members including cyberbullying, personal attacks and other types of inappropriate posts. Not only do these actions reflect badly on the entire Vicenza Military Community, they also undermine the dignity and respect of others, and are not consistent with Army values.

The Army spelled out its online social discipline policy last year in an "All Army Activities" message defining online misconduct. While the message is primarily of interest to Soldiers, it also has implications for civilians, contractors and family members.

The ALARACT states that online misconduct is "the use of electronic communication to inflict harm. Examples include, but are not limited to: harassment, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, or any other types of

misconduct that undermine dignity and respect.

"Harassment, bullying, hazing, stalking, discrimination, retaliation, and any other type of misconduct that undermines dignity and respect are not consistent with Army Values and negatively impact command climate and readiness," it adds. Facility commanders are to "reinforce a climate where current and future members of the Army team, including soldiers, Army civilians, contractors, and family members, understand that online misconduct is inconsistent with Army values."

Soldiers who violate those standards may be subject to discipline under the Uniform Code of Military Justice while civilians could be disciplined under general civilian personnel policies, it states.

Family members are not subject to

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Learn Italian

Spring
primavera
pree-mah-vair-ah

Summer
estate
ay-stah-tay

Fall/Autumn
autunno
ow-toon-oh

Winter
inverno
een-vair-no

Army outlines gender integration plan

WASHINGTON -- The Army recently announced details of its implementation plan for integrating women into all military occupational specialties, paving the way for qualified female Soldiers to serve in the infantry, armor and Special Forces.

Initially, the Army will manage assignments of women through a "leader first" approach. Beginning this year, women will be able to branch as infantry and armor officers, followed by female enlisted Soldiers to ensure they are assigned to operational units with integrated female leaders.

Under the new policies, all Soldiers will have the opportunity to serve in any occupational specialty based on individual capabilities and needs of the Army, allowing the Army to recruit Soldiers and leaders from a larger pool of qualified personnel.

"We're not going to turn our back on 50 percent of the population," said Acting Secretary of the Army Patrick J. Murphy. "We are opening up every occupation to women. I think that's

pretty historic."

The Army is implementing full integration through five lines of effort: updating physical and administrative screening standards; managing talent to select, train and promote the best qualified Soldiers; building integrated units; educating Soldiers and leaders and communicating how gender integration increases Army readiness; and continually assessing integration strategies to successfully posture the force.

"An incremental and phased approach by leaders and Soldiers who understand and enforce gender-neutral standards will ensure successful integration of women across the breadth and depth of our formations," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley.

Between May 2012 and October 2015, the Army led all services in gender integration by opening more than 95,000 positions and nine occupations to women.



April 2016

Month of the Military Child

Proclamation

Whereas, since 1986, Army installations around the world have celebrated the Month of the Military Child throughout the month of April, recognizing the sacrifices and applauding the courage of military children;

Whereas, each day, military children experience unique challenges, which they face with resilience and dignity beyond their years;

Whereas, it is essential to recognize that military children do make a significant contribution to our Nation through understanding and supporting their military parents who often work long hours and make numerous deployments when called upon;

Whereas, military children contribute to their Families by providing a source of strength and providing a sense of responsibility for those who protect our Nation;

Whereas, military children are the source of pride and honor that Americans have regarding their Soldiers' support to the Nation, it is fitting to recognize our military children's contributions and celebrate their spirit;

Whereas, our men and women in uniform can focus on the missions and challenges ahead when they know that their children are safe and secure;

Whereas, the Army strives to provide a safe and nurturing environment for military children enabling our Soldiers to have peace of mind and thus be a stronger and more ready and resilient fighting force;

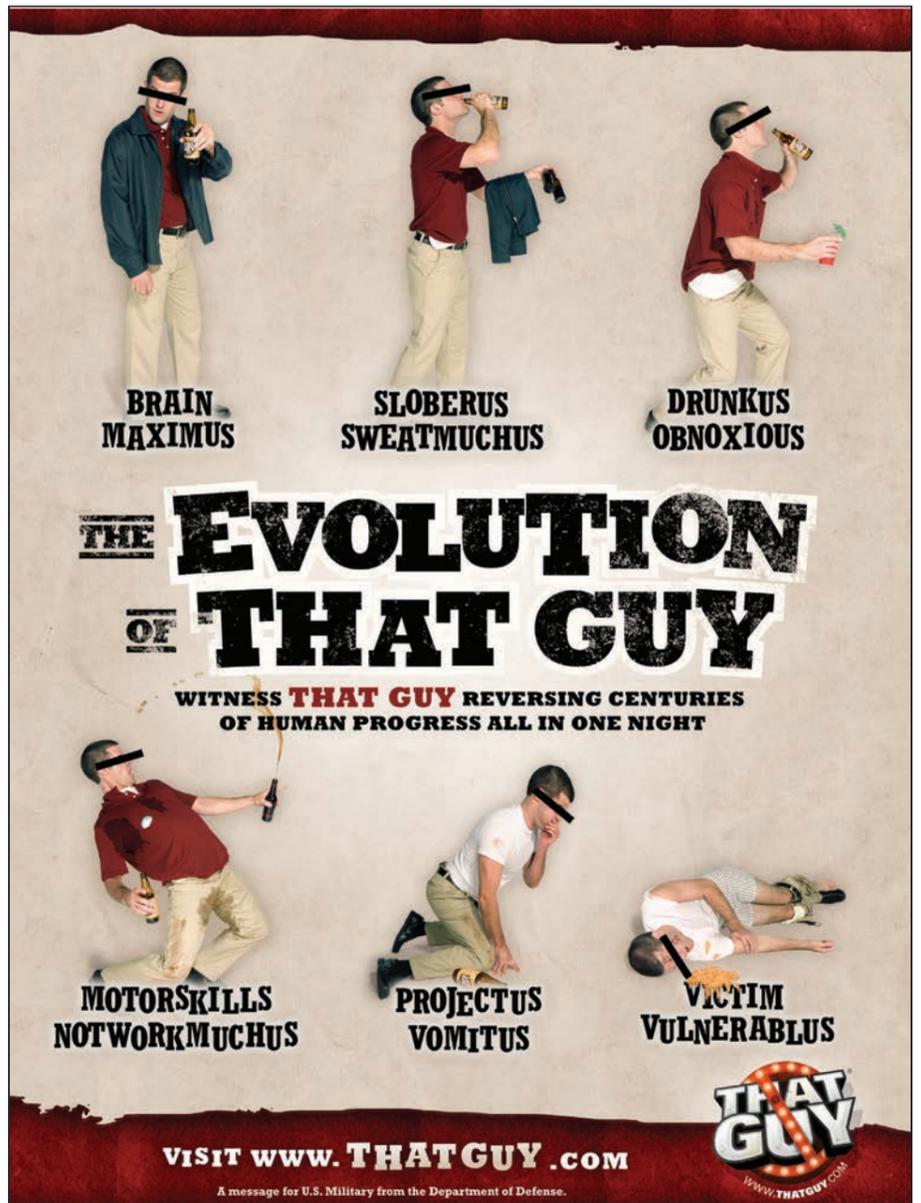
Whereas, the Month of the Military Child reinforces this concept and allows us to take stock in, and recognize that our Soldiers' children also play an important role in support of their parents, and thus, the Nation; and

Now, therefore, 2016 marks the 30th year that we celebrate the Month of the Military Child; we hereby join the Nation in recognizing the important contributions and sacrifices our military children make as we honor them throughout the month of April.

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Speak Out What are your plans for Spring Break?

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



Jodi Giesbrecht
Child & Youth Services

"Making costumes for the show Beauty and the Beast [Jr.] and spending time with family."



Sgt. 1st Class David Gonzales
U.S. Army Africa

"Going to Malta with family and friends."



David Paulin
Family member

"I plan to go to Germany with my best friend Richard for the whole week."



Gabriel Elya
Family member

"To go with my dad on vacation to a (springtime) adventure. No specific plan, just have fun."



Brenda Jasper
Family member

"I hope to go to a Barbie Carnival in Rome."



Martina Roncoletta
Family member

"To go to Aviano to visit my family. I can't wait."

AFRICOM stands up Intelligence Brigade

Story and photo by
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VICENZA -- The 207th Military Intelligence Brigade activated in a ceremony here March 16 at Hoekstra Field on Caserma Ederle.

The 207th is the Theater Intelligence Brigade for United States Africa Command and is under the operational control of U.S. Army Africa.

"The U.S. Army's decision to realign military intelligence units supporting U.S. European Command and AFRICOM will better support our operations on the continent," said Maj. Gen. Darryl Williams, USARAF commanding general.

The new brigade includes 207th Military Intelligence Brigade Headquarters and 307th Military Intelligence Battalion located here, as well as 522nd Military Intelligence Battalion located at Wiesbaden, Germany. The third battalion in the brigade, 337th Military Intelligence Battalion, is a U.S. Army Reserve formation located at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

"We look forward to working closely with our brothers and sister in uniform north of the Alps and across the Atlantic, while utilizing the Total Army: active, guard and reserve," said Williams.

Originally constituted in 1944, the unit was known as 113th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment. It was consolidated in 1983 with 207th Military Intelligence Detachment and reorganized as 207th brigade in 1985. The brigade, stationed in Ludwigsburg, Germany, through the 1980s under VII Corps, inactivated in 1992.

"Activation of this brigade epitomized the very concept of teamwork," said Col. Timothy Higgins, commander of the 207th.

Higgins credited the efforts of those who helped bring the brigade to this point.



Maj. Gen. George Franz III, commanding general of Intelligence and Security Command, observes as Col. Timothy Higgins, 207th Military Intelligence Brigade commander, and senior enlisted leader, Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Segraves, unfurl campaign streamers on the new unit's guidon during the March 16 activation ceremony of the 207th Military Intelligence Brigade at Hoekstra Field on Caserma Ederle.

"The brigade stands ready to support and accomplish its shared goals of increased security and prosperity on the continent of Africa," said Higgins.

The 207th is scheduled to be fully operational by end of fiscal year 2016.

"The nation needs a new breed of Soldiers and civilians; as of today, the 207th stands ready to answer that call," said Maj. Gen. George Franz III, commanding general of U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

Community observance honors women

Story and photo by
Laura Kreider
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VICENZA -- The Vicenza Military Community celebrated Women's History Month with an event hosted by 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) on Caserma Ederle at the Golden Lion March 22.

"Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government" was the National Women's History Month theme for 2016.

Among many women who have shaped America's history through their public service and government leadership, 16 honorees were chosen to be highlighted for the diversity of their contributions to their country, as well as the challenges and opportunities they faced throughout their lives.

After sixth-grader Taryn Harris went to the podium and read the proclamation signed by President Barak Obama. U.S. Army Europe Command Sgt. Maj. Sheryl Lyon gave the keynote address.

"Of the 16 honorees that were presented, I selected Oveta Culp Hobby," said Lyon. She explained that Hobby was a pioneer military leader who helped define women's roles in the armed forces during World War II.

"She got her law degree in 1925, before my dad was born. In 1942, she was the first director of the newly formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC),



Command Sgt. Maj. Sheryl Lyon, command sergeant major, U.S. Army Europe, and sixth-grader Taryn Harris cut the cake at the Women's History Month observance hosted by 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) on Caserma Ederle at the Golden Lion March 22. Lyon was the keynote speaker for the event and Harris read the proclamation signed by United States President Barak Obama.

later renamed WAC in 1943," Lyon said.

She explained that Hobby fought for WAC recognition. Back then, women used to go camp to camp because even if they were not supposed to fight, they went out and did it anyway.

"After each war," continued Lyon, "they [women] were told to leave and go back home. But after World War II, it was the first time that they were recognized for veterans' benefits. At the end of Col. Hobby's 10 years, WAC filled 239

different Army positions, more than four times the initial estimates of what they thought they would fill."

In July 1945, Hobby resigned her commission and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the first and only WAC to receive this medal during World War II.

"She stands out to me-- being the WAC director, her leadership-- and the role she played in that was crucial to our continuing to be able to serve in the U.S. Army," added Lyon.

During her remarks, Lyon also emphasized the importance of seeking opportunities during a military career.

"I have been blessed in my career to have been given a number of opportunities. I feel that I met those challenges and I think that all female Soldiers have the capability of doing that.

"If you take nothing else from this [presentation], remember that opportunities present themselves, so please, reach out with both hands and take them.

"Take yourself into the future," Lyon said.

Twelve-year-old Harris is already projecting toward her future opportunities. She said she was pleased to receive a certificate of appreciation for her contribution to the event by Col. Gregory Anderson, 173rd IBCT (A) Commander, and wants to make a difference in some way.

"It was important to learn how women grew over the years and what women can do. I will study and do something for other people," Harris said.



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Darby NCO, Soldier of Quarter

Sgt. Derrick Muniz, 529th Military Police Platoon, and Spc. Jane Njenga, Livorno Health Clinic, were selected as Darby Military Community Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the second quarter FY16, respectively. On left: Lt. Col. Jason Alvis, commander, 839th Transportation Battalion, presents Muniz (right) with an Army Achievement Medal for his honor. Below: Alvis presents Njenga the Army Achievement Medal certificate for her selection.

(Photos by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)



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tain explosive material, according to Capt. Francesco Provvidenza of the SETAF *Carabinieri*. Provvidenza also said authorities were sure the mine was not placed from outside the fence.

“From the position [in which it was found], it is impossible to have been thrown from outside,” he said. “I would say that one can rule out both the terrorist act and a demonstration/protest act. We are investigating, but our idea is that it may have been forgotten there after some exercise in the area. The mine had the safety pins still inserted, so it had not been ‘activated’ and it was not even hidden or buried.”

The incident is under investigation by Italian authorities.

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discipline under the UCMJ. However, according to legal officials, family members should understand they are in Italy on a permissive basis with their Soldier, and the U.S. Army Garrison Italy is responsible for maintaining the same good order and discipline in the community.

Despite these rules and direction in regard to use of social media and other forms of electronic communication, the Army says it does not want to stop Soldiers from communicating online. Instead, said an Army official, when using electronic communication devices, Soldiers should apply “Think, Type, Post.” That maxim is summarized as “think about the message being communicated and who could potentially view it; type a communication that is consistent with Army values; and post only those messages that demonstrate dignity and respect for self and others.”

Reporting Mechanisms

If you receive or experience offensive electronic communications – or become aware of others who do – report them. Commanders are responsible for maintaining good order and discipline within their organizations. If you have exercised preventive and protective measures and are still experiencing or witnessing online misconduct, you should promptly report matters to the chain of command/supervision or to the appropriate civilian authority. Keep any evidence (like screen shots, emails, text messages, etc.) of online misconduct to submit with your report. Alternate avenues for information about online conduct and reporting include: Family Support Services, Equal Opportunity, Equal Employment Opportunity, Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, the inspector general, and Army law enforcement. *(USAG Italy PAO)*

Passport services change temporarily

Due to unforeseen circumstances, effective immediately until approximately April 11, the Vicenza passport office will be operating in an extremely limited capacity. Office personnel will be unable to process passport applications. During this time, the passport office will only be able to provide the following services:

- Distribute passports that arrive from previously processed applications, social security card applications, and education services.
- Provide assistance with compiling documents required for application packets to be processed upon the restoration of full service on or about April 11. The passport office cannot maintain the packets during this time.

The Military Personnel Services office asks for customer patience and understanding at this time. Anyone with questions or concerns should contact Christine Moaga, chief, MPS, at DSN 637-7492, comm. 044-461-7492, or email at christine.e.moaga.civ@mail.mil.



LION Response 16

EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISE

Tuesday, May 10

*** Expect possible gate closures and disruptions to normal activities on Caserma Ederle at some point during the exercise**



Army celebrates 46th Earth Day

Sustain the mission, secure the future

By **Rodger Allison**
DPW Environmental Division

CASERMA EDERLE -- For many centuries, the environment was something to be conquered. Initially, humankind focused on extracting Earth's resources solely for food, water and shelter. Then, the need for migration and expansion came upon us, leading to environmental challenges such as sprawl and the need for long-distance transportation. After some time, the Industrial Age was born and people discovered we could easily extract more of what we needed than ever before. This increased urbanization and intensified manufacturing activity. Also, changes in agricultural practices led to more pesticides and herbicides reaching waterways and contaminating the environment.

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day celebration brought 20 million Americans out for peaceful demonstrations in favor of environmental reform. Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wis.) and Congressman Paul McCloskey (R-Calif.) gave bipartisan sponsorship to the event, but its popularity far surpassed their wildest expectations. The first Earth Day lives in popular memory to this day as a joyous and life-affirming moment in American history. The theatrical flair of some of the demonstrators had a great deal to do with its success: Oil-coated ducks were dumped on the doorstep of the Department of the Interior; a student disguised as the Grim Reaper stalked a General Electric Company stockholders' meeting; demonstrators dragged a net filled with dead fish down Fifth Avenue and shouted to passers-by, "This could be you!"

The success of Earth Day gave greater priority than ever to environmental issues. In particular, it strengthened the impact of the report that Roy L. Ash of the President's Commission on Executive Reorganization had submitted on April 15. That report argued strongly that an independent agency was needed to coordinate all of the Administration's new environmental initiatives.

After many decades, unregulated pollution from industrialized activities had reached deadly proportions. Rivers were spontaneously catching fire from chemicals and fuels dumped in our nation's waterways. Smog in large cities such as London, New York and Los Angeles caused respiratory diseases and deaths of many people. Damages caused by an industrialized world could no longer be trivialized. The environment was no longer something to be ignored but rather needed protection.

Born in the wake of elevated concern about environmental pollution, EPA was established on December 2, 1970, to consolidate in one agency a variety of federal research, monitoring, standard-setting and enforcement activities to ensure environmental protection. Within a year, Congress established the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and passed the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. Since its inception, EPA has been working for a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people.

We continue to build upon the early successes. We also learned from our mistakes, including terrible incidents involving human and environmental disasters such as the Bhopal gas tragedy in India and the Exxon Valdez oil spill that occurred in Alaska. We work to improve

Earth Day Facts

Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day in the United States April 22, 1970. The date became the internationally recognized Earth Day in 1990. Now, more than 192 countries hold celebrations around the world.

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to watch three hours of TV. It takes 90 percent less energy to recycle aluminum cans than to manufacture new ones.

Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every HOUR. It takes 90 percent less energy to recycle plastic bottles than to manufacture new ones. One recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for three hours.

Glass can be recycled over and over and over again. Recycled glass generates 20 percent less air pollution and 50 percent less water pollution than making virgin glass. One recycled glass bottle would save enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes.

One way USAG Italy celebrates is by planting a tree; one tree removes about 50 pounds of pollution from the air each year.

The Army celebrates Earth Day by holding events at over 200 Installations throughout the world. It also protects over 200 species that are threatened and endangered and make their homes on military installations. The Army also focuses on reducing our need for natural resources by reaching Net Zero energy use.

air and water quality, and keep recyclable materials out of our landfills. We act wisely to sustain our resources for this and future generations. We set aside public land forever, and protect important natural places to protect entire ecosystems and provide for recreation.

The Army and USAG Italy have been actively working to protect our natural resources for decades. Every year USAG Italy takes some time around Earth Day to celebrate our successes and recognize the challenges ahead. This year USAG Italy offers the following events for our communities during the week of Earth Day:

VMC
Tree-planting ceremony

April 22; location to be announced

Essay/Art/Coloring contests

Deadline: April 15

Students should see their teachers or post library for details.

Household hazardous waste collection days

April 21-22 at the PX

DPW Information Booth

April 22 at the PX

DMC

Bat Habitat Installation

April 22; location to be announced

DPW Information Booth

April 22 at the commissary



Inauguration ceremony in Lonigo

United States Army Garrison Italy honored an invitation from Mayor of Lonigo Luca Restello to attend the opening of the 530th annual trade fair March 19. Capt. Harrison Zabell, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Italy, participated in the inauguration ceremony along with elected officials and military authorities from the province of Vicenza.

(Photo courtesy of the Municipality of Lonigo)



Easter Eggstravaganza 2016

Vicenza Military Community children and parents participated in the annual Eggstravaganza event March 26 on Caserma Ederle Track and Field. More than 10,000 eggs were stuffed with candy and prize tickets. In addition to the egg hunt held for various age groups, children had fun with crafts, bounce houses and giveaways from USO. Many children also had their photo taken with the Easter Bunny. More photos are posted on the USAG Italy Flickr site: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157666603430815>.

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



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Dollars and \$ense

Welcome to the Dollars and \$ense financial corner; let's talk money

By **Samuel D. Coston**
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CASERMA EDERLE -- This is the first of many financial articles that will run in the Outlook, and I hope you will want to learn about financial matters as much as I look forward to sharing the information.

Why am I asking you to read these financial articles? Because achieving financial literacy is priceless!

Why does anyone cross a road, develop goals, look at the stars at night and ask why? To find life's opportunities, of course. Life's opportunities can also be found when financial freedom is gained.

A large percentage of military members are from hardworking, blue-collar, middle class families that lived paycheck-to-paycheck. Given that, I asked myself, "How can I assist this new generation of service members in achieving greater prosperity than his or her parents?"



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a few dollars in your Armani wallet or Louis Vuitton handbag. No grasshopper, you are not, and here is why: Keeping up with the Joneses or Kardashians is an expensive endeavor and, at the end of the day, meaningless. When one of our community members visits my office and requests financial counseling, my first questions are, "Which state in the United States do you consider as home? Which parent was the saver? Which parent was the spender?"

The answer is to have an honest conversation about how money and credit works in America.

You may think you are better off than your parents. Just because you now have

I am not ashamed to say that my mother was the saver who taught this old Soldier, and now financial adviser, how to save money. She kept my family from living paycheck-to-paycheck or down by the river in cardboard boxes.

Being financially responsible is important -- to you, your current or future family, and to that smiling mom or dad who is so proud to inform the entire neighborhood that their child is serving our country and saving money for his or her future.

If you are being responsible about money, you have developed a savings and investing plans that are both realistic and achievable.

That means you have developed a financial plan which ensures your future life partner's wedding ring is not purchased on credit. That means your savings account possesses enough funds to pay the first month's rent, required deposits and a plane ticket to Italy for your life partner and maybe a dog or cat. That means you possess enough funds to support your

spouse and a dog while residing in Italy as a one-income family, correct.

That means you, the head of the household, the thinking person, will not purchase a toy, such as a Harley Davidson motorcycle, until your family has evolved into a two-income family.

Most Soldiers are taxed at the 12 to 15 percent tax rate. Given this fact, your debt obligations should never exceed 36 percent of your gross pay.

Next, your monthly savings and investments in the Thrift Savings Plan should together equal approximately 20 percent or more of your gross income. This will afford you, the master of your financial destiny, approximately a 30 percent financial buffer.

Please remember, the money you spend, save or invest, is your hard-earned dollars. They are your dollars, and it is up to you to spend, save or invest each dollar wisely.

I'll leave you with a thought until next time: "Know what you owe, and know why you owe it!"

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Art center: More than craft sticks and glitter

CASERMA EDERLE -- Community members may know the local art center on Caserma Ederle for framing and engraving, or maybe have heard about collaborative youth programs through the Child and Youth Services EDGE program. Perhaps you've received a beautiful fused glass piece as a gift from someone who has learned about glass fusing. No matter what your experience is, the center probably offers much more than you think.

Throughout the years, the Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center has grown and added numerous services and programs to meet the needs of the ever-changing military community. The center offers various services, such as classes for adults and youth, and do-it-yourself clay and multicraft studios with an abundance of materials at customer disposal. In addition, customers are able to certify to use the wood shop and frame studio to create personalized projects.

One special program that is gaining ground is the Resiliency through Art program. In 2011, the Resiliency through Art program was geared towards Warrior



Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center manager and personnel assist participants in the Open House March 30. During the event, participants had the opportunity to see what's offered in the form of services and classes, samples of projects, and a selection of specialty items available for sale. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs)

Transition Unit Soldiers and spouses/family members of deployed Soldiers. It was a creative outlet for participants and was the first of its kind provided on a military installation. Using everything from

pencils and paper to clay and collage, this program has proven to be an incredible outlet for anyone dealing with stress, anger, separation anxiety and more. This program is also good for boosting

self-esteem and confidence.

Michelle Sterkowicz, program manager and certified art therapist, has been working on a larger level with Installation Management Command G9 out of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to train other arts and crafts center managers on how to facilitate appropriately such a program within their art centers. Thus far, Sterkowicz has trained eight program managers, all of whom are interested in expanding this program to benefit our Soldiers and family members.

"We hope that this program continues to grow and that there will be some continuity from base to base for individuals wanting to take advantage of this wonderful program," Sterkowicz said.

Starting this month, the Resiliency through Art program will travel to CYSS facilities to ensure that youth involved in after-school CYSS programs can also benefit from this program. Anyone interested in getting his or her children involved should contact the program manager at the local CYSS facility. Art center personnel will be at the SAC, Youth Center and Teen Center.

Italy, Europe offer overnight, day trips for Spring Break

By **Beatrice Giometto**

Outdoor Recreation

If you're looking for something to do during Spring Break and don't want to travel too far-- or for too long-- away from home, it's not too late to make a plan. Consider the following options:

Agriturismo in the Italian countryside

Pick a less well-known rural area down south, book and drive. In less than four to five hours, you will be in the rolling hills of Umbria or the wilds of Tuscany. An agriturismo is a place to stay (and a place to eat good food) while you enjoy the peacefulness of a small town or village.

To qualify for *agriturismo* status, the accommodation has to be on a working farm. But don't expect to be mucking out the stables: most of these places offer modern conveniences like en suites and swimming pools, many lay on good home cooking, and some are surely glamorous. Prices reflect product, but in general agriturismi are comparatively inexpensive; they'll certainly come in at a much lower cost than the average Tuscan villa. <http://www.agriturismo.it/en/>

A long weekend in a Masseria in Puglia

These ancient farmhouses are the best solutions for experiencing the authenticity of this idyllic region. They were once the heart of vast land estates, surrounded by rolling fields, groves and pastures, inhabited in summer months by landowners and farm workers. Today, many *masserie* have been lovingly restored and turned into restaurants or small hotels. Ideal for those who like to immerse themselves in nature in search of peace and relaxation, the *masserie* in the Puglia countryside help to make the landscapes of the region unique.

www.salento.it/vacanze/masserie-salento

Visit Sardinia Island

Alghero is that rare combination of lovely old town, fine sandy beaches and international airport, all within a few miles. The formula is ideal for a short break-- or indeed for a longer stay-- allowing enough time to explore more of this Wales-sized island. Cagliari is another option. Get on Ryanair (does not imply endorsement) flight and go! www.ryanair.com A couple of tried-and-true bed and breakfasts in Cagliari can be found at www.ilcagliarese.com and www.laterrazzasulporto.com/en/ (does not imply endorsement).

Menorca Island/Mediterranean breeze time

April is a lovely time to be in unspoiled Menorca (the whole island has been a UNESCO biosphere reserve since 1993). Visit the two main towns: Mahón, built on a beautiful natural harbor, and Ciutadella. Spend days walking or cycling along coastal paths. The island is largely flat so the terrain is not too demanding. There are some lovely rural places to stay; try Hotel Rural in Biniarroca. biniarroca.com

Malta connection

If you need a spot of sunshine, head to the warmer climes of Malta during April. Explore the UNESCO heritage Mdina site or relax on the sandy beaches of Ghajn Tuffieha Bay. You have the option to stay at one of two four-star hotels, The Pergola or The Solana, both of which are located a short distance from the city center in the peaceful Mellieha village.

Musica a Palazzo, for a Venice evening

What could be more appropriate for Venice, city of romance, than to have a season of operas in a palazzo on the Grand Canal? There can be no more magical experience

than to travel in the dark by boat to Santa Maria del Giglio. Then walk through some dimly lit alleyways over small bridges to Palazzo Barbarigo Minotto, its grand salon lit by hundreds of candles and twinkling lights reflected by the water. *Musica a Palazzo* is staged at Palazzo Barbarigo Minotto. Three operas this season: The Barber of Seville, *Rigoletto*, and *La Traviata*. A membership card costs €75. www.musicapalazzo.com

Friuli-Venezia Giulia wine, coffee and Mitteleuropa

Italy's easternmost region, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, is a sliver of coastline across the Adriatic Sea from Venice. Despite its Roman heritage, the region feels remote, like a bridge between the Mediterranean and Mitteleuropa (Middle Europe). Known as the Trieste Riviera, this curving coastline runs from Roman Aquileia to Austrian-flavored Trieste. Beyond Trieste, the foothills produce the county's finest white wines. Aquileia, with its Roman and early Christian remains, feels Roman; and Udine, with its historic heart, feels Venetian.

Trieste boasts elegant cafes and evokes Vienna rather than Rome. The city is the home of Illy Coffee, Italy's leading coffee-producing family, as well as being the leading coffee port in the Mediterranean. The port hosts historic literary cafes that make Trieste the capital of Italian coffee culture. No wonder James Joyce chose to live here, with his brain fueled by coffee, culture and sea views.

The hilly Collio district, www.collio.it, is like a wilder Tuscany and dotted with vineyards and border castles. The grandest castles are best reached from Trieste. Miramare, the most engaging, was built by Maximilian, brother to Franz Joseph, Habsburg Emperor. The hopeless romantic fell for "a castle with a big garden on a beach." Duino's medieval castle is also a place to visit. www.castellodiduino.it

Math fun at Livorno school

Having fun while learning math is one objective of the annual Mathematics Carnival that took place March 8 at Livorno Unit School. Children from kindergarten through eighth grade rotated through various activity stands and performed math-associated games. Arianna Henderson rejoices as she gets a "Bingo" at the carnival, while volunteer Jewel Alvis enjoys the glory.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)



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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.mil@mail.mil.

Planned demonstration

On April 9, a pro-Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) rally will occur in downtown Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The main theme of the rally will be "Peace, and the end of the war in Turkey." The protest will begin at approximately 1 p.m. and conclude at approximately 5 p.m. Approximately 1,000 demonstrators are expected to participate. The rally will begin at the *Hauptbahnhof* and conclude at the *Hauptwache*. Host nation law enforcement does not anticipate any violence; however, large crowds can change temperament without warning.

On April 10, a Turkish nationalist group will hold a demonstration entitled "Turkish, German and Kurdish Mothers for Peace in Turkey and the European Union." The demonstration will begin at approximately 4 p.m. and conclude at approximately 7:30 p.m. The rally will begin on *Rossmarkt* and conclude at *Konstablerwache*, Frankfurt am Main. Approximately 1,000-2,000 protestors are expected. Host nation law enforcement believes violence could occur at this rally, based on a similar Turkish nationalist rally in Aschaffenburg on March 27. During that rally, pro-Kurdish counter-demonstrators attacked a group of 600 demonstrators, resulting in the arrest of 30 people.

Community members are advised to avoid these areas of protest, remain cautious, and report suspicious activity immediately.

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.

2016 Summer Hire Program

The Civilian Human Resources Agency Europe Region is now accepting applications through April 15 for summer employment across Europe for family members ages 14-22, with valid family member ID cards. The program runs from June 27 through Aug. 5. Additional information and online application are available at the CHRA-E website, under "Employment" at <https://acpol2.army.mil/sh/staffing/summerhire>. Applicants must also submit hard copies of employment documents directly to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center that services their community.

Applicants for summer hire positions must be family members of active-duty service members or DoD civilian employees. Potential employees must have reached their 14th birthday prior to June 27, 2016, and not reach their 23rd birthday prior to the end of the program Aug. 5, 2016.

Frankfurt USO to close

The USO will permanently close its center at Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) April 14, 2016, due to several operational factors. Over the past three

years, the center has seen a decline in the number of visitors using the facility, a result of the shift of military personnel and their families from FRA to Ramstein Air Base. The location now primarily serves as a spot for visitors to wait for commercial shuttles to local installations. Additionally, options to address an increased force protection threat level in the region proved limited and costly. While the center provided valuable services to American service members and their families traveling through the Frankfurt airport, the need to use donor dollars wisely far outweighed the mission that was being conducted.

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.

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 April is as follows: 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.

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.

Boots to Business program

Plan ahead for your transition out of the military. The U.S. Small Business Administration Boots to Business program, an entrepreneurship track of the Transition Assistance Program, will sponsor a two-day course in Vicenza beginning April 20. The course is open to all service members and their spouses no matter when they are transitioning. Don't miss this opportunity to learn valuable business skills and gain the tools to become a successful entrepreneur. Contact Vicenza-Army TAP at <https://www.facebook.com/VicenzaSFLTAP> to register.

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. Find applications 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.

Basic Rider Course

The Army foundation course for motorcycle operators will take place June 1-2, July 13-14, Sept. 14-15 at the Hall of Heroes and Torri Range. Riders who have not previously taken or do not have proof of completion of an Experienced Rider Course or Military Sport Bike Rider Course must complete this course. This 2-day (15-hour) course consists of classroom instructions on technical and behavioral aspects of riding, hands-on training, riding skills evaluation, and knowledge-based evaluation. Loaner motorcycles, helmets, and gloves are provided on request; however, we have only six motorcycles available per class and they are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Experienced Rider Course

The advanced one-day (8 hours) course will take place at Torri Range April 22, May 13, June 3, June 24, July 15, Aug. 5, Aug. 25, and Sept. 16. The course complements a rider's basic skills and helps with personal risk assessment. It includes fast-paced range exercises designed to enhance both basic and crash avoidance skills. Improving braking and cornering finesse is emphasized throughout the course. A riding skills evaluation is performed as part of the course and must be successfully passed to obtain a completion card. Participants must provide proof of completion of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course, previous Experienced Rider Course or Military Sport Bike Course. To register, visit: https://imc.army.mil/airs/usg_disclaimer.aspx.

College graduation recognition

The 2016 College Graduation Recognition Ceremony will take place May 18 at 10 a.m. If a person has graduated from college in the past year, or is within 12 semester hours from graduation, the education center invites you to join in celebrating your accomplishments at the ceremony. To see a copy of the flier, see on the following link: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/45894776>.

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 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.

Army Community Service events

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

Resume Fundamentals

10:30-11:30 a.m., April 12

AFTB Morning Mini Military

Benefits & Entitlements

9-11 a.m., April 13

Baby & Me Infant Playtime

Bldg. 395

10:30-11:30 a.m. April 14 & 28

SOS Walk & Talk Ederle Track

4:30-5:30 p.m., April 14, 21 & 28

Baby Wearing

1-2 p.m., April 15

Spouse Sponsorship Training

1 p.m., April 19

AFTB Lunch & Learn Resiliency

11 a.m. -1:30 p.m., April 20

Family Adventure Fun Day

2-4 p.m., April 21

Bringing Baby Home

3:30-5:30 p.m., April 21

Baby & Me Yoga

Bldg. 395

10:30-11:30 a.m. April 21

Benvenuti-3-day

Cultural Integration class for spouses

Registration for May 18-20 session

8 a.m., April 22

ScreamFreeParenting--Two Part

9 a.m. -1 p.m., April 26 & 27

Interview Skills

10-11 a.m., April 27

Exchange shoppers can win

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will make getting married extra special for two couples this summer with the Demetrios Bridal Gown Sweepstakes. Through June 30, brides, grooms and any Exchange shopper can enter for a chance to win one of two bridal gowns courtesy of Demetrios Bridal, Asia Pacific and The Exchange. Authorized shoppers 18 and older may enter the Demetrios Bridal Gown Sweepstakes at www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes. No purchase is necessary.

National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. In 2014, 3,179 people were killed, and 431,000 injured, in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger everyone's safety. Do your part to keep our Soldiers and Army civilians focused on the road when they are behind the wheel. Visit <https://safety.army.mil> to download a driving safety poster.

Darby students participate in career day

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

CAMP DARBY -- All Livorno Unit School students enjoyed the annual Career Day and Job Fair in March.

The event allowed students to explore career options through office visits and presentations done by middle school students about various jobs.

Christy Blevins, school principal, described how the day unfolded: "In the morning, the middle school students participated in an exploration of emergency response skills while the elementary school students took field trips around base to visit working people and learn about their jobs."

In the afternoon, the middle school students developed and presented a job fair to those in the lower grades.

"I was impressed by the middle school students' preparation and presentations," Blevins said. "It was apparent that they put thought, organization and consideration of the audience into their displays."

As students presented career fields, community subject-matter experts were on hand to assist and able to clarify career information and provide material to anyone interested in learning more. Blevins said elementa-

ry students learned about careers that they had not previously known about.

"I liked the news reporting session," said Jordan Caoile, elementary school student. "I learned that it is important not to mumble while being interviewed and to smile at the camera."

Ali Alvis, elementary school student, said she liked the performance done by an older friend, Sara Anderson, who showed the art of ice skating.

"I liked ice skating and the way Sara held her leg up while turning and maintaining her balance," said Alvis.

Anderson, together with Martina Roncoletta, presented three career opportunities: news reporting, ice skating and dancing. The students said the career day was an incredible learning experience.

"I learned that even if we felt we were not ready for the presentation, [it was fine because] we worked hard and in the end, we made it. Never give up," said Roncoletta.

"The subject-matter experts from our community focused on not only providing content information but also on the importance of education and perseverance in getting where you want to be," said Blevins. "Their support and insight was greatly appreciated."



Master Sgt. Chad Theriault, 529th Military Police Platoon, shows Ali Alvis how to take fingerprints during a field trip to community workplaces March 3.

At the movies

Barber Shop: The Next Cut

It's been more than 10 years since our last appointment at Calvin's Barber Shop. Calvin and his longtime crew are still there, but the shop has undergone some major changes. Most noticeably, our once male-dominated sanctuary is now co-ed. The ladies bring their own flavor, drama and gossip to the shop challenging the fellas at every turn. Despite the good times and camaraderie within the shop, the surrounding community has taken a turn for the worse, forcing Calvin and our crew to come together to not only save the shop, but their neighborhood.



April 8	7 p.m.	The Boss (R)
	10 p.m.	Batman vs. Superman in 3D (PG-13)
April 9	3 p.m.	The Divergent Series: Allegiant (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The Boss (R)
April 10	3 p.m.	Miracles from Heaven (PG)
	6 p.m.	The Boss (R)
April 14	7 p.m.	London Has Fallen (R)
April 15	7 p.m.	The Jungle Book (PG)
	10 p.m.	Barber Shop: The Next Cut (R)
April 16	3 p.m.	The Jungle Book (PG)
	6 p.m.	Barber Shop: The Next Cut (R)
April 17	3 p.m.	Batman vs. Superman (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Barber Shop: The Next Cut (R)
April 20	7 p.m.	Barber Shop: The Next Cut (R)
April 21	7 p.m.	10 Cloverfield Lane (PG-13)
April 22	7 p.m.	Batman vs. Superman (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	The Brothers Grimsby (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

Chapel activities

Chapel Services (VICENZA)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays
Gospel Service
Bible Study

VMC Chapel, Building 29
Phone: 637-7575

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

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



Hotline to Heroes 5K

Nick Bedwell, a.k.a. The Hulk, and Dustin Foulks, Thor, from 1st Battalion, 503rd Attack Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade, wear costumes while participating in the Hotline for Heroes 5K run started on Caserma Ederle Track and Field April 2. Approximately 300 community members participated in the event, which was open to runners, joggers, strollers and pets. The run was intended to help bring awareness to sexual assault, teen dating violence, substance abuse and domestic violence. After the run, U.S. Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks presented trophies for Most Unit Participants, Best Unit Percentage and Biggest Family winners.

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

VENETO

Festa della Birra Artigianale Beer Fest

April 8, April 15, and April 22, 6 a.m.- 1 p.m.; April 9, April 16, and April 23, 4-10 p.m.; April 10, and April 17, and April 25, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; April 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; in Santa Lucia di Piave (Treviso), Via Mareno, about 78 miles northwest of Vicenza. Exhibit and sale by 20 breweries, food booths, workshops and sampling. Entrance fee: €3; free for children younger than 14. Free parking. <http://www.fierabirra.it/>

Fiera Antiquaria Antique Items Fair

April 9-10, and April 16-17, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., April 11-15, 3-8 p.m., in Padova, Via Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Antique furniture and rugs; glass art products; jewelry, museum collections, paintings and sculptures. Admission fee: €8; reduced €4 for children age 13-17 and senior citizens under than 65; free for children younger than 13. <http://www.antiquariapadova.com/>

CorriRetrone

Non-competitive 7-13-20 km March

April 10, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; departure 8 – 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza, Via Dino Carta 3. The €2.50 participation fee includes refreshments during the march and at the finish line. The march is named after the Retrone River and the trail paths that are located around the river in the Ferrovieri area of Vicenza.

http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sportivi/21093527_Corri-retrone.html

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 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, 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; 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 largest group and best folk group; 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://suezo.it/en/>

Il Circo delle Pulci

Vintage and Handmade Items

April 16, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazzale Alcide de Gaspari.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2016/03/19/13862/-il-circo-delle-pulci>

Mercatino Bell'Italia

Beautiful Italy Market

April 16-17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Cittadella (Padova), Piazza Pierobon, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. Exhibit and sale of quality food products and wines from all over Italy.

http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Vari/21095425_Eventi+A+Cittadella.html

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.

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

Verona Legend Cars

Vintage car exhibit

May 13-15, in Verona, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., at Verona Fair, Viale del Lavoro 8. The exhibit is a leap from past to present with a large exhibit and parades of vintage cars,



Flower and Plant Festival, Este (Padova)

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.terracino2.ln@mail.com.

If you own a vintage vehicle and would like to exhibit free of charge at the fair, please call 049-7386856; an English-speaking operator will assist you.

Outdoor Recreation has organized a trip to the car show on May 14. It departs from Caserma Ederle at 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. from Del Din with departure from Car show at 3 p.m.; the €45 fee includes transportation and entrance. To book a seat, call DSN 634-7453, comm. 0444-71-7453.

http://www.veronalegendcars.com/?page_id=prodotti&id-contenuto=361&idparent=100012&LID=1

FLOWER MARKETS

Primavera in Castello

Spring at the Castle

April 9-10, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Roncade (Treviso), at the Roncade Castle, via Roma 141. Flowers, plants and crafts exhibit and sale; workshops for children and adults; food booths. Entrance fee: April 9, €5; April 10, €7, which include a bottle of wine; reduced €0.50 for visitors younger than 18; free for children younger than 6. <https://www.facebook.com/events/160412507681396/>

Noale in Fiore

Noale with Flowers

April 10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Noale (Venice), Piazza Castello, Piazza XX Settembre. Hundreds of businesses from all over Italy display flowers, plants, trees, patio furniture and garden tools.

http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato/834_Noale+in+Fiore.html

Este in Fiore

Flower and Plant Festival

April 15-17, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Este (Padova); Piazza Maggiore, about 28 miles south of Vicenza. Floral art workshops for all ages. Entry is €2 for the three-day event; free for children younger than 12. Every day, free access to the castle's historical garden.

<http://www.esteinfiore.it/pagina-index.asp>

Di Rara Pianta

April 16-17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in Bassano del Grappa, “Alberto Parolini” Botanical Garden, Via Cartigliana 36, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Rare flowers and plants exhibit and sale; food booths featuring white asparagus and other local specialties; concerts, dances, and shows. Free entrance.

http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Fiere/21151748_Di+Rara+Pianta.html

ArtinFiore

Flowers and Art

April 17, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m., in Treviso, Piazza Duomo, about 55 miles east of Vicenza. Exhibit and sale of



Paper Roses Festival, Vigardolo

flowers, plants, patio furniture; art exhibits.

<http://www.wherevent.com/detail/Artigianato-in-Piazza-ArtinFiore>

Festa delle Rose di Carta

Paper Roses Festival

April 17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vigardolo di Monticello Conte Otto, about four miles north of Vicenza. Handmade products exhibit and sale; workshops for children; puppet shows; folk music and dances; at 5 p.m. piano and violin classic music concert Villa Valmarana Bressan. <http://www.rosedicarta.it/>

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

VENETO

Vicenza: April 10, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

Lonigo: April 10, 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): April 10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza 1° Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza (about 70 vendors)

Portobuffolè (Treviso): April 10, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza (250 vendors)

Verona: April 16, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

Este (Padova): April 17, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Godega di Sant'Urbano: April 17, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

Montagnana: April 17, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Padova: April 17, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

Soave: April 17, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)

TUSCANY

Sagra del Cinghiale Wild Boar Festival

April 14-17 and April 21-26, in Certaldo (Florence), at the Caponnetto Center, Viale Matteotti. Opens Sundays and Italian holidays at noon and 8 p.m.; weekdays at 8 p.m. Food booths feature many local specialties besides the wild boar dishes.
<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/certaldo/sagra-del-cinghiale-certaldo.html>

Mercato Europeo European products exhibit and sale

April 14-17, 2-7 p.m., in Pisa, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. Representatives from many European countries exhibit their specialties, to include Greek cuisine, Irish and German beers, Austrian sweets, French and Irish crafts.
http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato/21023036_Mercato+Europeo.html

Bicifi Florence Bike Festival

April 15, 2-7 p.m., April 16-17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Florence, Parco delle Cascine, Viale delle Cascine. Latest in bike technology, bike accessories and clothing; food stands. Free entry. <http://www.fbf.bike>

Toscana Auto Collection

April 16-17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Pescia (Pistoia), Via Salvo d'Acquisto. Vintage cars, motorcycles and auto parts exhibit and sale; food booths. Free parking.
http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato/21053210_Toscana+Auto+Collection.html

Gelato Festival Ice Cream Festival

April 21-25, noon to 10 p.m., in Florence, Piazzale Michelangiolo. It brings together the best ice cream makers and industry leaders from Italy and abroad. Buy a gelato card at the festival (€12, €10 for younger than 18) for five samples of gelato, a gelato cocktail, entry to cooking demonstrations and workshops, and much more. <http://www.gelatofestival.it/>

FLOWER MARKETS

Fior di Città – Pisa in Fiore Craft Exhibit and Sale

April 8, 3-8 p.m.; April 9, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; April 10, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Pisa, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, and Corso Italia. Entertainment and flag-throwers; free entry.
<http://www.pisainfiore.it/>

Botanica Craft Exhibit and Sale

April 9, noon-7 p.m., and April 10, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Lastra a Signa (Florence), Villa Caruso Bellosguardo, Via di Bellosguardo 54. Rare flowers and plants; a wide variety of succulent plants. Entrance fee: €4.
http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato/21092319_Botanica.html

Arezzo Flower Show

April 16-17, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Arezzo, Villa Severi, Via Francesco Redi 13. Rare flowers and plants; artistic crafts exhibit and sale; wellness booths; gardening workshops. <http://www.arezзоflowershow.com/>

CONCERTS/SPORTS

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
Sean Paul – June 23 in Milan; June 24 in Padova; June 25 in Naples



Bruce Springsteen – July 3 in Milan; July 16 in Rome
Wilco – July 4 in Ferrara; Nov. 12 in Milan
The Chemical Brothers – July 7 in Milan; Aug. 12 in Pescara
David Gilmour – July 7-8 in Pompei; July 10-11 in Verona
Van Morrison & Tom Jones – July 9 in Lucca
Deep Purple – July 12 in Genoa; July 13 in Brescia
Santana – July 13 in Cividale del Friuli; July 19 in Rome; July 20 in Cattolica; July 21 in Assago
Lionel Richie – July 12 in Lucca; July 14 in Rome
Elton John and Band – July 12 in Pompei; July 15 in Barolo; July 16 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)
Rihanna – Anti World Tour – July 11 in Torino; 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
Skunk Anansie – July 14 in Pistoia; July 15 in Rome; July 17 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
Sting – July 27 in Rome; July 28 in Florence; July 29 in Assago
Europe – Nov. 19 in Ciampino (Rome); Nov. 20 in Milan
Justin Bieber – Nov. 19-20 in Casalecchio Di Reno (Bologna)

ITALIAN ARTISTS

Claudio Baglioni e Gianni Morandi – April 8-9 in Assago; April 12-13 in Mantova; April 15-16 in Livorno; April 18-19 in Torino
Mario Biondi – April 10 in Mantova; April 15 in Cesena
Ezio Bosso – April 12 in Rome; April 16 in Verona; April 19-20 in Florence; April 24 in Trieste; May 10 in Udine; April 22 in Verona
Francesco De Gregori – April 14 in Padova; April 15 in Castelnuovo di Garfagnana; June 3 in Verona; July 2 in Rome
Malika Ayane – April 18-20 in Milan; April 24 in Brescia; April 28 in Naples
Elio e le Storie Tese – April 23 in Pergine Valsugana; April 29 in Assago; May 7 in Rome; May 13 in Rimini; May 14 in Casalecchio di Reno; May 15 in Torino; May 17 in Montichiari; May 20 in Firenze; May 21 in Padova
Valerio Scanu – April 24 in Rome
Antonello Venditti – April 30 in Livorno; May 20 in Milan; May 24 in Genova; May 27 in Sanremo; July 15 in Rome
Dario Fo – May 20 in Padova; May 27 in Milano; June 16 in Roma
Renato Zero – June 1-2 in Verona
Modà – June 18-19 in Milan; June 25 in Cagliari
Vasco – June 22-23 and June 26-27 in Rome
Ornella Vanoni – June 26 in Verona
Paolo Conte – July 2 in Piazzola sul Brenta; Oct. 29 in Brescia
Biagio Antonacci – Sept. 7 and Sept. 9-10 in Assago; Sept. 14 and Sept. 16-17 in Rome

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>.



ANTIQUE MARKETS TUSCANY

Bolgheri (Livorno): April 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets

Firenze (Tuscany): April 10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

Forte dei Marmi (Lucca): April 9-10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante

Livorno: April 10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

Montepulciano (Siena): April 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande

Piombino (Livorno): April 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci

Pisa: April 9-10, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

Pistoia: April 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Pertini

Vicopisano (Pisa): April 10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca

Certaldo (Florence): April 17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno

Florence: April 16-17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

Lucca: April 16-17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): April 16-17, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio

Pontedera (Pisa): April 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown

Quarrata (Pistoia): April 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Go with the Flow Yoga

April 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.

Darby Tuscan Tots Playgroup

April 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

April 14, 21 & 28; 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.

Baby and Me Infant Playtime

April 14 & every other Thursday except major holidays; 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 395, Caserma Ederle

A time to get together with other parents of infants to socialize and learn through play. For children ages two to 12 months, mothers and fathers.

Softball Officials Clinic

April 19; 6 p.m.

Ederle Fitness Center, Bldg 112

If softball is your favorite sport and you would like to officiate, it's time to sign up. Learn how to keep score and time. This is a chance to become a part of this softball season. Don't let it pass you by, get certified! Coaches meeting takes place April 27, 6 p.m. at the Ederle Fitness Center Conference Room. Officials Clinic takes place April 19-23, 6 p.m., also at the conference room. League play is May 4 - July 13, and tournament dates are as follows: Vicenza Championship, July 20-23; Army Europe Unit/Level Championship, Aug. 12-14; and IMCOM Europe Invitational Championship to be determined. For more information, call DSN 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

Children's Clothing Swap

April 20, 11 a.m.-1p.m.

Ederle Library, Bldg. 302

Bring in items your child has outgrown and swap for something new. Clean, gently used clothing and shoes only, please. Sizes 0-5 years. Drop off items at the library front desk starting April 11. Set up time is 10:30 a.m. April 20 in library conference room. Anything left in the conference room after 1 p.m. will be donated to the Thrift Shop. For more information, contact DSN 634-7291, comm. 0444-71-7291.

Tune-Up Bike Maintenance Course

April 23; 8:30 a.m.-noon

ODR, Caserma Ederle

The in-house mechanic will teach you the nuts and bolts of bike care to keep you riding safely and save money on maintenance. Learn to fix a flat, adjust gears, and brake maintenance. Bring your personal bike and tools to practice with if desired. Cost is \$40. Call DSN 634-7453, comm. 0444-71-7453.

Microsoft Basics

April 26; 1-3 p.m.

ACS, Caserma Ederle

If you've never used Microsoft Office, are re-entering the workforce, or just want to learn more about Microsoft Office, join us for a series on Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint. Each class will focus on a different program, covering everything from the basics to everyday, practical use. Sign up for one or both classes. A laptop computer is required to participate. April 26 is the excel class, and April 27 is Powerpoint. To sign up, stop by or call ACS at DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

ARTS /CRAFTS

Young Lives, Big Stories contest

Through April 30

Contest is open to children of active-duty Army, retirees, and members of the Army National Guard or Army Reserve. Parents 18 years or older with a military/government ID card may submit an entry form on behalf of more than one child. All entries must have the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

All submissions must be related to the question: "What does it mean to you to be a military child?"

Only original work will be accepted. Please do not submit any work that is copied from the web, a movie or clip art. Participants may choose from the following based on age:

Drawings

Ages 3-4 years old

5 years old - 1st Grade

2nd - 3rd Grade

Written Submissions

4th-5th Grade

6th-8th Grade

9th-12th Grade

One winner from each category will be chosen. One overall winner from all entries will be chosen for the grand prize. Grand prize is an Apple MacBook Air laptop.

All entrants must submit an entry form to enter the contest. Entry forms and more information may be found at <http://www.armymwr.com/momc>.

Adult String Art

April 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m., \$8

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

If you've ever wanted to try string art but didn't know where to start, register for this simple one-hour morning class and learn the step-by-step process of string art while creating a beautiful sunflower. You will get to take home your creation the same day. All materials and instruction are included. Contact DSN: 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

Mixed Media with Latica

April 15, 22 & 29; 10 a.m.-noon, \$45

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Learn about drawing, painting and how to bring them together. Instructor and local artist Latica Vitez will work with students to learn new skills or improve those you already have. No experience required; all materials included. 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 child learning through vocal play, object exploration, and more.

Wiggle & Move (parent & me classes)

Session 3: April 28 - May 19

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

SPORTS & FITNESS

CYSS Track & Field Enrollment

Through 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

Through 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. 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.

BOSS Morning Bike Rides

April 12, 6-7:30 a.m.

BOSS, Del Din, Bldg. 41

Join BOSS for weekly morning rides. Meeting location alternates between Del Din and Caserma Ederle. Contact the BOSS president or unit BOSS adviser for the most up-to-date information, or "like" them on Facebook where BOSS posts regular updates. Bring your road bicycle, helmet, spare inner tube, water and snacks as needed. No registration required. Call DSN 637-2712, comm. 0444-66-2712 for more information.

Darby Denim Day Walk

April 22, 7 a.m.

Darby Fitness Center

Join in the one-mile walk and show your support. There is never an excuse and never an invitation to rape. Wear jeans to show that the community is united against harmful attitudes of victim blaming, and that we demand offender accountability. Join the walk against sexual assault. No registration required.

Scuba Refresher

May 12; 5:30-10 p.m.

ODR classroom & Y-40 Diving Center

\$75

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. Refresher starts at ODR and moves on to the thermal waters of Y-40 The Deep Joy in Montegrotto. Proof of previous scuba certification required. Pay in person at ODR and fill out required paperwork.

Basic Open Water Scuba in Croatia

April 25-May 1, 5-9 p.m.

(weekday class), trip is Fri-Sun; \$550

ODR and Del Din Fitness Center Pool

Enjoy the beauty of the Adriatic Sea and become certified to SCUBA dive, in one of Europe's finest dive locations, Pula, Croatia. Monday through Thursday learn basic SCUBA skills in classroom and pool sessions. Friday, the class goes to Croatia to enjoy the Adriatic Sea and

conduct four open water dives. Certification will be valid anywhere in the world and allow participants to dive down to a maximum of 18 meters (40 feet).

TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

Family Movie Night

April 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!

Child-friendly Day Trips: Veneto

April 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

ODR Tasting & Travel Room,

Caserma Ederle

If you're new to Vicenza and need assistance planning a day trip in Italy or any other top family travel destination, join this class for information on Venice for kids, family-friendly museums, outdoor activities, and local amusement parks. Cost is \$15. Don't forget a notebook and writing utensil.

Genova & the Aquarium

April 16, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

ODR, Caserma Ederle, \$95

Discover the city of Genova, and visit the aquarium with 71 tanks, 800 species, and more than 10,000 specimens. Cost includes transportation and aquarium entrance fee. Register at DSN 634-7453, comm. 0444-71-7453.

Family Adventure Hunt

April 21, 2-4 p.m.

Davis Hall, Caserma Ederle

An afternoon of family fun and adventure. Families will hunt for stations on Caserma Ederle where they will have opportunities to learn new skills and receive takeaways. The hunt is limited to the first 25 families that sign up. This event can be used as a Strong Families Challenge event. Sign up at CYS Parent Central Services through April 15.

Spring Flea Market

April 23, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Library parking lot, Caserma Ederle

Stop by the flea market to find a bargain as people let go of items they have taken with them from one PCS to another for years. Nearly 50 tables will be available to peruse.

Spring Bazaar

May 13; 4-8 p.m.

Golden Lion, Caserma Ederle

A great event to plan with friends who enjoy shopping, wine and cheese tasting, as well as getting to know some local vendors. Vendors from north of the Alps make the trip so community members can enjoy their taste of life. The bazaar is a great start for shopping for unusual gifts, to include cheeses, beer, purses, jewelry, ceramics, Belgian chocolates, art and more.

Ride the Alps 10-year Anniversary

Reserve now for June 24-26

Edelweiss Resort; cost varies

Package price includes two adults in a standard room (extra fee for additional riders in the room); all-American barbecue and live music; breakfast on at Market Station Restaurant; photograph with your bike; Poker Run; Rider Patch; Bavarian buffet with traditional show; Biker Fest; Garmisch bike parade. Register at the Edelweiss Resort website: www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com.