Lion Response to validate capabilities

VICENZA -- Local planners are in the final stages of preparing for the upcoming full-scale exercise named Lion Response. This year the event will take place on Caserma Ederle and focus on joint U.S. and Italian immediate response to a number of emergency situations affecting the installation.

The exercise is set for May 10 and includes several scenarios that will impact the garrison that morning as events unfold. Community members should anticipate emergency vehicles moving in and around Caserma Ederle as well as gate closures and other impacts on normal activity.

“Force protection and emergency management are coordinated efforts for the Vicenza Military Community, involving both U.S. and Italian emergency response agencies,” said Jesse Markum, the U.S. Army Garrison Italy force protection officer, and a primary planner for this year’s exercise. Since its inauguration in 1999, the annual exercise has tested integration of Italian first responders, emergency services and health professionals with U.S. capabilities for a variety of scenarios.

“There may be situations of a magnitude where we have to work with the host nation to augment our resources to respond to an incident on the installation,” Markum said during a planning meeting with all of the involved organizations. “This year’s event allows us to exercise and validate our combined team alert and response capabilities in the event of a multiple incident terrorist attack.”

While the drill is intended to exercise and validate emergency management plans, procedural agreements, and interoperability between U.S. and Italian emergency response agencies, it also serves to build relationships between the two communities.

Italy celebrates Liberation Day April 25

Italians will mark the 71st anniversary of one of the country’s biggest holidays on Monday: la Festa della Liberazione or Liberation Day.

Liberation Day is a national holiday that marks the fall of Mussolini’s Italian Social Republic and the end of the Nazi occupation in Italy in 1945, towards the end of the second World War. Celebrations in Italy are twofold — one part is to honor those who fought the fascist regime, serving as partisans in the Italian Resistance and fighting the Nazis; and the other is to protest against tyranny and oppression throughout the world.

The entire country joins in the celebration. Marching bands, music concerts, food festivals, political rallies, and other public gatherings will take place in small and larger towns all over Italy. Many organizations and businesses will be closed, to include government offices, post offices, banks, schools and other educational institutions. While some tourist places remain open, state-run attractions such as museums, and monuments will be shut and public transportation may run a reduced service.

The Italian flag will be seen flying in many towns and cities throughout the country on Liberation Day. (Courtesy photo)

The official observance date was chosen by convention. By May 1, all of northern Italy was liberated, including Bologna (April 21), Genoa (April 23), Milan and Turin (April 25), and Venice (April 28). Vicenza was liberated April 28 by the “Red Knights” of the U.S. Army’s 350th Infantry Regiment.
Program offers respite care to families who qualify

VICENZA — Caring for a family member with special needs is a 24-hour responsibility that offers little time off. To give caretakers a well-deserved break, the Exceptional Family Member Program offers a temporary respite period.

The rest period is available through the EFMP Respite Care Program, and family members must be medically enrolled in EFMP to be eligible.

According to Megan Landre, EFMP manager at Army Community Service, respite care offers the caretaker some rest and recuperation, and length of temporary rest periods varies depending upon the results of an annual needs assessment. Maximum rest periods can total up to 40 hours per month. Care providers may go to the family’s home or provide care in their own home.

“Taking care of a family member with special needs can be tiresome,” Landre said. “Respite care gives caretakers some time for themselves—to go grocery shopping, to get a haircut, to recuperate and have a chance to recharge their batteries.”

The EFMP manager will assist families with the application process for respite care. Upon application completion, a panel reviews the packet first to determine if the family meets eligibility requirements. Once the panel completes its review, members recommend approval or denial of services. The recommendation then goes forward to the garrison commander for final review and decision.

A family’s eligibility for respite care services is re-assessed annually, or if the condition of the exceptional family member changes.

At the time services are approved, families receive a list of respite care providers and are encouraged to interview providers to determine who best suits the family’s needs, Landre said. Additionally, families are provided brief biographies to make the best decision for their particular needs. Currently, however, providers are extremely limited. Landre said there is only one provider here and two others eligible, pending background checks. EFMP is actively seeking more providers, looking specifically for people who are dependable and caring, motivated by a desire to serve family members with disabilities in the community.

Potential providers must complete an application available at the EFMP office; have a medical screening and background check; be certified in basic first aid and CPR training; complete specialized training for special needs’ care, provided free through the EFMP; have home certification; and be 18 years old or older, in good physical and emotional health.

It is important to note that educational needs are not a part of the criteria. Anyone with additional questions and/or information regarding respite care should call the EFMP office at DSN 634-8582, comm. 0444-71-8582.

Francesca Mainardi
DPW

“Going to the beach and walking along the seashore.”

Kurtis Henigin
Vicenza MID

“Great weather, baseball season, and water sports.”

Brianna Glenn
VCC Thrift Shop

“Outdoor running weather and adorable baby animals.”

Tech. Sgt. Jessica Segalla
731st Munitions Squadron

“Seeing that everything is new and green. I enjoy nature by seeing many baby animals around.”

Mascia Luschi
405th AFSB, Africa TMP

“I enjoy the longer days and the smell of nature waking after winter.”

Massimo Caminarecci
405th AFSB, Africa TMP

“I enjoy the magical atmosphere, the colors and fragrances, and seeing people getting fit and nice for the summer season.”
HOHENFELS, Germany – U.S. Army paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade embarked on the second day of comprehensive air-landing operations April 15 during exercise Saber Junction 16 in the Hohenfels Training Area.

The brigade uses air-landing operations as a delivery method to bring in necessary combat forces, logistical, communication, engineer and other capabilities needed to sustain and conduct combat operations.

Soldiers demonstrated their ability to successfully dispatch reconnaissance elements and mission-control assets to a piece of terrain that will serve as a headquarters Tactical Operation Center once secured and repaired by a Light Airfield Repair Package. The LARP is responsible for making any base repairs to an airfield runway to aide in the continued dissemination of combat forces. “The LARP is specifically important to repairing the airstrip (because it has) a water distributor that helps the roller compact the soft ground to repair the surface area,” said Capt. Jesse Carter, an engineer officer assigned to 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion.

“If the enemy causes damages and places obstacles, the LARP gives us the ability to mitigate these issues and take the fight to the enemy,” he added.

The ability to transport supplies, personnel and equipment anywhere in the world is a mission-essential task for the 173rd Airborne Brigade, as the unit serves as the qualified airborne force to execute contingency operation throughout Europe.

As the air landing sequence continues, the brigade’s combat capacity will evolve into a full fighting force, ready and able to conduct follow-on operations. “It is absolutely essential that all systems air land and that we get them ready for operations,” said 1st Lt. Shawn Robertson, a platoon leader with 54th BEB. “The airstrip is one of the best assets we have as far as moving in and out of the theater of operations enabling ease of access.”

Once equipment reaches the brigade Tactical Operation Center, analog systems are upgraded to allow more effective planning to execute more complex operations.

Air-landing operations require close planning with many agencies, including the U.S. Air Force and local military and civil authorities. Saber Junction 16 will evaluate and assess the readiness of the 173rd Airborne Brigade to conduct land operations in a joint, combined environment and to promote interoperability with participating Allied and partner nations.

The 173rd Abn. Bde. is the Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, and is capable of projecting forces to conduct full range of military operations across the United States, European, Central and Africa command areas of responsibility.
Employee Spotlight

This week, Outlook puts the spotlight on Jessica Thompson-Tyus, who works for U.S. Army Garrison Italy’s Directorate of Human Resources on Caserma Ederle.

Position: Human Resource Assistant

Major accomplishments:

“I have many accomplishments since I’ve served under DHR, as I have worked in multiple positions. But two of my greatest accomplishments are my contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign and relocation of the Transition Center. Both projects required me to look outside of my daily scope. In the end, they served as self-awareness tools that informed me of just how resourceful and capable I am of getting the job done.”

What do you like best about your job?

“I love helping others, and my position puts me in direct contact with patrons of our community. I have worked in numerous positions throughout the Directorate. I have worked in the Education Center, Central Processing Facility, Soldier For Life, Passports, and Military Personnel Division.

All of these have been instrumental tools to aid me in assisting our clients with many functions and life-building skills.

Now whenever I have a new Soldier or family member to service, I’m able to give professional guidance on how to apply for a passport, obtain educational goals, in-process our community, and process their command sponsorship packets all in one sitting.”

Jessica Thompson-Tyus, human resource assistant at Directorate of Human Resources. (Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

It’s Earth Day: Share Army commitment, make small changes

By Rodger Allison
DPW Environmental Division

VICENZA -- Today is Earth Day around the world, and the Army celebrates by focusing attention on its environmental program and renewing its commitment to protect the public resources entrusted to military care.

Earth Day is a time to celebrate these environmental efforts by taking advantage of events programmed for the community. Events planned here for the 2016 Army Earth Day are the tree-planting ceremony at Vicenza High School; a household hazardous waste collection; Directorate of Public Works information booth at the Post Exchange; the Army Earth Day Contest Awards ceremony; and VHS environmental science project displays.

Army Earth Day is also a time for us to develop plans of action to protect our environment. We must do this for our own interests as well as for future generations.

The garrison is focused on environmental stewardship so that we can maintain the natural resources so the Army can meet its mission.

Under the leadership of Garrison Commander Col. Steve Marks, the current focus areas for environmental chain.

Remember the old adage; the chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Don’t be the weak link in the environmental link. We must all do our part to protect our world, our planet, and our future generations.

Like the Army mission, preserving our natural resources is a team effort. Be Army Strong for the environment!

Recycle
Recycle paper, plastic, glass, cardboard and aluminum cans. Use the Eco Center, the Eco Islands, and the Eco Bins. Make sure you use the right container for each recyclable waste.

Recycle electronics. These go to the Eco Center near where you live.

Reduce energy consumption by:
• Turning off appliances and lights when leaving a room.
• Using the microwave to cook small meals. (It uses less power than an oven.)
• Repairing leaky air conditioning and refrigeration systems.
• Cutting back on air conditioning and heating use if you can.

Help improve waste management using the 3Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle.

Reduce
Buy permanent items instead of disposables.
Buy products with less packaging.
Buy products that use less toxic chemicals.

Use
Use durable coffee mugs.
Use cloth napkins or towels.

Reuse
Donate extras to people you know or to charity instead of throwing them away.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: The 3Rs to Earth Day. (Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)
Towards the end of World War II, American forces were working their way through northern Italy, rounding up the last vestiges of German fighting forces. The Germans knew the end of the war was near, so now it was just a matter of who would be able to retreat to Germany or Switzerland, and who would have to surrender to the Allied Forces. During those last days, fighting was fierce around the territory north of Verona, on the coasts of Lake Garda in the towns of Torbole and Riva.

Two historic events occurred during that fighting, one well known and one not-so-well known. The first is the death of Col. William Darby, founder of the modern-day Ranger battalions.

The second event took place later that same evening. A group of 26 men were crossing Lake Garda in a DUKW amphibious truck. But during the crossing, the overloaded vehicle stalled and began to take on water. Only one of the men was able to swim back to shore. All 25 remaining Soldiers went down with the DUKW, and their bodies have not been recovered to this day.

To honor these men and all the fallen from WWII, Italians and Americans will gather at Torbole, at 6 p.m. on April 30. There will be a dedication of a memorial marker stone in the plaza at Torbole near the Darby Memorial. The ceremony will take place at the end point for the annual Col. Darby/10th Mountain Division 40-mile, 12-hour Ranger challenge. Service members from Vicenza and Aviano, 10th Mountain Division representatives, Italian civic volunteer groups (including the group that found the DUKW in 2012), WWII remembrance groups, and various other Italian organizations will be in attendance. Vicenza community members are also invited to attend the ceremony.

To read more about the events and for a map to the ceremony, go to http://www.army.mil/article/146908/

Commissaries ‘go green’ on Earth Day, every day

By Jessica Rouse
DeCA Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. – Earth Day is not the only day that Defense Commissary Agency works diligently to reduce its environmental footprint through recycling, food donations and environmentally friendly products.

“Seven stores have achieved ‘net zero’ status,” said Robin Armhold, DeCA’s environmental engineer. “That means through organic material disposal contracts and other means, the stores have virtually no waste.”

“Net zero waste is a total systems effort that changes the way materials flow through an organization, ideally resulting in no waste. Instead of throwing away waste, stores divert it to a contractor who turns all organic waste into compost. Seven stores have already reached the mark: two in Washington state, four in Hawaii, and one in Los Angeles, and DeCA is doing much more to help stores reduce their environmental footprint.”

In 2015, DeCA stores recycled almost 1,920 tons of plastic, more than 60,000 tons of cardboard and over 108 tons of paper. Stores have also composted or repurposed almost six million pounds of organic material, and recycled over five million pounds of pallets and another three million pounds of things like fats, bones, kitchen grease, metal and wood.

Records for 2015 also show about $1.8 million has been earned from recycling cardboard and plastic. Proceeds from the transactions go to the surcharge fund that helps build new commissaries and renovate older stores.

But that’s not all. Commissaries also donate edible but unsellable food to food banks around the country through a food bank donation program. To date, 136 commissaries work with 123 food banks, and in 2015, almost 2.4 million pounds of food were donated.

“The edible but unsellable food is good, wholesome food,” said Armhold. “The food bank gets fruits and vegetables for their clients, which helps the community, and the commissary doesn’t have to send edible food to a landfill, which helps DeCA save significant money due to disposal cost avoidance.”

DeCA makes it easy for its patrons to get involved with “green” purchasing. Customers are able to purchase organically grown fruits and vegetables, compost fluorescent and LED light bulbs, high-efficiency laundry products, and environmentally friendly cleaning products. Customers can also find products with reduced packaging like paper towel and bathroom tissue without cardboard tubes.

“We have a goal to eliminate waste because we spend millions of dollars every year on waste disposal,” Armhold said. “Reaching our goal requires a commodity education process to ensure folks are doing all they can to keep all waste, including food, from landfills.”

Food banks interested in receiving edible but unsellable food from a commissary should contact their local store for information on how to apply.

Service members urged to complete annual overseas housing allowance survey

Each year, the Allowances Branch of Defense Travel Management Office conducts a survey to find out how much service members are spending for utilities (for example: electricity, heating fuel, water, trash removal and sewer fees). Data collected is used to determine the utility allowance, part of the Overseas Housing Allowance. The survey’s take place May 1 through May 31, and military personnel residing in private rental housing are encouraged to complete the survey.

The target population for this survey is all Service members who currently live in off-base housing and are in private leases under the OHA program.

While taking the survey is voluntary, maximum participation is essential as the utility allowance will be updated based upon the results and determine what service members are paid at each location. In 2015, survey participation was low and allowances were reduced.

To access the survey, the participant should go to http://www.defensetravel.mil/site/ohasurvey.cfm?3D=May-Util. The survey asks service members to report average monthly cost of utilities and routine maintenance. This survey is available online only; no paper copies are available.

Response statistics will be provided weekly to indicate participation by unit, and that information will be shared with commanders. Any questions may be direct-ed to Housing Division at DSN 637-7950/7951, comm. 0444-71-7950/7951.
Credit score is credibility in world of personal finance

By Samuel D. Coston
Financial Readiness Program Manager, ACS

Credit scores are based off five major factors: payment history (35 percent), amounts owed/credit utilization (30 percent), length of credit history (15 percent), types of credit (10 percent) and new credit (10 percent).

It is important to note that there is a 30 percent rule related to revolving credit or open credit (credit cards). For example, if you possess a credit card with a $3,000 limit, and you maintain a $1,000 balance for the next 20 years, your credit score will not drop. However, if you maintain a balance on your credit card for 6-8 months that is greater than 30 percent of the maximum amount authorized, then you notice a gradual decline in your credit score at approximately the eighth-month mark.

When one of the credit bureaus—Equifax, Experian or TransUnion—provides your credit report to FICO to analyze, it’s business, nothing personal. Given this fact, and the fact that you and I both understand that 35 percent of your credit score relates to paying your bills on time and credit utilization, do the right thing for yourself and your family.

Everyone who resides in the United States possesses a credit score, and that score is used to determine various loans interest rates. How does the average Great American achieve an excellent credit score? There is no secret formula; you have to purchase items on credit. Achieving the 750 will cost a person thousands of dollars and years of being diligent in paying debt obligations on or before the due dates. However, please think before you make that “want” versus “need” purchase. Developing a phenomenal credit score should revolve around purchasing items you need and have very little to do with items you want. Use your credit wisely. Excessive debt has been the cause of serious medical illnesses such as, ulcers, migraines, back pain, anxiety, depression, and the not-so-good heart attack. Anyone who has attended one of my “Financial Fitness” briefings has heard me say, “Somewhere between the car you want and the car you need is the right car.” Choosing wisely will help to create and/or maintain the comfort and security of being able to handle the payments to achieve good credit.

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VICENZA -- Five Vicenza children will head to London in August to participate in the United Kingdom’s premier theatre summer school.

Joshua Scapin Tagua, Rachel and Nicole McCollaum, and Hayden and Kaylee Sink have been accepted to take part in West End Stage, a theatre program geared especially for young people ages 8-21.

This will be the second time attending for Scapin Tagua, 10, and the McCollaum sisters, ages 13 and 16 respectively, as the three participated in last year’s program. It will be the third time for the Sink sisters, 13 and 16 respectively, who attended in 2014 and 2015.

The children were inspired to apply for West End Stage as they gained their interest in the performing arts from their experience with Soldiers’ Theatre on Caserma Ederle.

West End Stage gives young people from all over the UK the chance to perform at Her Majesty’s Theatre in the heart of the West End, home to Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Phantom of the Opera.

Throughout the week, the Vicenza students will join others at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, one of the top drama schools in the UK where the likes of Ewan McGregor, Daniel Craig and Orlando Bloom trained. They will be put through their paces in singing, dancing and drama, as well as receiving specific industry-based workshops led by West End stars.

The students will also be taken to the hit West End musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and, afterwards, have the opportunity to question the cast during a private question-and-answer session; as well as being led in a master class by some of the Charlie cast members.

For more information on what Vicenza’s ambassadors will get up to this summer, visit www.westendstage.com.

National Library Week

Staff and patrons of Caserma Ederle’s post library celebrated National Library Week with an open house April 12. Community members gathered at the library to participate in a cake-cutting ceremony, activities, refreshments and giveaways. Pictured here: Caralyn Champa, post librarian, helps a child with a mask during one of the activities. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)
Italian Music Festival
On April 28, Vicenza High School will be hosting the third annual Italian Music Festival in the Mediterranean District. The festival is a two-part event with bands, choirs and strings being evaluated and assessed during the day and a Family Fun Night for families of all ranks.

The Family Fun Night will feature eight ensembles performing select musical selections for the judge’s assessment and evaluation. In the evening all music ensembles will perform individually and also in a combined fine arts performance. The Family Fun Night starts at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m.

www.imc.army.mil/airs/usag_dsin_festival

College graduation recognition
The April 29 Recognition Ceremony of the 2016-17 academic year will take place May 18 at 10 a.m. If a person has graduated from the College of Natural Resources in the current academic year, they will receive their diploma at the Recognition Ceremony.

www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/45894776

Alcoholic Anonymously anonymous meetings
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in Room 5, behind the Mensa. This open 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 released an online tool 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 tool 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
ACSW offers many activities every month. Following are two events for the remainder of April. For more information, contact ACS or find the FMWR calendar online at www.italy.army.mil/mwr.

ScreamFreeParenting—Two Part Series
April 26 & 27
Interview Skills
10-11 a.m., April 27

Exchange shoppers can win
The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will be giving away extra special for two couples this summer with the Demeters Bridal gown Sweepstakes. Through June 30, brides, grooms and any Exchange shopper can enter for a chance to win one of two bridal gowns. Authorized shoppers 18 and older may enter the Demeters Bridal gown Sweepstakes at www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes.

New hours at Clothing Sales
AAFES has announced new Military Clothing Sales hours. The new hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteers needed
A group who would love to cook traditional food dishes for the American Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance is looking for volunteers. The event will be held at the ceremony. To see a copy of the flier, see on the following link: https://www. us.army.mil/suite/doc/45894776.

Volunteers are asked to contact Sgt. 1st Class, Thomas Washington at thomas. washington2.ml@mail.mil. Volunteers are not required to pay for ingredients; and are representatives of the exchange facilities or at www.shopmyexchange.com/spreadsheet.

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The Gonzalez family shows their logo card as they take part in the Strong Families Initiative by completing the Hotline to Heroes 5K in early April. The Strong Families Initiative is a three-part program designed to build resilient families in the Vicenza Community by encouraging family participation in activities and events. Families then “prove” their participation by purchasing a logo card, with their logo card. Register your family at Arny Community Service, the post library, and other local locations with the logo card you see the logo. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USA Today Public Affairs Office)
Family fun with art

Spc. Adam Barron and his 11-month-old daughter Nova participate in the Family Fun with Art program April 8 at the Caserma Ederle Arts and Crafts Center. The event took place as part of Month of the Military Child activities.

The Family Fun with Art program runs throughout the month of April each Friday from 3-5. To see more photos of the event, go to the USAG Italy Flickr page and view the album at https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157667253612756.

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

At the movies

**Keanu**
Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele, a.k.a. the hugely popular comedy duo Key & Peele, star as Clarence and Rell, two cousins who live in the city but are far from streetwise. When Rell’s beloved kitten, Keanu (presumably named after the John Wick star), is catnapped, the hopelessly straight-faced pair must impersonate ruthless killers in order to infiltrate a street gang and retrieve the purloined feline. But the incredibly adorable kitten becomes so coveted that the fight over his custody creates a gang war, forcing our two unwrithing heroes to take the law into their own hands.

Violence, language throughout, drug use and sexuality/nudity.

**Verona vintage car exhibit**

Verona plays host to a vintage car exhibit May 13-15, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Verona Fair, Viale del Lavoro 8. The car exhibit is a leap from past to present with a large exhibit and parades of vintage cars, from past to present with a large exhibit and parades of vintage cars, with test-driving available, along with a wide variety of the most-sought-after spare parts and numerous miniature models to build, sell, and buy. Entrance fee is €15, reduced €12 for children ages 12-16; free entrance for children younger than 12 and for disabled. Anyone who owns a vintage vehicle and would like to exhibit free of charge at the fair should call 049-738-6856; an English-speaking operator will assist. Outdoor Recreation has organized a May 14 trip to the car show. The bus departs from Caserma Ederle at 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. from Del Din, with return departure at 3 p.m. The €45 fee includes transportation and entrance. To book a seat, call DSN 634-7453, comm. 0444-71-7453.

(Courtesy photo)

Chapel activities

**Chapel Services (VICENZA)**

**VMC Chapel, Building 29**
Phone: 637-7575

**Sunday schedule**

Post Chapel
9-11 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 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

**Childcare**

**Chapel Activity Room**

**Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints**

Sundays, Bldg. 395, 1-3 p.m.

**Church of Christ**

Mon thru Fri Seminary:
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Siegholtz Center:
6-7 p.m.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

KARE (5273) or 0444-71-5273

24/7 Chaplain Crisis Line

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

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Verona plays host to a vintage car exhibit May 13-15, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Verona Fair, Viale del Lavoro 8. The car exhibit is a leap from past to present with a large exhibit and parades of vintage cars, as well as stands devoted to new models from major manufacturers. Test-driving will be available, along with a wide variety of the most-sought-after spare parts and numerous miniature models to build, sell, and buy. Entrance fee is €15, reduced €12 for children ages 12-16; free entrance for children younger than 12 and for disabled. Anyone who owns a vintage vehicle and would like to exhibit free of charge at the fair should call 049-738-6856; an English-speaking operator will assist. Outdoor Recreation has organized a May 14 trip to the car show. The bus departs from Caserma Ederle at 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. from Del Din, with return departure at 3 p.m. The €45 fee includes transportation and entrance. To book a seat, call DSN 634-7453, comm. 0444-71-7453.

(Courtesy photo)
April 25 is a national holiday celebrating Liberation Day in Italy. It marks the end of World War II and of Nazi occupation in Italy. Schools and most services will be closed.

May 1 is another national holiday, Labor Day. Usually schools and most services are closed. This year it falls on a Sunday.

**VENETO**

**Palio di Romano**

**Old Districts Festival**
April 22-25, April 30-May 1, in Romano d’Ezzelino, Via Roma and surrounding roads, about 26 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m.; music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

**Sagra di San Marco e dei Cuchi**
Saint Mark and Whistles Festival
April 22-25 and April 29-30, in Canove di Roana, about 37 miles north of Vicenza. Exhibit of traditional terracotta cuchi whistles, which are a symbol of love and friendship. Carnival rides; food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m.; live music and ballroom dancing.

**Sagra di San Zeno**
Saint Zeno Festival
April 22-25 and April 29-May 1, in Arzignano, Via San Zeno 32, about 12 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths featuring fried fish, sausage with polenta, dried cod fish, and other local specialties at 7 p.m.; live music starts at 9 p.m. On April 24, 4:30-6 p.m. dance show, games and entertainment for children; May 1, country music 4:30-6 p.m. followed by Latin American night.

**Sagra di San Giorgio e del Bruscandolo**
Saint George and Bruscandolo Festival
April 22-26, in Quinto Vicentino, Via degli Eroi, about 8 miles northeast of Vicenza. Bruscandolo is the tip of hop plants, which are easily found in the Veneto countryside. Food booths featuring local dishes prepared with bruscandolo and many other specialties open at 6:30 p.m. and April 25-26 at noon. Live music and dancing start nightly at 9 p.m.; fireworks April 26 at 11 p.m.

**Festa di Primavera - Noventa in Fiore**
April 24, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Noventa, Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles south of Vicenza. Free entrance; shuttle buses will be available from the parking lots of Via Degli Alberi or the Xylem parking lot, in Via Lombardhi; bus ticket €1. [http://www.fida.it/]

**Antica Fiera di Primavera Spring Festival**
May 6-15, in Camiano Vicentino, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. Nightly food booths in Piazza della Costituione feature local specialties; carnival rides in Piazza Liberta, Piazza del Vicariato Civile and Piazza della Costituzione; local crafts exhibit and sale; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

**Mezza maratona al chiaro di luna**
Moonlight Half Marathon
### Gelato Festival
**Ice Cream Exhibit and Sale**
April 21-25, noon to 10 p.m., in Florence, Piazzale Michelangiolo. This festival 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.

### Sagra del Cinghiale
**Wild Boar Festival**
April 22-25, in Greve in Chianti (Florence). Food booths featuring many local specialties in addition to the wild boar dishes. Open daily at 7:30 p.m. and, April 23-25, at 12:30 p.m.

### Sagra del Bacciole e del Carciofo
**Beans and Artichoke Festival**
April 23-25, April 30-May 1, in La Serra (San Miniato, Pisa). Local products exhibit and sale; entertainment. [http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sagra/21038192-Sagra+del+Bacciole.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sagra/21038192-Sagra+del+Bacciole.html)

### Rievocando Verruca
**Historical reenactment**

### Guamo e Coselli Festival
**Guamo and Coselli Festival**
April 24, 8-11 a.m., in Guamo (Lucca), Via di Torro 40. Local crafts exhibit and sale; flea market; food booths, pet parade and contest; magic show; live music and dancing; face painting and bounce houses. [http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato-records+and+comic+books+exchange;+food+booths;+entertainment.](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato-records+and+comic+books+exchange;+food+booths;+entertainment.)

### Fiori e Banchi di Primavera
**Spring Festival**
April 25, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Lastra a Signa (Florence). Flowers and plants exhibit and sale; antique market; records and comic books exchange; food booths; entertainment. Free entrance. [http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato-Fiori+e+Banchi+di+Primavera.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato-Fiori+e+Banchi+di+Primavera.html)

### Carabottafio de Primavera
**Spring Flea Market**
April 25, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m., in Vitolini (Vinci-Florence). Via Don Paolino Contardi. Antique market; food booths; local product sampling; entertainment. Free entrance. [http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato-Carabottafio+de+Primavera.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato-Carabottafio+de+Primavera.html)

### Sagra del Crostino
**Crostino Festival**
May 1, in Palaia (Pisa). Crostino is a small piece of toasted (or fried) bread topped with liver paste, or walnuts with flowers and butter, or stewed tomatoes and mozzarella. Local products, crafts exhibit and sale; ood booths featuring local specialties open at 11 a.m.; entertainment for children; live music and dancing start at 8 p.m. [http://www.eventitoscana.it/evento/sagra-del-crostino-palaia-palaia-pisa](http://www.eventitoscana.it/evento/sagra-del-crostino-palaia-palaia-pisa)

### MotoGP
**Italian Grand Prix** – May 20-22, Mugello (Scarpa) – Florence
Formula 1 – Sept. 2-4, in Monza
MotoGP – Italian Grand Prix – Sept. 9-11, at Misano Circuit, San Marino

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Tickets available in Vicenza at World Media, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at [http://www.greenticket.it](http://www.greenticket.it).

### ANTICHE MARKETS

- Bientina (Pisa): April 23-24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele
- Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): April 24, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza Del Municipio
- Montecatini (Prato): April 23-25, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco
- Cividale (Pordenone): April 24, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour
- Florence: April 24, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., In Via Comipi
- Ponte a Egoa (Pisa): April 24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa
- Arezzo: April 30-May 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande
- Caramignano (Prato): May 1, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuelle II and Piazza Matteotti
- Cascina (Pisa): April 30-May 1, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Corso Matteotti
- San Giuliano Terme (Pisa): May 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia
- San Miniato (Pisa): May 1, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo

### ITALIAN ARTISTS

**Elia e la Storia Toscana** – April 21 in Pergine Valdarsa; April 22 in Assago, May 7 in Rome, May 13 in Rimini; May 14 in Casa leccio di Reno; May 15 in Torino; May 17 in Montichiari; May 20 in Firenze; May 21 in Padova

**Maksa Ayaka** – April 24 in Brescia; April 28 in Naples

**Joe Bonamassa** (Photo by Cesare Grelen)
Family & MWR Events

Tune-Up Bike Maintenance Course April 23; 8:30 a.m.-noon ODR, Caserma Ederle 

This hands-on workshop will teach you how to (1) care for your bike and (2) get along with each other; and par-fants and young children learn to play healthy, loving relationship; helps in-vide dedicated support when needed, Support coordinators are here to pro-v of death, Survivor Outreach Services regardless of your loved one's Army com- Services is a "one" Army program. Re-sting process alone. Survivor Outreach You don't have to go through the griev-vies to bring them together. Instructor and BOSS, Caserma Ederle 

Go with the Flow Yoga April 23; Noon-1 p.m. 

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle 

Come join us in yoga to learn how to stretch out and release tension in your body. Basic yoga poses to improve strength and flexibility. Improves your body and yet your mind. Meditation techniques to bring you calm to any situa-drop. Drop in, no registration required. Every Monday except federal holidays.

Financial Fitness Course April 26; 9-10:30 a.m. 

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle 

This course will assist in taking control of your money through personal financial management and planning. The in-formation provided will teach you how to improve your financial recovery and freedom through effective debt management. Free course. Contact: DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Microsoft Basics April 26; 1-3 p.m. 

ACS, Caserma Ederle 

If you've never used Microsoft Office, are re-tirees, and members of the Army, Retiree Association, or Army Reserve, Parents 18 years or older with a military/ government ID card may submit an en-try 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 copy any work that was copied from the web, a movie or clip art. Participates may choose from the following based on age: 

- Drawings 
  - Ages 3-5 years old 
  - 1st 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 en-tries will be chosen for the grand prize. The 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.

Misty Mixed Media with Latica April 29; 10 a.m.-noon, $45 

ARTS/CRAFTS, Caserma Ederle 

Learn about drawing, painting and how to bring them together. Instructor and local artist Latica Vitez will work with students to learn basic skills or improve those you already have. No experience required; all materials included. Call DSN 634-7004, comm. 0444-71-7004.

Art and History: Palladio April 29; 12:30-2 p.m., $15 

ACS, Caserma Ederle 

Discover the beauty of the Vicenza villas that are protected by UNESCO and what makes them important in our beautiful "Città Palladiana."

SKIES Kindermusik 

Through May, Thursdays 

3:30-10:15 a.m. $3 per class, Caserma Ederle 

Kindermusik® programs teach par-ents to encourage child learning through vocal play, object exploration, and more. Wiggle & More (parent & me classes) Sessions 3; April 8 - May 19; Ages 3 months to 4 years; costs $64 and includes price of four classes & digi-tal materials: Call DSN 634-5653, or comm. 0444-71-5653.

Wine and Photography Seminar April 26; 6:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m., $75 

ODR, Caserma Ederle 

Photograph vineyards, wine cellars, wine tours, and beautiful landscapes from some of the world's most spectacular wine countries. Find out all on a wine and photography tour. For beginner and advanced photographers alike. Price in-cludes transportation, photography in-structor, wine tasting and finger foods.

Join the boxing team 6:30-8 p.m., Mon.-Wed-Fri 

Del Din Fitness Center 

Whether you are an experienced or nov-ice boxer, if you enjoy the sport of box-ing, we need you! Our coaches will train and prepare you to compete in boxing events in the Army Community. We en-courage you to join us to help develop and build a strong and effective commu-nity boxing team! Prepare for the USAG Italy Boxing Smoker, USAREURwide community invitations, Army Europe Inter-military Championships, and prepare and apply for All Army. Call DSN 634-7004, comm. 0444-71-7004 for more in forma-tion.

BOSS Morning Bike Rides 

April 26, May 3, 10 & 17; 7-7:30 a.m. 

BOSS, Caserma Ederle 

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. Please note that no vehicles in the bike events in the Army Community. We en-courage you to join us to help develop and build a strong and effective commu-nity boxing team! Prepare for the USAG Italy Boxing Smoker, USAREURwide community invitations, Army Europe Inter-military Championships, and prepare and apply for All Army. Call DSN 634-7004, comm. 0444-71-7004 for more in forma-tion.

Let's Move! May 16 every Tuesday for six weeks 

SKIES Martial Arts Room 

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle 

Families with children ages 2-5 years are invited to attend our fun and energetic gross motor skills class. Classes include songs, structured schedule of events, physical activities and fun! Children of all skill levels are encouraged to attend.

Basketball signups, meetings 

Fitness Center, Caserma Ederle 

If basketball is your favorite sport, it’s time to register. Whether you want to coach or just playing for fun, you can sign up to be a part of the summer fun basketball league. Open registration now through May 15; official clinics and meetings May 19, 20 & 21; 6 p.m. at Ederle fitness center; and summer season is June 1-August 1. Cost is FREE. Our coaches will train for more information, all DSN 634-7161, comm. 0444-71-7161.

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

ODR classroom & Y-40 Diving Center 

You've been more than 12 months since you last went scuba diving, or do you just want to have a refresher before div-ing this summer? Join NAUI scuba in-structors for an evening of learning and refreshers starts at ODR and moves on to the thermal waters of Y-40 The Deep Joy in Montegrotto. Proof of pre-vious 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. (weekend class), is Fri-Sun; $550 ODR, Caserma Dello Festino Fitness Center 

Enjoy the beauty of the Adriatic Sea and become certified to SCUBA dive, in one of Europe’s finest locations, Istria, 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. Cet-ification will be valid anywhere in the world and allow participants to dive to a maximum of 18 meters (40 feet).

Family Movie Night April 24-26, May 1, 5, 8 & 12; 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 showtime begins. Call 634-8257, comm. 0444-71-8257. *Ask about $2 daily bowling! 

Romeo & Juliet castles and "Le Priore" Stone Quarry May 12; 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., $50 ODR, Caserma Ederle 

This all-day tour includes the Cas-tello della Bellaguardia and the Castello della Villa. The two castles were built around 975 A.D. and claimed to be the island’s oldest castle and Juliet leg-end. The love story by Luigi del Porto of Vicenza set the story here in his 1552 novel that Shakespeare adapted and known around the world. Cost does not include lunch.

Spring Bazaar May 13; 4-8 p.m. 

Golden Lion, Caserma Ederle 

A great event to enjoy shopping, wine and cheese tasting, and getting to know local vendors. Vendors from north of the Alps make the trip so community members can enjoy their taste of life. 

Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre Weekend May 26-28; bus leaves at 5 a.m. 

Return May 30, approximately 10 p.m. 

ODR, Caserma Ederle 

Enjoy the beauty of world-famous Cinque Terre, and take time to explore the five villages while enjoying the charming coast overlooking the sea. Cost: $365 ages 13+; $265 ages 4-12; infant rates 0-3; and $100 single supplement.

This is just a sampling of what MWR has to offer: Find out more by looking at the Italian MWR calendar at www.armymwr.com.

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