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Vicenza Military Community will conduct full-scale exercise Lion Response May 10 on Caserma Ederle. The garrison uses the annual exercise to test and validate joint U.S. and host nation force protection and emergency management plans and procedures in response to a number of incidents affecting the installation. (File photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

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 magni-

tude 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.

Today is Earth Day. See story, page 4.

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 rest period.



Exceptional Families Exceptional Service

ation then goes forward to the garrison commander for final review and decision.

A family's eligibility for respite care services is reassessed annually, or if the condition of the exceptional family member changes.

At the time services are approved, families receive a

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 recommen-

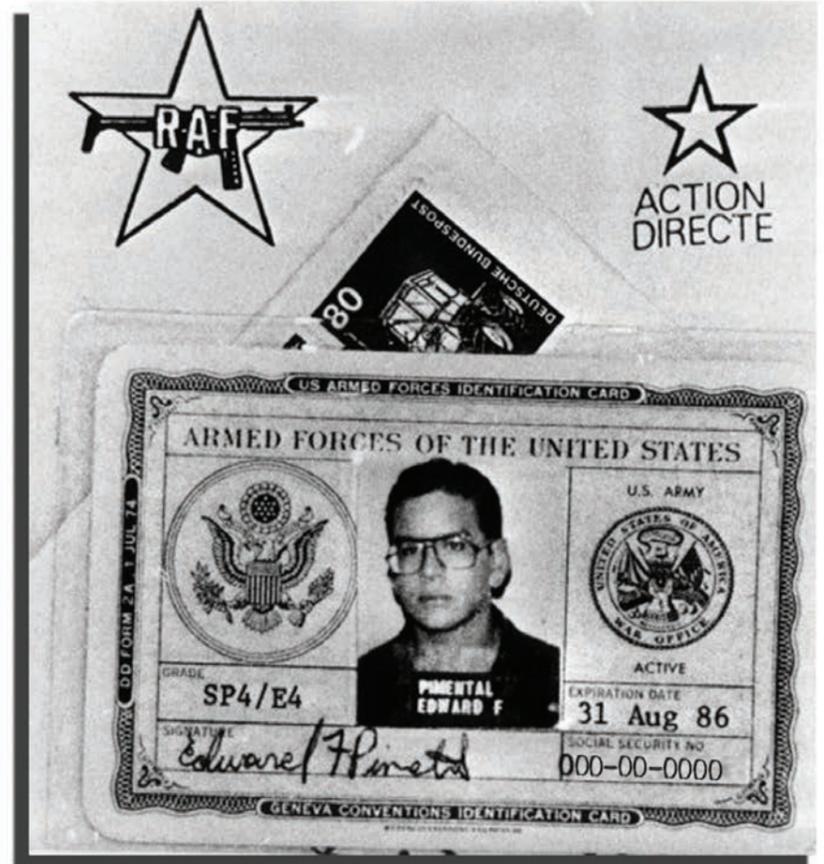
list of respite care providers and are encouraged to interview providers to determine who best suits the family's needs, Landre said. Additionally, families are provided brief biographies to make the best decision for their particular needs. Currently, however, providers are extremely limited. Landre 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 enrollments do not meet the eligibility criteria. Anyone with additional questions and/or information regarding respite care should call the EFMP office at DSN 634-8582, comm. 0444-71-8582.

THINK IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE? THINK AGAIN.

August 8, 1985: **Red Army Faction terrorist** Birgit Hogefeld lures Spc. Edward Pimental out of a Wiesbaden night club. He is **shot to death** for his ID card, which RAF members use to enter Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt the next day to **plant a bomb** that **kills** Airman 1st Class Frank Scarton and civilian employee Becky Bristol and **injures 23 others**.



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Speak Out What do you like most about springtime?

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



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."

173rd paratroopers participate in Saber Junction

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Anthony Johnson
173rd Airborne Brigade Public Affairs

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 basic 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 TOC, 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 air 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 pro-



Soldiers from 173rd Airborne Brigade land at the short take-off landing strip in Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, during exercise Saber Junction 16. Saber Junction 16 is a U.S. Army Europe 2016 Decisive Action Training Environment rotation. The exercise provided a complex training environment designed to evaluate and certify brigade readiness to execute land operations in a joint, combined environment and to promote interoperability with participating allied and partner nations.

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The 173rd Abn. Bde. is the Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, and

is capable of projecting forces to conduct full of range of military operations across the United States, European, Central and Africa command areas of responsibility.

Soldiers, civilian personnel must comply with outside-country travel requirements

VICENZA -- In the wake of recent terrorist attacks and plots, follow-on and copycat attacks throughout Europe are a concern. Now more than ever, it is imperative that U.S. military personnel, Department of the Army civilians, command-sponsored dependents, and contractors follow foreign travel procedures—whether it's for leisure or temporary duty travel.

According to United States Army Garrison Italy operation order 16-045, Foreign Travel Procedures for U.S. Personnel, the intent of the standardized process for travel outside of Italy is to increase visibility of where personnel are physically located in the event of a crisis or terrorist event.

There are specific requirements to take care of before departure to locations outside of Italy. Failure to complete those requirements may result in a violation of the Status of Forces Agreements, international treaties, lawful orders, and/or conditions of employment. Anyone traveling must meet all elements before departure in order to increase safety and security while traveling abroad. Requirements vary from country to country, and in some cases, within geographic areas of specific countries.

Pre-travel training must be done before outside travel. Training consists of one or more of a series of modules located in Army Knowledge Online, or AKO. Make sure to pay particular attention as to whether the requirements are for official, unofficial or both types of travel. Such training includes Antiterrorism Level I (updated annually), SERE Code of Conduct training (updated every three years), and filing an Isolated Personnel Report. The ISOPREP is part of an online database, and all personnel stationed in Italy must have one on file. The document is used to store personnel profiles in the event that a U.S. government employee is captured by enemy forces and requires rescue or extraction.

Before taking a trip, travelers should become familiar with the Department of Defense Foreign Clearance

Manual, which lists all applicable pre-travel requirements including medical, visa and passport requirements of each country. All requirements must be completed before travel. Travelers must also complete an AOR brief, given by command or unit security office.

For temporary duty travel especially, lead time is important. According to the OPOD, the majority of TDY destinations require a 30-day lead time per the Foreign Clearance Manual.

Frequent travelers are expected to keep required training up to date to avoid administrative delays. There are exceptions to lead time requirements, and tickets/accommodations do not have to be purchased before submitting a travel request.

A final pre-travel arrangement that is optional but encouraged is to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program through the U.S. Department of State. The STEP is an online program that provides up-to-the-minute phone, text, and email local alerts during the course of the trip. The free service can also assist efforts to rescue or assist U.S. citizens in distress in foreign countries. Various countries surrounding Italy (France, Greece, Hungary and Serbia to name a few) require Americans to register with the Embassy before leave or TDY travel. The STEP is the method to accomplish this task. Visit the State Department website at <https://step.state.gov/step>.

Finally, all DA military, civilians and contractors must report all outside travel in advance to their Security Office, per Army Regulation 381-12 Threat Awareness and Reporting Program, and Army Europe Regulation 525-13, Antiterrorism.

Up-to-date requirements can be found on the online Foreign Clearance Guide at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil> with additional requirements for classified travel at <http://www.fcg.pentagon.smil.mil>. Anyone with questions or needing clarification should contact his or her unit antiterrorism officer or security personnel.



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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 and sustainability performance are reduction in energy consumption; waste-management improvements, to include hazardous waste, solid waste and recycling; and reduction in water consumption. These are the environmental areas where we should pay even more attention when performing everyday duties.

Get to know your unit or organization Environmental Compliance Officer. That person can advise you with

ways to reduce your environmental footprint in these important areas. Performing well in these areas can save the Army significant amounts of money, money that can be used to support our Soldiers and the mission in other critical areas.

It's easy to be a good steward of the environment at home or at work by taking the simple measures listed below.

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 and use only what you need.
- Buy products with less packaging.
- Buy products that use less toxic chemicals.

Reuse

- Use durable coffee mugs.
- Use cloth napkins or towels.
- Reuse boxes.
- Donate extras to people you know or to charity instead of throwing them away.

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.

Recycle used motor oil. Make sure you know where to take it for recycling.

Compost food scraps. Place these in the brown bins at the Eco Islands or near where you live.

Reduce energy consumption by:

- Turning off the water while you wash your hands and brush your teeth.
- Watering household plants with water used to boil pasta.
- Using water-saving fixtures.
- Repairing water leaks promptly.
- Not running the dishwasher or washing machine until they are full.

USAG Italy environmental management performance is important and helps global efforts to protect our planet. It takes everyone to do his or her part so that we are successful. It may seem like a small thing to you as an individual, but we reach great success when everyone does it.

Remember the old adage; the chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Don't be the weak link in the environmental chain.

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

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Torbole ceremony to honor WWII fallen

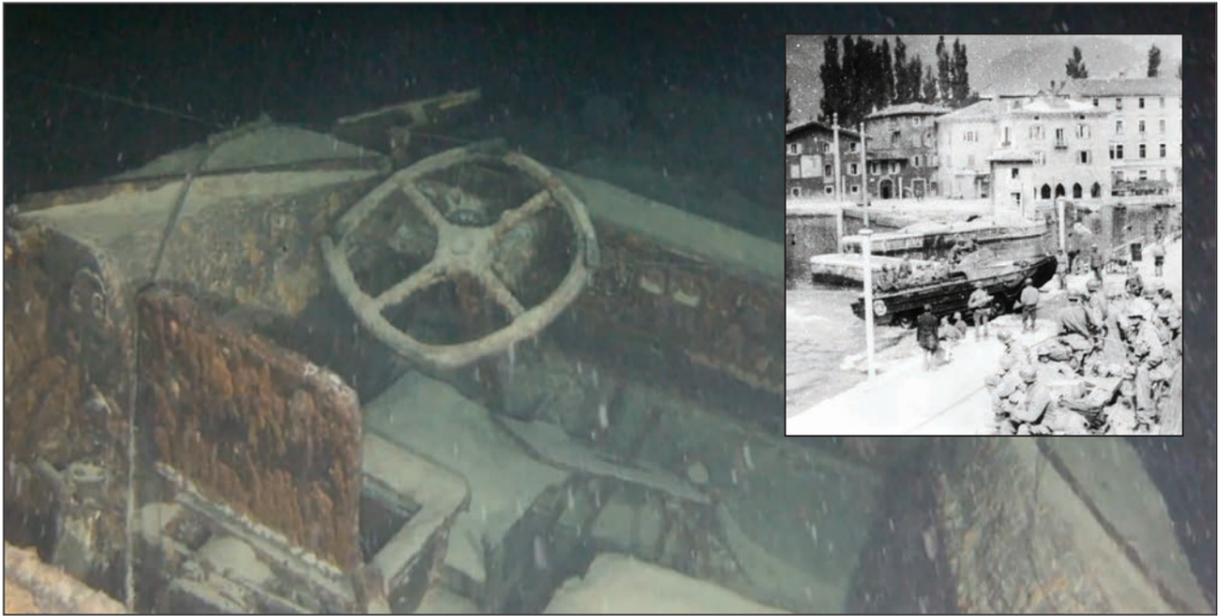
By **Aaron P. Talley**
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

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 fiercest 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



Underwater photo of the DUKW wreck found at the bottom of Lake Garda in 2012. Inset: A DUKW amphibious vehicle coming ashore at Torbole, Lake Garda, April 1945. (Courtesy photos)

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 reen-

actment 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, compact 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 nonstop 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.



New mensa at Darby

Anyone looking for a good meal at Camp Darby now has an additional option. A new Italian *mensa* dining facility opened to the Darby Military Community March 21. Demolition and construction began in August 2014 at what was previously a Directorate of Public Works supply warehouse at Leghorn Army Depot. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place before serving lunch on opening day, and a special dessert was served to commemorate the day. Pictured: Veronica Carpina, Humanitarian Assistance Program warehouse employee, pays for her lunch as the *mensa*'s first customer. Paola Savoldi operates the cash register. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

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.

This year’s survey takes 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.dod.mil/site/ohaSurvey.cfm?ID=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 directed to Housing Division at DSN 637-7950/7951, comm. 0444-71-7950/7951.



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Denim Day 2016

Clockwise from top left: (1) A quilt square for the community Denim Day Quilt. (2) Soldiers create individual denim squares in the shoppette area on Caserma Del Din April 13, in support of SHARP's Community Denim Day Quilt. (3) Kaffie Clark, USAG Italy Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, and Master Sgt. Henry E. Arnold III, U.S. Army Africa SARC, get a sneak peek April 20 at the community quilt sewn by Sarah M. Galvin (not pictured), who has already put 15 hours into the work. The quilt will be unveiled after the International Denim Day Walk April 27. (4) Sgt. Kyle Little, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, puts the final touches on his quilt piece at the Del Din decorating station.

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

Dollars and \$ense

Credit score is credibility in world of personal finance

By **Samuel D. Coston**

Financial Readiness Program Manager, ACS

CASERMA EDERLE -- Learning how credit works is imperative to being fiscally sound. Whether you are the President of the United States or a regular guy or gal, your credit score is your mark of excellence.

A person's credit score is a single numerical evaluation of his/her credit worthiness. The credit-scoring agency used predominantly in the United States is the Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO). These credit scores range from 300 to 850, and is your reputation in the marketplace. A good credit score is 660; however, an excellent score is 750 or higher. Achieving a credit score above 750 is a phenomenal feat that will just make you feel good.

Companies use an individual's credit score to determine how people manage their available financial resources (money). Credit scores are used for various reasons by entities such as banks, mortgage companies, apartment owners, and employers. In fact, service members possessing a security clearance can tell you that a low FICO score could result



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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 worthiness wisely. Excessive debt has

in additional questions related to financial stability. Everyone who resides in the United States possesses a credit score, and that score is used to determine

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.

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 my fellow Soldiers, brothers and sisters: Pay your bills on time!

Research has shown that individuals who use a high percentage of their available credit limits are more likely to have trouble making some of their payments on time and/or in the near future. Let this not be you, because you and your family members are special. In 2014, the entire United States population was estimated at 318.9 million citizens, and out of those millions of people, only 1.5 million served in the Armed Forces, defending the United States of America and most of the free world. While defending your country so bravely, defend your credit score, too. And remember: Never be shy when it comes to talking about your money because being penniless does not equal happiness. Thank you for your service to our nation.

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Ederle performers head to West End theatre

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



Above, from left: Nicole McCollaum, Rachel McCollaum, Hayden Sink and Kaylee Sink pose for a photo in 2015 at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London. (Courtesy photo) Right: Joshua Scapin Tagua, in yellow, performs in The Little Mermaid Jr. in 2014 at Soldiers' Theatre on Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)



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)

Soldiers' Theatre Production of
Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
Jr.

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman
& Tim Rice

Book by
Linda
Woolverton

FEATURING

Bruce Allin	Luke Allin	Isabella Caudel
Maeg Chastain	Gabriella Craft	Nicole Darland
Laila Duke	Madelyn Duncan	Adriana Espinoza
Josh Galvin	Rylee Galvin	Elizabeth Hahn
Jeremiah Hahn	Shoyah Hahn	Griffin Holland
Laura Ana Lainson	Kurt Metzger	Nicole McCollaum
Paul McCollaum	Rachel McCollaum	Brandon Mitchell
Carmella Neal	Donald Neal	Payton Neal
Emily Newland	David Paulin	Zaria Polk
Alex Ramirez	Irene Ramirez	Rita Ramirez
Anna Ramos	Lucy Reardon	Joshua Scapin Tagua
Alex Sendmeyer	Paige Sendmeyer	Kaylee Sink
Hayden Sink	Carly Timme	Sydney Timme
Zachary Tovar	Jelissa Vegas	Tonae Walker
Bethany Williams	Addie Wilson	Kaely Wilson
Katherine Wilson	Londyn Wilson	Samuel Wilson
Bryant Witherington	Tristan Witherington	Madi Young

Director Jerry Brees **Musical Director** Aaron Talley **Choreographer** Linda Dahlstrom

May 6-15
 Thursdays & Fridays at 7:30 p.m. | Saturday & Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m.

Box Office: 634-7281
Tickets \$12 Adults, \$10 Youth
www.italy.armyMWR.com

Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 411 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10019.

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News briefs

Italian Music Festival

On April 28, Vicenza High School will be hosting the Italian Music Festival, Mediterranean District. The festival is a two-part event with bands, choirs and strings being evaluated and assessed during the daytime by two subject-matter experts. The daytime 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 finale. The daytime adjudication starts at 11 a.m. and finishes at 3 p.m. The evening show begins at 6 p.m. and is open and free to the public. The two adjudicators are Maj. Dwayne Milburn, director of U.S. Army Band Europe and Lt. Joel Borelli, U.S. Navy Band Europe. Gary Marvel, Director of Music Studies at Vicenza High School, is serving as host and coordinator for this event. For more information call DSN 637-8600, or email: gary.marvel@eu.dodea.edu.

TRICARE referral office closure

The TRICARE Referral Management Office will be closed on Monday, April 25, for the Italian holiday.

Seeking fitness instructors

If you are a certified instructor interested in working in Vicenza, the Ederle fitness center would like you to join their team. Email resume or call for more information. Contact the fitness manager at DSN 634-8446, comm. 0444-71-8446; sports director at DSN 634-7046, comm. 0444-71-7046. Email usarmy.vicenza.imcom-europe.mbx.fmwr-marketing@mail.mil.

Foreign Area Officer discussion

If you are a lieutenant or captain who wants to:

- advise senior leaders on political-military operations with other nations.
 - provide cultural expertise—regional and interagency—to deployed commanders throughout military operations.
 - build and maintain long term relationships with foreign leaders.
 - coordinate and implement security cooperation programs to build partner nation capacity.
 - collect and report on foreign nation DIME activities, then becoming a Foreign Area Officer maybe the career for you.
- Panel discussion on FAO functions and

assignments will take place in Classroom 4, Bldg. 173, on Caserma Del Din, April 25 at 10 a.m.

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.

Landstuhl MEDEVAC bus

The MEDEVAC bus no longer leaves from the commissary parking lot; it leaves from the Health Center on Mondays and Thursdays. For more information, call the MEDEVAC Office at DSN 636-9053, comm. 0444-61-9053.

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.

Motorcycle mentorship

The USAG Italy Safety Office will host a Motorcycle Mentorship Program Safety Stand-Down Day on Friday, May 6, 8 a.m., starting at the Ederle post theatre. The event is open to all community motorcycle riders; Soldiers, civilians, family members, and local national workforce employees are welcome to attend. The theatre parking lot will be dedicated to motorcycle parking. Events include classroom training, motorcycle inspections, and a series of practical ex-

ercises to increase the confidence level of all motorcycle riders. Lunch will be provided. Afternoon activities include more skills practice exercises and an organized community ride. Anyone with questions should talk to their unit motorcycle mentor or the USAG Italy Safety Office, DSN 634-8109/7045, comm. 0444-71-8109/7045.

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 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 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

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. Authorized shoppers 18 and older may enter the Demetrios 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

Anyone who would like to cook traditional food dishes for the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance, are asked to contact Sgt. 1st Class, Thomas Washington at thomas.washington2.mil@mail.mil. Volunteers are not required to pay for ingredients; an EO representative will meet chefs at the commissary before the observance to purchase what's needed. The observance is scheduled for May 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the Golden Lion.

Strong Families

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 initiative is a three-part program designed to build resilient families in the Vicenza Military Community by encouraging family participation in activities and events. Families then "prove" their participation by taking a photo with their logo card. Register your family at Army Community Service, the post library, and other locations on post where you see the logo. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy 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 3:30-5:30 p.m. 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>

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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-laced 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 unwitting heroes to take the law into their own hands.

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



April 22	7 p.m.	Batman vs. Superman (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	The Brothers Grimsby (PG-13)
April 23	3 p.m.	The Jungle Book (PG)
	6 p.m.	The Huntsman: Winter's War (PG-13)
	3 p.m.	The Jungle Book (PG)
	6 p.m.	London Has Fallen (R)
April 27	7 p.m.	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13)
April 28	7 p.m.	Deadpool (R)
April 29	7 p.m.	Keanu (R)
	9 p.m.	The Boss (PG-13)
April 30	3 p.m.	Jungle Book (PG)
	6 p.m.	Keanu (R)
May 1	3 p.m.	Batman vs Superman (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Eye in the Sky (R)
May 4	7 p.m.	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13)
May 5	7 p.m.	Eye in the Sky (R)
May 6	7 p.m.	Captain America: Civil War (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Barber Shop: The Next Cut (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)

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Building 395
6:30-7:30 a.m. Mon thru Fri Seminary
6-7 p.m. Tuesdays; Young Men/
Women Meeting

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

Jewish: Call chapel for more information.

Del Din Soldier Ministry

Siegholtz Center
6 p.m. Tuesdays Bible study & dinner

Chapel Services (CAMP DARBY)

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

Sunday schedule

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Tuesdays



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, 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)

Out & About



Liberation Day

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. On April 24, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., visit the old districts on foot or by free shuttle bus to see reenactment of old trades in farmers' homes, barnyards and fields; local products exhibit and sale; April 25, middle age re-enactments, archery tournament; falconry shows; May 1, 3:30 p.m. historical parade and flag-throwers show; traditional donkey race and award ceremony. <https://www.facebook.com/palio.diromanodezzelino?pnref=story>

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. http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_sagra_di_san_marco_e_dei_cuchi_canove_di_roana/

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 Bruscardolo **Saint George and Bruscardolo Festival**

April 22-26, in Quinto Vicentino, Via degli Eroi, about 8 miles northeast of Vicenza. *Bruscardolo* is the tip of hop plants, which are easily found in the Veneto countryside. Food booths featuring local dishes prepared with *bruscardolo* 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. <http://comitatosagraquinto.com/page2.php>

Festa di Primavera - Noventa in Fiore **Noale Spring Festival**

April 24, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Noventa, Piazza IV Novembre and historic center. Flowers, plants, patio furniture and garden tools; local crafts and antique market; at 4:30 p.m., street artists and jugglers. <http://www.comune.noventa-vicentina.vi.it/Vivi-la-Citta/Noventa-in-Fior>

La Faida **Medieval Festival**

May 1, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., in Montecchio Maggiore, at the Romeo and Juliet Castle, Via Castelli Bella Guardia, about 12 miles west of Vicenza. Reenactment groups from all over Italy participate in medieval dances, duel, entertainment, falconry shows; food booths feature medieval typical dishes and drinks. Free entrance; shuttle buses will be available from the parking lots of Via Degli Alberi or the Xylem parking lot, in Via Lom-



Medieval Festival, Montecchio Maggiore



Old Districts Festival, Romano d'Ezzelino

bardi; bus ticket €1. <http://www.faida.it/>

The Legend of Romeo and Juliet **Mystery guided tour**

May 4, and every Wednesday through Sept. 28, 5-8 p.m., in Verona. Led by an English-speaking guide, discover the romantic city of Verona and a different ending to the Romeo and Juliet tragedy by following the trail left by Antonio Avena, a key figure in the history of Verona. 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/packages/the-legend-of-romeo-and-juliet-mystery-guided-062>

Antica Fiera di Primavera **Spring Festival**

May 6-15, in Camisano Vicentino, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. Nightly food booths in Piazza della Costituzione feature local specialties; carnival rides in Piazza Libertá, Piazza del Vicariato Civile and Piazza della Costituzione; local crafts exhibit and sale; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m. http://www.comune.camisanovicentino.vi.it/po/mostra_news.php?id=724&area=H

Mezza maratona al chiaro di luna **Moonlight Half Marathon**

May 28, in Jesolo. This 21km half marathon starts from Punta Sabbioni at 7:15 p.m. and finishes in Piazza Mazzini. For details and registration fees, visit <http://www.venicemarathon.it/en/moonlight-half-marathon/runners-area/registration/registration-step-by-step>.



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ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

VENETO

Cerea: April 24, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

Dolo (Venice): April 24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

Piazzola sul Brenta: April 24, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

Spresiano (Treviso): April 24, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Treviso: April 24, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

Marostica: May 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (135 vendors)

Noventa Vicentina: May 1, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza (120 booths)

Vittorio Veneto: May 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (70 vendors)

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Gelato Festival Ice Cream Festival

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.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=39>

Sagra del Baccello 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_Sagre/21036192_Sagra+del+Baccello.html

Rievocando Verrucola Historical reenactment

April 23-24, in Verrucola (Fivizzano, Massa Carrara). Medieval shows and market; food booths; entertainment.

<http://www.centopercentoeventi.com/articolo-5145-fivizzano-festa-medioevale-rievocando-verrucola-massa-carrara>

Mostra Internazionale dell'Artigianato International Crafts Exhibit and Sale

April 23-May 1, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; closes at 8 p.m. on May 1, in Florence, Fortezza da Basso, Via Filippo Strozzi 1. Entrance fee: € 4/weekdays; €6 weekends and Italian holidays (April 25 and May 1); free for children younger than 12.

http://www.eventiesagre.it/Fiere_Artigianato/21095739_Mostra+Internazionale+Dell+artigianato.html

Guamo e Coselli in Festa Guamo and Coselli Festival

April 24, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Guamo (Lucca), Via di Vorno 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_Feste/21081255_Guamo+E+Coselli+In+Festa.html

Fiori e Banchi di Primavera Spring Festival

April 25, 8 a.m.-7 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/21151896_Fiori+E+Banchi+Di+Primavera.html

Carabattoliera di 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/21151976_Carabattoliera+Di+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 anchovies and butter, or stewed tomatoes and mozzarella. Local products, crafts exhibit and sale; food booths featuring local specialties open at 11 a.m.; entertainment for children; live music and dancing start at 8 p.m.

<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/sagra-del-crostino-palaia-palaia-pisa>

CONCERTS/SPORTS

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



Guamo and Coselli Festival, Guamo (Lucca)



Joe Bonamassa (Photo by Cesare Greselin)

Rome; May 31 in Brescia

Yes – May 26 in Milan; May 27 in Padova, May 31 in Florence; June 1 in Rome

Duran Duran – June 7 in Rome; June 8 in Verona; June 10 in Florence; June 12 in Assago (Milan)

Black Sabbath – June 13 in Verona

Jack Savoretti – June 16 in Assago; June 17 in Verona; July 4 in Rome

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

Queen + Adam Lambert – June 25 in Piazzola Sul Brenta

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 + Promise of the Real – July 13 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 15 in Rome; July 16 in Lucca; July 18 in Milan

Rihanna – Anti World Tour – July 11 in Torino; July 13 in Milan

Elton John and Band – July 12 in Pompei; July 15 in Barolo; July 16 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Santana – July 13 in Cividale del Friuli; July 19 in Rome; July 20 in Cattolica; July 21 in Assago

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

Joe Bonamassa – July 14 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova);

Lionel Richie – July 14 in Rome

Skunk Anansie – July 14 in Pistoia; July 15 in Rome; July 17 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Beyoncé – July 18 in Milan

Simple Red – July 19 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova); July 20 in Lucca (guest Anastacia)

Robert Plant – July 20 in Assago; July 22 in Napoli; July 24 in Taormina

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

EELio 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

Ezio Bosso – April 24 in Trieste; May 10 in Udine

Malika Ayane – April 24 in Brescia; April 28 in Naples

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

Francesco De Gregori – June 3 in Verona;

July 2 in Rome

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

Andrea Bocelli – Sept. 14 in Marostica

Zucchero – Sept. 16-18, Sept. 20-21, Sept. 23-25, and Sept. 27-28 in Verona

Elisa – Nov. 11 in Florence; Nov. 24 in Torino; Nov. 19 in Rome; Nov. 22 in Casalecchio di Reno; Nov. 25 in Assago;

Nov. 28 in Padova

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

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

ANTIQUE MARKETS

TUSCANY

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

Montevarchi (Arezzo): April 24, 9 a.m.-7 pm. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

Prato: April 23-25, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

Cecina (Livorno): April 24, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

Florence: April 24, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Via Ciampi

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): April 24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

Arezzo: April 30-May 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Grande

Carmignano (Prato): May 1, 9:30 a.m.-7p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele 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

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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.

Go with the Flow Yoga

April 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.

Financial Fitness Course

April 26; 9-10:30 a.m.
Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

This course will assist in taking control of your money through personal financial management and planning. The information can lead you down a path of 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-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.

Interview Skills Workshop

April 27, 10-11 a.m.
Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Gain valuable insight into the interview process. Learn strategies for preparing, developing a 30-second elevator pitch, addressing common questions and more. Registration is required. DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Survivors Walk & Talk

April 28, May 5, 12; 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.

Darby Tuscan Tots Playgroup

May 5, 12, 19 & 26; 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.

Working in Italy

April 29; 10-10:30 a.m.
Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Unsure about the options regarding working during your time in Italy? The Employment Readiness program is here to help with this quick information session. Learn about all of the sources of employment we have here and your options for working in Italy. We'll cover the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and what it really says about employment. No registration required.

Operation MegaPhone

Kickback Night
April 29; 7-11:59 p.m.
Vicenza Youth Center, Caserma Ederle

This kickback night is a great opportunity for registered CYS Services teens in grades 9-12 to stay late at the Teen Center. There will be barbecue, popcorn, tournaments and movies. Plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained. Call DSN 634-7659, comm. 0444-71-7659 for more information.

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>.

Mixed Media with Latica

April 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.

Art and History: Palladio

April 29; 12:30-2 p.m., \$15
Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Discover the beauty of the Vicenza villas while learning about the importance of Andrea Palladio. Local artist Latica will explore some of Palladio's 24 villas that are protected by UNESCO and what makes them important in our beautiful "Città Palladiana."

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.

Wine and Photography

May 4; 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., \$75
ODR, Caserma Ederle

Photograph vineyards, wine cellars, wine regions, and beautiful landscapes from some of the world's most spectacular wine countries. Find it all on a wine and photography tour. For beginner and advanced photographers alike. Price includes transportation, photography instructor, wine tasting and finger foods.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Join the boxing team

6:30-8 p.m., Mon-Wed-Fri
Del Din Fitness Center

Whether you are an experienced or novice boxer, if you enjoy the sport of boxing, we need you! Our coaches will train and prepare you to compete in boxing events in the Army Community. We encourage you to join us to help develop and build a strong and effective community boxing team! Prepare for the USAG Italy Boxing Smoker, USAREURwide community invitations, Army Europe Invitational Championship, and prepare and apply for All Army. Call DSN 634-7004, comm. 0444-71-7004 for more information.

BOSS Morning Bike Rides

April 26, May 3, 10 & 17, 6-7:30 a.m.
BOSS,

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.

Let's Move!

May 10 & every Tuesday for six weeks
SKIES Martial Arts Room

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 is now through May 15; officials clinic May 15; coaches meeting, May 19, 6 p.m. at Ederle fitness center; and summer season is June 1-August 1. Cost is \$60 per team. For more information, all DSN 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

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

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.

Family Movie Night

April 24 & 28, 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 movie start time. 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
The castles were once known as the *Castello della Bellaguardia* and the *Castello della Villa*. The two castles were built around 975 A.D. and claimed to be the inspiration for the Romeo and Juliet legend. The love story by Luigi del Porto of Vicenza set the story here in his 1552 novel that Shakespeare adapted making 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 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 admiring the charming coast overlooking the sea. Cost: \$365 ages 13+; \$265 ages 4-12; \$165 ages 0-3; and \$100 single room supplement.

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