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## Livorno health clinic cases colors

By **Chiara Mattiolo**  
DMC Public Affairs Office

**LIVORNO** -- When Medical Command announced in June 2015 the decision to close the United States Army Health Clinic Livorno, the countdown began to the end of an era for the Camp Darby Community.

During a May 3 ceremony, facing the building that served as its final home, the U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno officially deactivated and cased its colors. The ceremony brought to a close more than 65 years of the unit serving as the medical home for the Camp Darby Military Community.

The clinic was originally established in 1951 as the 28th Station Hospital in Cambronne. In 1956, the unit was restructured and Livorno became a detachment of the 45th Field Hospital based in Vicenza, a unit brought to Italy in support of troops after American withdrawal from Austria.

"It is important, as we say our farewells today to the memory of the Livorno clinic, and to all who have served here over the years, that we also pay homage to all Army medical personnel who have served on this hallowed ground, particularly those who fought for the liberation



Spc. Christopher Gribble, US Army Health Clinic Livorno, holds the guidon as outgoing Detachment Officer in Charge Maj. Charles Broomwell cases the colors during a ceremony May 3 on Camp Darby in Livorno. The event marked the closure of the Livorno Health Clinic, which had been in operation since 1951. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

of Italy," said Regional Health Command-Europe Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Norvell Coots.

In 1975, the 45th Field Hospital was realigned under 7th Medical Command-Europe, and the headquarters for the 45th was moved to Livorno.

The 45th Field Hospital headquarters was returned to Vicenza in 1987 and the United States Army Health Clinic Livorno remained. In 1991, the clinic saw 11,233 patients total in support of Operation Desert Storm and the Camp Darby  
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Volunteers from across the garrison were recognized by USAG Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks May 5 at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle. Volunteers reported nearly 65,000 hours from April 2015 to April 2016.

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

## Volunteer program thrives in Vicenza

By **Karin J. Martinez**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

*This is the first article in a three-part series on volunteering.*

**VICENZA** -- More than 665 people volunteered close to 65,000 hours in various capacities across the installation from April 2015 to April 2016.

Those generous community members were recognized in the April 29 "Lifting Spirits, Touching Lives" volunteer recognition ceremony at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle. Garrison Commander Col. Steve Marks was on hand to present certificates and awards.

"Volunteering not only supports the

community, it also helps develop lasting relationships and links our hearts toward a common goal," Marks said. "When someone donates a handful of time, the difference made is tremendous, and it shapes a community for the better."

Sentiments aside, volunteerism is a tremendous money-saver, said Yvonne Leible, program manager, Army Volunteer Corps. Leible said the labor savings for this community was almost \$1.5 million in the past year. There were even twenty-one volunteers who dedicated more than 500 hours each.

"Volunteers are so vital to our community," Leible said. "We simply

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## Veneto well water found to have potentially dangerous chemicals

**VICENZA** -- The Veneto region has an abundance of natural water sources that includes plenty of well water, which many people use as their primary drinking source. However, according to recent media reports, those who drink well water in parts of the Veneto area may be consuming excessive levels of potentially hazardous chemicals.

Several Italian media outlets have reported recently that well water in 31 municipalities in four regional provinces including locales where members of the Vicenza Military Community live, contain elevated levels of perfluoroalkylated substances (PFAS).

Known in the United States as perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid, these chemicals are used in a wide variety of industrial and commercial products such as textiles and leather products, firefighting foams, cleaning products and pesticides.

The reports have indicated the majority the contaminant has been found from surface water to depths of relatively shallow wells 12 to 15 meters (40-50 ft.) deep. Testing is still being conducted to determine how significant the levels of contamination are or the amount of concentration in the ground water.

While those drinking well water may be exposed to these chemicals, people

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## Secretary reminds Army family to think about summer safety

## AFN schedules specials to highlight Memorial Day

A message from the Honorable Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy and Environment)



Hammack

As we begin the countdown to Memorial Day and the traditional start of summer, I encourage leaders, Soldiers and Army civilians at all levels to keep safety at the forefront of every activity, both on and off duty. This is historically the deadliest time of year for Army accidents; we must all do our part to keep one another safe.

Last fiscal year, 37 Soldiers died and another 17 suffered life-altering injuries in off-duty mishaps between Memorial Day and the first day of fall in late September. Of those fatalities, 30 involved driving or riding: 15 on motorcycles and 15 in four-wheeled vehicles,

with drownings and accidental discharges of privately owned weapons rounding out the total. A quick review of the reports reflects that a majority of these accidents were due to a momentary indiscretion in decision-making and, therefore, wholly preventable. I know we can and will do better this summer.

To stay a ready Army, we must

be a safe Army — every day is critical in our fight against risk. I ask that you use the upcoming summer holidays and National Safety Month, observed during June, to enhance and refocus your risk management efforts for the months ahead.

More information on both seasonal safety and National Safety Month is available from the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center at <https://safety.army.mil>.

Whether you're a leader, Soldier or civilian employee, safety isn't just important, it's personal. Think ahead. Build good decisions into your plans to live another day, and enjoy all the fun summer has to offer.

Thank you for the incredible job you do every day for our Army and our nation. I look forward to working with you well into the future.

*Army Safe is Army Strong!*

By **George A. Smith**  
AFN Broadcast Center

AFN TV commemorates Memorial Day with tales of real-life military heroes, the National Memorial Day Concert and the Indianapolis 500, while AFN radio airs a 500-song classic rock countdown.

Watch the 100th running of the Indy 500 as the best drivers in the world race toward the checkered flag, in Europe at 6 p.m. (Central European Time) May 29 and in the Pacific at 1 a.m. (Japan/Korea Time) May 30 on AFN|sports.

AFN presents a season two marathon of Against the Odds, showcasing awe-inspiring tales of Soldiers who unite to overcome harrowing obstacles

beginning May 30 at 10 a.m. (CET/JKT) on AFN|spectrum.

The National Memorial Day Concert honors military service and the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform, their families at home, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Tony Award



winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award winner Gary Sinise host the concert on AF-

N|spectrum 5 p.m. (CET/JKT) May 30.

AFN 360, Internet radio airs a Memorial Day weekend 500 classic rock song countdown starting May 28 at 4 p.m. (CET/JKT) on AFN Legacy. The countdown runs through Memorial Day at 6 p.m.

For the latest AFN schedules go to [www.myafn.net](http://www.myafn.net).

## Online Conduct: Think, Type, Post

See the Army online conduct guide at [www.italy.army.mil](http://www.italy.army.mil).



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## Speak Out What does Memorial Day mean to you?

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



**Cosette Schroeder**  
Family member

*"To me it is a day of thanks for those who have risked their lives to save and protect us. It is one day out of the year to put aside to commemorate the fallen."*



**Seth Shields**  
Family member

*"Memorial Day is a reminder of the incredible sacrifice given by some members of our military community. While I am grateful for all who serve, on Memorial Day I give special consideration to the service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedom and values that make United States great."*



**Staff Sgt. Richard Johnson**  
Company C, 1st Bn.,  
503rd Infantry Rgt.  
*"Loss and love."*



**Sgt. Steven Hoag**  
529th MP Company

*"It means the sacrifices my brothers and sisters laid down to make my family here today."*



**Sgt. Benjamin Colson**  
529th MP Company

*"Even though you are far away and I do not get to see you enough, I always feel you close to my heart."*



**Emily Thompson**  
Family member

*"Taking time to reflect on who we are and where we are going."*

# Exercise tests US, Italian capability with simulated terrorist attacks



VICENZA -- United States Army Garrison Italy conducted its annual full-scale exercise Lion Response May 10. The exercise tested joint U.S. and Italian response plans and capabilities in the event of a terrorist attack.

Drawing from actual attacks in Paris and Brussels, the simulated event depicted near simultaneous attacks at multiple locations. The majority of the scenario unfolded on Caserma Ederle, but during the first couple of hours following the attack, every USAG Italy installation was affected.

“We wanted to bring that type of challenge into the exercise,” said Col. Steve Marks, garrison commander. “The exercise did exactly what we planned for it to do. The cooperation was perfect.”

More photos from the exercise are posted to Flickr at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157665863570094>.

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



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# Employee Spotlight

This week, *Outlook* puts the spotlight on **Christine Moaga**, who is a division chief at the Directorate of Human Resources on Caserma Ederle.

**Position:** Chief of Military Personnel Services, Directorate of Human Resources

**Overview of job/duties:**

Moaga oversees the operations of military human resources accounting, reports, casualties, reassignments, command sponsorships, early return of dependents, promotions, awards, and other administrative functions. She is also responsible for the passport office.

**Professional goal:**

“As I get ready to depart USAG Italy, I believe my biggest accomplishment is creating a digital work environment. Prior to the digital initiative, S1s [administrative per-

sonnel officers] would have to physically come into the office to submit actions. This took time away from their schedules. Once actions were received, they were manually filed and maintained. Accepting, processing and filing actions digitally streamlined services for unit administrative teams and increased productivity within the Military Personnel Services branch. In addition to streaming services, the change in processing allowed the office to be in compliance five years ahead of the Army’s requirement to be fully electronic by 2019.”

**What do you like best about your job?**

“The ability to help Soldiers and their family members. I like challenges and try my best to find answers when there does not seem to be an answer. Having been a Soldier and a spouse of a Soldier, I understand the frustrations that



Christine Moaga takes a phone call in her office May 13. Moaga is the chief of military personnel services. (Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

come with either bringing family members over (to assignment locations), sending them back, being reassigned, promoted, etc. I enjoy sharing the information and knowledge I have with others and hope they pass information along.”

# Postal service centers make changes for future

**VICENZA** – All U.S. Army Garrison Italy postal service centers are making changes for the future to ensure sustainability. To do this, the Directorate of Human Resources has had to make adjustments to operational procedures. These changes are being made to ensure customers receive services the organization can afford and customers want.

Beginning June 20, the following changes will be made at each facility as identified.

**Caserma Ederle PSC**

Official mail and in- and out-processing will take place two days a week: Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m. Closed Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Other services:

- Finance and package pickup, 5 days a week: Mon-Wed-Thur-Fri 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (No change)
- Local National holidays -- Only package pickup 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- U.S. holidays - Closed (No change)



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- All services will take place three days a week: Mon-Wed-Fri 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The facility is closed Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- LN holidays -- Only package pickup 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- U.S. holidays -- Closed (No change)

**Darby PSC**

- All services will take place three days a week: Mon-Wed-Fri 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The facility is closed Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- LN holidays -- Only package pickup 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- U.S. Holidays – Closed (No change)

USAG Italy moves a lot of mail for its supported communities. Following are the monthly average numbers from January to April 2016:

- 63,045 parcels passed through the facilities
- 68,184 letters were processed
- 28,595 magazines were pitched

To get all this mail moving in and out of the facilities in months past, PSC personnel have consumed hundreds of overtime hours. This type of operation (overtime) is cost-prohibitive and wears down workers to the point where they become less productive.

To stop the financial burden and re-energize garrison postal employees requires slight adjustments to allow the organization to focus on what customers deem as the most important aspect of mail: package delivery. PSCs will run the hours listed above for several quarters and reassess operations.

Management and staff from the postal service centers want to thank everyone at the Vicenza and Darby military communities for your unwavering cooperation as they seek to ensure you are receiving the best possible customer service. (DHR)

**VHS students perform at local jazz fest**

The Vicenza High School Rhythm and Blues Band performs before a large audience at the annual Vicenza jazz festival, *Vicenza Jazz-New Conversations*, May 8. The band provided 80 minutes of non-stop music, dance and entertainment for the crowd at Piazza delle Erbe. The band performed music starting from the ‘60s and up through today’s sounds. The group is under the direction of Gary Marvel, VHS music director. The event was coordinated by Michela Ambroso, VHS Italian language teacher, and Riccardo Brazzale, artistic director of the Vicenza jazz festival.

(Courtesy photo)



# Local teen represents Army at Europe-wide competition

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** -- Canaan York, 18, competed in April for the esteemed Europe Region Military Youth of the Year nomination, along with top competitors from the Air Force and Navy throughout the entire European region.

Before this step in the highly competitive MYOY process, Canaan was successful in earning the title locally at U.S. Army Garrison Italy. Because he earned the local title, the student had the opportunity to compete at the next level between all U.S. Army garrisons in Europe.

According to feedback from selectors, Canaan's poise, genuine candor and competitive spirit earned him the regional title and provided him the opportunity to represent the entire U.S. Army at the Department of Defense competition in Ramstein.

Ray Jojola, youth program director at Child and Youth Services in Vicenza, agreed with the assessment.

"Canaan is a very impressive young man with a bright and promising future. His sincerity and genuine personality make his optimism contagious to anyone he encounters," Jojola said.

In addition, Canaan's success throughout the months-long competition process was widely attributed to his rigorous dedication to academics, athletics, leadership skills, contributions made to the Vicenza Military Community and Vicenza Teen Center, and his health and well-being. The youth also



**YORK**

overcame many personal challenges faced throughout his childhood and youth, such as frequent moves and changing family situations.

"His story of overcoming many obstacles early on in life is not only inspirational to his fellow peers but extremely inspiring for us adults as well," Jojola added.

Although Canaan did not take first place, he was selected as the Europe MYOY runner-up, and the CYS program director said he spoke on behalf of the Teen Center in praise of the nominee.

"He's made the Teen Center at Vicenza-- as well as the entire Army Europe Region-- extremely proud that he was the Army's representative," said Jojola.

Canaan's accomplishments will provide him with opportunities to make guest appearances throughout Europe to speak with youth about his experiences.

## Italian Red Cross commander visits Ederle



Col. Steve Marks, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, spent time May 16 with Brig. Gen. Gabriele Lupini, M.D., commander of the Military Corps of the Italian Red Cross. Lupini was here with his adviser, Col. Roberto Spremberger, during a visit to the garrison headquarters. The meeting with Marks was just one stop around the Vicenza Military Community for Lupini. The general visited senior leaders on Caserma Ederle to reinforce the MCIRC's capacity to respond and support relief efforts in times of disasters. The Military Corps of the Italian Red Cross is an auxiliary contingent in support of the armed forces, comprised of personnel on duty as well as retirees who work as volunteers. Personnel include medical doctors, psychologists, chemical-pharmacists, commissioners, accountants, nurses and rescue workers. (Photo by Anna Ciccotti, USAG Italy)

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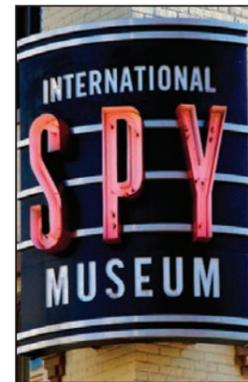
The next monthly VMC Information Exchange is June 8 at 10:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Arena. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to ask questions from members of the command. Questions may also be submitted on the USAG Italy Facebook page. The event is streamed live at [livestream.com](http://livestream.com).

## Garrison guest speaker series brings historian, museum curator

**VICENZA** – Save the date! United States Army Garrison Italy's guest speaker series brings Vince Houghton to the Vicenza Military Community June 6-8.

Houghton is the historian and curator at the International Spy Museum in Washington. He will present a series of talks about the intelligence field.

Topics will include scientific and technological intelligence, in which he will discuss cryptography, technological espionage and more; intelligence organization such as the Office of Strategic Services and Central Intelligence Agency; and intelligence in wartime, where he will share in-



formation about traditional military intelligence, covert operations and more.

The historian specializes in military and intelligence history, with specific expertise on late-World War II and early-Cold War eras.

Before beginning his tenure at the spy museum, Houghton was a history professor at the University of Maryland. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Times and locations for the presentations are still to be determined.

Check the garrison Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/usagitaly](http://www.facebook.com/usagitaly), or website, [www.italy.army.mil](http://www.italy.army.mil), for updates.

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Community.

"History books are good at capturing dates, titles and locations. They also record many stories of remarkable and prominent figures," Coots said about the lineage of the organization. "However, the story of how a successful unit really accomplishes its mission is more challenging to capture because it is a story told through the daily work of the organization's heart and soul -- its people."

In December 1993, the 45th Field Hospital was deactivated and converted to the United States Army Medical Department Activity. In October 1995, the United States Army Medical Department Activity-Livorno was downsized to a Health Clinic.

Despite unit deactivation and clinic closure, U.S. Army Health Care Center Vicenza Commander Lt. Col. Brian Bender said that Army Medicine remains committed to the community and will continue to facilitate the transition and ensure readiness of Darby residents.

"While this may be end of 65 years of direct medical care, this is not the end of the book," said Bender. "Army and DoD Medicine remain committed to Camp Darby and I promise to continue the Vicenza relationship and commitment."

As part of the transition, Camp Darby patients will be referred to the local physicians in Pisa, San Rossore and Livorno hospitals.

## WATER

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who get water through the city should not have this issue.

"All government leased housing units and nearly all rental housing is on city water supplied by a recognized providers with meters," said Lew Smith, U.S. Army Garrison Italy chief of housing. Smith added that those companies have been contacted and they said they are using filters and the water is fit for drinking.

The wells providing water to Villaggio Housing and Caserma Ederle have been tested and found to be free of chemicals.

"Our water is safe, said Carlos Rivero-deAguilar, chief of Department of Public Work's Environmental Division. "Unlike private home wells, our wells are down to about 150 meters (or about 490 ft) and have not been affected by the contaminant.

The health risks associated with long-term exposure to the chemicals are un-

known. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, PFOS is considered an "emerging contaminant" a chemical or material that is characterized by a perceived, potential or real threat to human health or the environment or by a lack of published health standards.

A contaminant may also be "emerging" because a new source or a new pathway to humans has been discovered, or a new detection method or treatment technology has been developed.

Smith added that anyone who has access to only well water should contact the Housing Division Help Desk 637-7900/7902, and Housing will contact the landlord for testing.

More information on emerging contaminants PFOS and PFOA can be found on the EPA web site at <http://go.usa.gov/cJcW5>.



### Heritage month storytime

May is Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Dressed in traditional clothing, Rai Harenza, family member, opens the special month's celebrations at Camp Darby Military Community with a story hour for children at the post library May 3.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

## Dollars and \$ense

### Comments about finances out of the mouth of babes

By **Samuel D. Coston**  
Financial Readiness Program Manager, ACS

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with Vicenza Middle School Teacher George Hanby and his students to talk about money.

The students participated in my financial briefing, and I must say, all of you madres and padres raising these future leaders of our nation, you should be proud. Mr. Hanby's students embody the standard-bearers, and China and the rest of the world best prepare. A super freight train of innovators, money managers, entrepreneurs and visionaries are being molded in Vicenza.

In this week's column, I wanted to share some of the students' parting thoughts after the briefing and discussion about finances:

**X. De La Garza:** "To see the difference between my needs and wants – you opened a door for me which I didn't think I could open. You helped me think about my future and my career choices."

**Tyler H.:** "When it comes to spending money, I will try to be more careful with



**Coston**

it and worry more about what I need and not what I want."

**T. Tolbert:** "You taught us how credit scores work related to excessive debt."

**Maxwell**

**R.:** "I appreciate you teaching me and the other students in the class about what we should do with credit card." My tip here is that parents should provide their children with their first credit card to teach how credit works under their guidance and mentorship.

**A. Jackson:** "Thank you for explaining the four main money personalities." When it comes to your money, remove the "human emotions" and you will see the light to prosperity.

**Ray F.:** "Get what you need first, and then get what you want."

**Lily K.:** "Nothing personal, it's just business."

**A. Smith:** "Thank you for coming and teaching us about managing our money and being smart about credit utilization."

**P. Longley:** "Before your brief, I thought credit cards were bad, but the way you told it, they are really a useful thing to have if you use it right."

**A. Rowley:** "You talked about amazing topics that'll be very helpful in the future." What age should parents start discussing money issues with their children? It depends; watch for an article in June with recommendations.

**B. Williams:** "I will definitely use your money advice in the future."

**C. Williams:** "Anything can happen, and I never want to be broke."

**N. Tipton:** "I learned a lot about how to manage my money and to meet in the middle between needs and wants."

**Cortland F.:** "I came out of your class knowing more about jobs and credit scores."

**A. Brown:** "Knowing about the checks and balances really will help all of us in the future."

Saving one of the best comments for last, it is from **A. Torres** who said, "What you talked about has made me think a lot about my future and how seriously I should start thinking about finances, saving for my future, and my family's future." Excellent wisdom from such a young group of great Americans.

For students, I suggest getting started early. If being in the business world is your goal, then think big and think about the impossible in order to run with the "big dogs." In the world of real money, there are no successful Toy Poodles or Chihuahuas. The super-smart money managers are the aggressive ones: Pit Bulls, Doberman Pinschers or Rottweilers. If being an asset manager with a Wall Street firm is in your future, then consider a bachelor's degree in economics, finance or mathematics from a major university.

I appreciated spending time with Mr. Hanby's students and sharing my knowledge of finance with them.

*"Know what you owe, and know why you owe it!"*

### Red Cross surprises volunteers



Volunteers were recognized at the Vicenza Health Center on Caserma Ederle April 20. American Red Cross personnel surprised medical and dental volunteers with a personal "thank you" at the facility. Above: Volunteers at the dental clinic. From left are Joette Moore; Cathy Cashman; ARC's Michelle Pezzulo; Krystie Chavez; DeShae Lyda; and Akemy Piescik.



Volunteers at the health clinic are the three in the center, surrounded by American Red Cross staff. From left are Shelly Ann Ellis (wearing hat), Kristina Willard and Jill Abeyta.

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



### Springtime shopping

Vicenza Military Community members enjoyed some shopping at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle May 13-15. A variety of vendors brought their wares, and shoppers enjoyed wine, cheese and chocolate tasting; and perusing artwork, German tapestries, ceramics, jewelry, glassware and more. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation plays host to a spring and fall bazaar each year.

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

## Traveling with pets requires know-how, preparation

Summer PCS travel season will soon be upon us. Families traveling with pets are reminded that special considerations and preparation must be made.

Regarding flights returning to the United States, anyone traveling with pets should be aware that Patriot Express flights to Baltimore-Washington International airport will only accommodate 10 first-come, first-served pets per flight.

Commercial air travelers may elect to transport a pet as checked baggage; however, from May to September, high temperatures can make travel difficult for pets. In fact, many airlines don't allow pets aboard flights as checked baggage or as cargo when temperatures are high. For most airlines, pet embargoes take effect when the temperature is forecasted to be above 85 degrees at any point of travel—origin, transit or destination.

Families traveling with pets this summer must become familiar with the airline's pet embargo and acceptance policies before making travel arrangements. In some cases, advanced reservations are required. Be sure to give yourself ample time to prepare pets prior to travel. Most airlines have pet safety programs identified on their websites that provide tips and assistance.

It is the traveler's responsibility to make arrangements to get pets to the desired destination, as pets do not have a government travel entitlement. This means the cost for travel is on the onus of the family. This may require starting a savings plan well ahead of time so families don't have to leave pets behind to a new home.

Transportation to the airport may be of concern to Soldiers, civilians and their families. There are some limitations for the Marco Polo shuttle bus of which to be aware. Pets must be inside a pet carrier, and the carrier must be able to fit on or between the seats on the bus. Italian law prohibits the transportation of live



Traveling with furry family members can be a challenge if pet owners don't plan ahead. Research and preparation will ensure a smooth transition. *(Courtesy photo)*

animals in the undercarriage of the bus.

Anyone with questions regarding the policy should contact the Central Processing Facility at DSN 637-7141 or 7142, comm. 0444-61-7141 or 7142.

Pets who do not fit on the shuttle bus within the parameters may consider contacting the PCS Pet Project of Italy, an organization designed to help families PCS pets to and from Italy.

For more information about the pet project, visit their website at [www.pcpetprojectofitaly.org](http://www.pcpetprojectofitaly.org), or find them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

[pcspetproject.org](http://pcspetproject.org).

Another item to consider when traveling with pets is ensuring all shots are up to date and all records/paperwork are in order. Check with the Veterinary Clinic on Longare for more information.

Some tips from the clinic include the following:

- The rabies vaccine cannot be within 30 days of expiration at time of travel.
- An unalterable form of pet identification is mandatory. The best way to take care of this is to ensure pets have the ISO microchip. The microchip and rabies

vaccine must be done at the same time.

•For families going somewhere that is a rabies-free area (such as Hawaii, Japan, Guam), the process can be up to eight months before pets can enter without having to go into quarantine.

Community members can reach the veterinary facility by calling DSN 637-8272, comm. 0444-61-8272. The clinic also has a Facebook page; look for Vicenza Veterinary Treatment Facility.

Being aware and prepared will ensure the flight is a positive experience for all family members.

### Join the celebration in observance of Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

May 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Golden Lion Conference Center, Caserma Ederle  
All community members are invited.

# News briefs

## 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. All community members are welcome.

## Spraying for mosquitoes

The Directorate of Public Works will spray for mosquitoes between 4 and 8 a.m. in Villaggio May 24. DPW recommends residents remain indoors for up to one hour after spraying.

## Overseas housing survey

The Housing Management Office is conducting a survey to find out how much service members are spending for utilities. This year's survey takes place through May 31, and all service members who currently live in off-base housing and are in private leases under the OHA program are encouraged to complete the survey. To access the survey, go to <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaSurvey.cfm?ID=may-util>. Any questions may be directed to Housing Division at DSN 637-7950/7951, comm. 0444-71-7950/7951.

## Veterans' Affairs appointments

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Overseas Military Service Coordinator will be in Vicenza May 31-June 3. The coordinator will take appointments to answer questions about VA benefits and programs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on these dates. She will also offer a class covering the Foreign Medical Program for veterans who reside outside of the United States, June 2 at 1 p.m. To set up an appointment or register for the FMP class, contact local VA benefits advisers Ana Levitt or Kelly Griffith at DSN 637-8156, comm. 0444-61-8155, or stop by the VA office in the SFL-TAP center on Caserma Ederle, Bldg. 126.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School takes place June 27-30, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the Vicenza Elementary School. The program is for children ages 4 to 11. To register or volunteer, call Linda Davis, 320-173-9776, or email [ProtestantRec1@gmail.com](mailto:ProtestantRec1@gmail.com).

## Friends, family day

The Vicenza chapel community presents Friends & Family Day 2016 at noon, June 4, at Hoekstra Field. Activities will include kickball, clowns, door prizes, food, basketball, musical chairs, face painting and more. Contact [gospelservice130@gmail.com](mailto:gospelservice130@gmail.com) for more information.

## Soldiers' Theatre activities

The local community theater offers **Musical Café** May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Join other musicians while showing off your musical talent. Bring your favorite instrument and/or voice. No karaoke, please. Sound, lights, amps, drums and guitars will be provided.

Learn how to **dance Salsa and Baile con Sazón**. Join the free adult Latin dance class every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. This is a four-week structured "boot camp." The first Tuesday of each month starts anew; no partner necessary. A great way to meet people and learn from top, certified black belt salsa instructor, Willie McIntosh. No pre-reg-

istration is necessary. Classes take place in the SKIES Unlimited dance studio, Bldg. 308, Caserma Ederle.

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.

## Birth registration

With the upcoming June 2 Italian Holiday (*Festa della Repubblica Italiana*), appointments to register babies in Comune di Vicenza will have different dates. Appointments for June 2 have been rescheduled for May 30. Parents registering babies on May 31 must be at Bldg. 28 by 1:45 p.m. Normal appointment schedule resumes June 9. For more information, contact Monica Carriolato at DSN 637-7469, comm. 0444-61-7469.

## VES field days

Vicenza Elementary School is having field days June 7, 8 and 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. on Villaggio. Over the three days, students will participate in the VES Summer Olympic Games. Help is needed to run stations at the event. PContact Alison Marshall at [alison.marshall@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:alison.marshall@eu.dodea.edu), or sign-up online at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4AAAEE2FA6F94-vesfield](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E4AAAEE2FA6F94-vesfield).

## Retirement ceremony

The installation quarterly retirement ceremony will take place June 9, 4-5 p.m., at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle. All community members are welcome to attend and show support for the retirees.

## Changes at the fire department

Fire inspectors in Vicenza have moved from Del Din to Caserma Ederle. The move includes a change in phone numbers. New contact numbers are as follows:

Giaretta Luca DSN 634-6196  
Gianluca Zaffaina DSN 634-6197  
Riccardo Zancan DSN 634-6002

The Fire Department would like VMC members to remember that fire safety starts with YOU. You are the first and best line of defense in preventing a fire.

## Red Cross assistance

The American Red Cross has an online option to give military families more flexibility and expanded access to help during times of crisis. Request help online at [redcross.org/HeroCareNetwork](http://redcross.org/HeroCareNetwork) or by calling 877-272-7337.

This secure online option is easy to use and can be accessed from computers, tablets or smart phones. Just like the toll free number, the online option is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, from anywhere in the world. With more people preferring to use online platforms for many types of services, this is a natural evolution of our emergency communications work, but people will always be able to speak with a Red Cross worker anytime during the process. Customers can also reach Red Cross Emergency, toll free, at 877-272-7337.

## 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 your 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](mailto:usarmy.vicenza.imcom-europe.mbx.fmwr-marketing@mail.mil).

## Band needs instructor

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

## 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.

## Del Din parking

Parking on Caserma Del Din along Via Dal Molin, Airborne Avenue and Bayonet Boulevard is not authorized. Vehicles parked in these areas will be issued a DD 1408 (Armed Forces Traffic Ticket). Parking is authorized only in the parking garages. To view the policy letter, go to [http://www.italy.army.mil/files/policyletters/pl\\_20\\_parking.pdf](http://www.italy.army.mil/files/policyletters/pl_20_parking.pdf). Anyone with questions may call DES Operations at DSN 634-7197, comm. 0444-71-7197.

## 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. There are 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 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](https://imc.army.mil/airs/usg_disclaimer.aspx).

## 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.

## Total Army sponsorship

The Army's Total Army Sponsorship program office is located in the Central Processing Facility, Bldg. 393. Hours of

operation are Monday through Friday, 9-11 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. If you have questions about the program or would like to become a sponsor, stop by or call DSN 637-7151, comm. 0444-61-7151.

## Out-processing information

Soldiers are highly encouraged to report to the Central Processing Facility as soon as they receive orders to be entered into the system and placed in pre-clearance status. It is highly recommended that Soldiers immediately schedule out-processing appointments for transportation, housing and the vehicle registration office. Also, make flight and hotel reservations upon receiving orders. Soldiers must be in proper military uniform to receive clearance papers and to final out-process with the facility. More information will be available at the levy briefing.

## Federal voting assistance

2016 is an election year, and Soldiers, civilians and eligible family members are able to vote while overseas. Contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program office on Caserma Ederle, Bldg. 28. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m., but closed Thursday mornings. Open Thursday 1-4:30 p.m. Call with questions, DSN 637-7491, comm. 0444-61-7491.

## Installation visitors

Anyone with a valid Department of Defense ID card indicating they are active, retired or reserve status, assuming they are not on the EUCOM bar list, can enter Caserma Ederle. If DoD ID card holders will be accessing the post for two weeks or more, they will be directed to register their cars with the Installation Access Control System. All others, including U.S. citizens who do not fit into the above categories, may not visit the installation or use its services. We are not able to offer tours. Some visitors may be signed on by an ID card holder. For more information on access procedures, call DSN 634-6744, comm. 0444-71-6744.

## Army Substance Abuse Program

The Army Substance Abuse Program's mission is to strengthen the overall fitness and effectiveness of the Army's total workforce and to enhance the combat readiness of its Soldiers. To contact the ASAP administration desk, call DSN 634-7554, comm. 0444-71-7554.

## Legal assistance hours

Hours of operation for the OSJA Legal Assistance and Claims office is as follows:

Legal Assistance and Claims  
Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri  
8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.  
Thurs, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

## Shuttle bus to/from airport

There is a free shuttle bus to and from Marco Polo Airport-Venice for Vicenza Military Community members. Priority is given to individuals on official travel (PCS/ETS, TDY, and emergency leave), but those on leisure travel are allowed on a space-available basis. Pets are allowed on the bus; however, they must be inside a pet carrier and the carrier must be able to fit on or between the bus seats. To access the shuttle schedule, visit the garrison website, [www.italy.army.mil](http://www.italy.army.mil), at the "newcomers" page. Log in with your CAC card to view the schedule. For more information about the schedule, call the Central Processing Facility at DSN 637-7141 or comm. 0444-61-7141/7142.



### 'Beauty and the Beast Jr.' enchants audiences

After seven shows, Soldiers' Theatre wrapped "Beauty and the Beast Jr.," the children's spring musical, May 15. Fifty-two local children participated in the show. *Above:* From left, Bethany Williams (Mrs. Potts), Bryant Witherington (Chip), Nicole Darland (Madame de la Grande Bouche), Nicole McCollaum (Babette), and Madelyn Duncan, Hayden Sink, Rachel McCollaum and Londyn Wilson (narrators) perform the number "Human Again." *Right:* Williams (Mrs. Potts) sings "Beauty and Beast" as Kaely Wilson (Belle) and Donald Neal (Prince/Beast) dance. Looking on is Brandon Mitchel, who portrayed Cogsworth in the musical. More photos of the performance can be found on the USAG Italy Flickr site, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157668177895416>.

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



## Local performers are 'tops'

**VICENZA** -- United States Army Garrison Italy's Soldiers' Theatre here was honored at the 2016 Installation Management Command-Europe Tournament of Plays in Kaiserslautern, Germany, April 23.

The local "Guys and Dolls" performance received nine nominations and garnered three "Topper" awards in this year's festival.

Topper winner for Best Military Performance in a Musical went to **Staff Sgt. Chris Jacobs**, who played Benny Southstreet. Winner for Best Sound Design for a Musical was **Barry Robinson**, and Best Chorus Member in a Musical went to **Spc. Matthew Wheeler**.

Nominees from the musical were: **Jerry Brees**, Best Technical Director for a Musical; and **Ciriaco Colella** and **Aaron Talley** for Best Musical Director. Also, **John Seward**,

who played the Master of Ceremonies, was nominated for Best Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical; and **Rodger Allison**, who portrayed Arvide Abernathy for Best Supporting Actor in a Musical. **Aaron Talley**, who played Sky Masterson, was nominated for Best Actor in a Musical.

The theatre was also honored with the official announcement as the recipient of the top award in Army Entertainment: the U.S. Army Entertainment Program of the Year Award for the 2015 HQ IMCOM Excellence in Army Recreation Awards.

Soldiers' Theatre management would like to thank the community for supporting the production and the entertainment program. Community members who are interested to serve as a patron, participant, volunteer or student are encouraged and welcome.

### VOLUNTEERS

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couldn't do what we do on a daily basis without them."

Volunteers donate their time and talents for a variety of reasons. In OCONUS environments where family members sometimes have difficulty finding jobs, Leible said volunteering allows people to stay relevant in the workforce. For people with little work experience, it's a way to gain some skills and help build a resumé.

On the military installations here, there are 164 organizations that offer volunteer positions. Some of these locations are the library, fitness center, youth services, health and dental clinics, and schools.

"Our volunteers continue to show they are an integral part of the community, providing services that are vital to the success of this community and the military," said Marks at the recognition ceremony.

Becoming a volunteer means filling out some paperwork, but Leible said she stands by ready to help. The AVC office has all the information needed to get started, and the first step is registering in the Army One Source system. Anyone interested should go to [www.MyArmyOneSource.com](http://www.MyArmyOneSource.com), or stop by the AVC office at Army Community Service, Building 108, on Caserma Ederle.

## At the movies



### The Angry Birds Movie

In this animated comedy, we'll find out why the birds are so angry. When an island populated by happy, flightless birds-- or almost entirely. In this paradise, Red (Jason Sudeikis), a bird with a temper problem, speedy Chuck (Josh Gad), and the volatile Bomb (Danny McBride) have always been outsiders. But when the island is visited by mysterious green piggies, it's up to these unlikely outcasts to figure out what the pigs are up to.

May 20	7 p.m.	The Angry Birds Movie (PG)
	10 p.m.	The Nice Guys (R)
May 21	3 p.m.	The Angry Birds Movie (PG)
	6 p.m.	Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising (R)
May 22	3 p.m.	The Angry Birds Movie in 3D (PG)
	6 p.m.	Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising (R)
May 25	7 p.m.	The Nice Guys (R)
May 26	7 p.m.	Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising (R)
May 27	7 p.m.	Alice Through the Looking Glass (PG)
	10 p.m.	X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13)
May 28	3 p.m.	Alice Through the Looking Glass in 3D
	6 p.m.	X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13)
May 29	3 p.m.	Alice Through the Looking Glass (PG)
	6 p.m.	X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13)
June 1	7 p.m.	X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13)
June 2	7 p.m.	Alice Through the Looking Glass (PG)

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

**Admission:** 3D first run (\*), adult, \$8.50, under 12, \$5.75; 3D second run, adult \$8, under 12, \$5.50; first run (\*), adult, \$6.50, under 12, \$3.75; second run, adult \$6, under 12, \$3.50.

**Advance tickets:** On sale Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX Food Court entrance, except on federal holidays. Up to 50 percent of seats will be on sale; the remainder go on sale one hour before show time at the theater box office. **Film ratings** and reviews are available at [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com).

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

### REASON #903 NOT TO BE THAT GUY:



Anyone who drinks alcohol has the potential to become That Guy because anyone who drinks also risks drinking too much. From the embarrassing and shameful to the dangerous and destructive, nobody wants to deal with or be That Guy that everyone is talking about the next day.



Republic Day, June 2

June 2 is *La Festa della Repubblica* (Republic Day). It marks the day in 1946 when Italy voted in a referendum to abolish the monarchy and become a republic. Schools and most stores will be closed.

## VENETO

### Street Food Mania

May 21, 11 a.m.-midnight, and May 22, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., in Marostica, Piazza degli Scacchi. A great variety of fast food and beer.

<http://www.eventiesagre.it/eventi/21056971/allegati/maggio2016.pdf>

### Birrintaly Beer Fair

May 20, 4:30 p.m.-midnight, May 21-22, 10 a.m.-midnight, in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Stands feature a variety of beer and products from all over Italy. Workshops; Beer Pong Challenge; live music every evening. Free entrance.

[www.birrintaly.it/](http://www.birrintaly.it/)

### Fiori e Sapori Flowers and Flavors

May 22, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Monteortone Terme (Abano Terme), Via del Santuario. Flower, plants, patio furniture, local crafts and specialties exhibit and sale; street artists and entertainment for children.

<https://www.facebook.com/Associazione-Gusto-Italia-no-563261357056424/>

### Magnacurta

#### 8km Food and Wine Walking Tour

May 22, in Ponte di Barbarano, about 13 miles south of Vicenza. Registration starts at 8:45 a.m. from Piazza Breganzato; departure at 9:15 a.m. Regional specialties at each stop; registration fee: €5 for children younger than 14; free for children younger than 4. The Magnacurta prize will be awarded to the participant who eats the most during the event. Those who want to participate will be weighed at the beginning and end of the walk. Prizes also go to the youngest participant and to the largest group; free bounce houses for children; live music starts at 2 p.m.

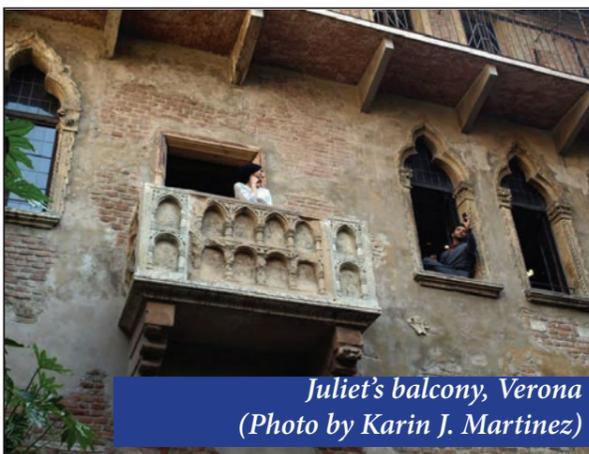
<https://www.facebook.com/events/223942621312555/>

### The Legend of Romeo and Juliet: Mystery guided tour

May 25, June 1, 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 train left by Antonio Avena, a key figure in the history of Verona. The €30 ticket includes Italian



Cherry Festival, Vò



Juliet's balcony, Verona  
(Photo by Karin J. Martinez)

aperitif in Piazza Erbe; free for children under 12 accompanied by two adults. Reserve your tour by sending an email to [info@livinginvicenza.com](mailto:info@livinginvicenza.com).

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/packages/the-legend-of-romeo-and-juliet-mystery-guided-062>

### 2016 Street Food Truck

May 27, 4 p.m.-1 a.m., May 28-29, 11 a.m.-1 a.m., in Verona, Ex Arsenale, Via Prato Santo. Street food fair; entertainment for everyone and games for children; live music. Free entrance.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/955941677832706/>

### Veronafil

May 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., May 28, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., May 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Stamps, coins, postcards, old prints and books, collectors' items. Free entrance.

<http://www.veronafil.it/manifestazioni.aspx>

### Festa delle Ciliegie Cherry Festival

May 28-29, from 9 a.m. in Vò (Padova), in Piazza Liberazione. Cherry, local products, flowers, crafts and patio furniture exhibit and sale; Italian typical food and wine sampling; entertainment for children, bounce houses and face painting.

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



Moonlight Half Marathon, Jesolo

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

VENETO

**Belluno:** May 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza (about 50 vendors)

**Dolo (Venice):** May 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

**Spresiano (Treviso):** May 22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

**Treviso:** May 22, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

**Cerea:** May 29, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

**Piazzola sul Brenta:** May 29, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

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>

### Notte Rossa Red Night

May 28, in Marostica, Piazza Castello and nearby streets, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Starts at 8:30 p.m., exhibit of local cherries. Live music. May 29, from 11 a.m., food booths, exhibit and sale of local cherries; entertainment with music and jugglers, 4 p.m., medieval reenactment. <http://www.eventiesagre.it/eventi/21056971/allegati/maggio2016.pdf>

### Galopera

**Non-competitive 4, 5.5, 7.5, 12, and 20km Walk** May 29, in Vicenza. The walk departs from the Maddalene Sports Center, Strada Maddalene 49/A. Registration 8-9:30 a.m.; a €2.50 fee includes medical coverage, bib number and refreshments.

<http://www.marathonclubvicenza.it/la%20galopera.html>



Need more events/activities?

Visit the USAG Italy Pinterest page at [www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza](http://www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza).

## TUSCANY

### Sagra della Fragola Strawberry Fair

May 21-22 and May 28-29, in Sant' Andrea in Pesciola (San Giuliano Terme-Pisa). Food booths feature wild boar, grilled meat, fried polenta; also, local strawberries with ice cream, chocolate, liqueur and other local specialties. Bounce houses and games for children May 22 and May 29 at 5:30 p.m.; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pi/san-giuliano-terme/sagra-della-fragola-san-giuliano.html>

### Sagra della Frittella Fior di Cascia Rice Fritters Festival

Through May 25, in Tavernelle di Val di Pesa (Florence). Food booths open at 6 p.m.; May 21, 9 p.m. Zumba fitness demonstration; May 22, 7 p.m. fishing competition; 3:30 p.m. entertainment for children; 5 p.m. singing contest; 9 p.m. regional selection for Miss Italy beauty contest.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/tavernelle-in-val-di-pesa/sagra-della-frittella-fior-di-cascia.html>

### Sagra dell' Anguilla Eel Fair

May 21-22, May 27-29, in Santo Stefano a Macerata (Cascina, Pisa). Food booths featuring eel traditional dishes open at 7:30 a.m. Live music and dancing at 9 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pi/cascina/festa-chiesanovese-sagra-dell-anguilla.html>

### Sagra dell'Olio e delle Olive Oil and Olives Fair

May 21-22 and May 28-29, in Massarosa (Lucca). Exhibit and sale of local oils and olives; food booths featuring many local specialties open at 7:30 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/lu/massarosa/sagra-del-lolio-e-delle-olive.html>

### Medioevo in Castello Medieval Festival

May 21-22, in Buti (Pisa), Via Marianini and Via San Rocco. Medieval crafts exhibit and sale; musicians, historical parades, falconers, flag-throwers, magic shows, and fire eaters; food booths feature typical medieval specialties.

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

### Sagra del Pesce Fish Festival

May 22, May 27-29, and June 2-5, in Certaldo (Florence), at multipurpose center, Viale Matteotti 201. Food booths feature traditional Tuscan seafood dishes and are open at 7 p.m., and Sunday at noon.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/certaldo/sagra-del-pesce-certaldo.html>

### Balestro del Girifalco Historical Reenactment

May 22, 5:30 p.m. in Massa Marittima (Grosseto), Piazza del Duomo. This festival was first held in the early years of the 14th century: 24 competitors, armed with authentic replicas of 15th-century Italian crossbows, used by their ancestors, compete trying to center a target placed 30 meters away, on the other side of Piazza

del Duomo. On the back of the target is a painting of the festival's namesake, the girifalco (gyrfalcon), its wings spread wide in flight. The competitor whose arrow hits the center of the target wins.

<http://www.folclore.it/En/Events/Italy/Tuscany/Grosseto/Massa-Marittima/Balestro-del-Girifalco.html>

### Sagra del Ranocchio Frog Fair

May 28-29 and June 4-5, in Brozzi (Florence), Via San Martino 6. Food booths featuring fried frogs and other local specialties open at 6:30 p.m. Live music and dancing starts at 9 p.m.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi\\_Sagre/21038292\\_Sagra+Del+Ranocchio.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sagre/21038292_Sagra+Del+Ranocchio.html)

### Mostra del Chianti Chianti Wine Exhibit

May 28-June 4, in Montespertoli (Florence). Chianti wine exhibit and sale; local products tasting; live music; street theatre; vintage vehicles exhibit; historical parades. Free entrance.

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

### Sagra del Fiore di Zucca Fritto Fried Pumpkin Flower Festival

June 2-5 and June 12-13, in La Serra, San Miniato (Pisa). Dinner featuring many dishes prepared with pumpkin flowers and other local specialties open at 8 p.m.; live music every night.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi\\_Sagre/21075698\\_Sagra+Del+Fiore+Di+Zucca+Fritto.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sagre/21075698_Sagra+Del+Fiore+Di+Zucca+Fritto.html)

### I Profumi di Boboli... in boutique Boboli's fragrances... in boutique

May 20, noon- 8 p.m., May 21, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., May 22, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Florence, Chiostrro delle Nove Botteghe 61/65, and Villa Arrivabene, Piazza Leon Battista Alberti 2a. Perfumes, fragrances, natural soaps and make-up, rare flowers and plants. Free entrance.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi\\_Mostra+Mercato/17083\\_I+Profumi+di+Boboli.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Mostra+Mercato/17083_I+Profumi+di+Boboli.html)

### Festa dell'Allegria Happiness Festival

May 27-29 in Murrana (Terricciola, Pisa). Food booths feature local products, oils, and wines; May 27, street artists and magic show; May 28 from 8 p.m., live Brazilian music and dancing; May 29, local crafts exhibit; archery competition; 10 p.m. live music and dancing.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=3&post=540>

### Festa della Primavera e della Birra Artigianale Spring and Beer Festival

May 29, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. in Florence, Piazza Vittorio Veneto and Viale Lincoln. Food booths feature a variety of beer, local products and crafts; face-painting and entertainment for children.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=2024>

### Sagra della Bistecca Steak Festival

June 1-5 and June 10-12, from 7 p.m., in Serravalle Pistoiese (Pistoia). Food booths feature grilled steaks and many other local specialties and wine; entertainment for children. Live music and dancing.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pt/serravalle-pistoiese/sagra-della-bistecca-di-casalguidi.html>



Yes (Photo by Cesare Greselin)

## CONCERTS/SPORTS

**Elvis Costello** – May 23 in Torino; May 24 in Milan; May 25 in Padova; May 27 in Florence; May 28 in Bologna; May 29 in Rome; May 31 in Brescia

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

**Adele** – May 28-29 in Verona

**Duran Duran** – June 5 in Taormina; June 7 in Rome; June 8 in Verona; June 10 in Florence; June 12 in Assago

**Black Sabbath** – June 13 in Verona

**James Morrison** – June 14 in Milan

**Alice Cooper** – June 16 in Rome

**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

**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

**Deep Purple** – July 12 in Genoa; July 13 in Brescia

**Steven Wilson** – July 12 in Gardone Riviera; July 13 in Porto Recanati

**Lionel Richie** – July 12 in Lucca; July 14 in Rome

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

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

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

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

**Beyoncé** – July 18 in Milan

**Simply Red** – July 19 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova); July 20 in Lucca

**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

**Antonello Venditti** – May 20 in Milan; May 24 in Genova; May 27 in Sanremo; July 15 in Rome

**Dario Fo** – May 20 in Padova; May 27 in Milano; June 16 in Roma

**Elio e le Storie Tese** – May 21 in Padova

**Renato Zero** – June 1-2 in Verona

**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

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



Balestro del Girifalco, Massa Marittima

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

### TUSCANY

**Bientina (Pisa):** May 21-22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

**Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo):** May 22, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza Del Municipio

**Montevarchi (Arezzo):** May 22, 9 a.m.-7 pm. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

**Prato:** May 21-22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

**Cecina (Livorno):** May 29, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

# Family & MWR Events

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

### Financial Fitness

May 24 & 31, 9-10:30 a.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

This financial fitness course will assist you in taking control of your money through personal financial management and planning. This information can lead you down that phenomenal path of financial recovery and freedom through effective debt management. Registration is required. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### AFTB Lunch & Learn: Communication

May 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

We all use communication every day, whether it's verbal or non verbal, electronic or written. This month we are going to discuss how to improve communication skills and develop techniques to convey ideas more effectively. This is a free class and a chance to add some communication skills eating lunch. Register no later than May 24 at the ACS front desk.

### Romp-n-Stomp Playground

May 25, June 1, 8 & 15, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 395, Caserma Ederle

Every Wednesday (except major holidays) Romp-N-Stomp playgroup is a time for learning through play. If you have children ages 0 through 3 years, come along to this weekly playgroup. Working parents are encouraged to drop-in and spend time with their families during their lunch hour.

### Smooth Move PCS Brief

May 26, 1:30-3 p.m.

Bldg. 428, ACS, Camp Darby

Learn how you can be better prepared for your next PCS move. Learn how to get organized, which documents to hand carry and more. Register by calling DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### Darby Tuscan Tots Playgroup

May 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

May 27, 10-10:30 a.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Unsure about your 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 even cover the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and what it really says about employment. No registration required.

### FRG Forum

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

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Share your successes and concerns regarding your FRG at this event. All commanders, leaders, advisors, and Family Readiness Liaisons are encouraged to attend this quarterly event. Feel free to bring your lunch to this discussion forum. Sign up no later than May 31 by calling ACS at DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

## ARTS /CRAFTS

### Photo Scavenger Hunt in Vicenza

May 21, 10 a.m.-noon, \$15

Downtown Vicenza, entrance to Giardino Salvi

Head downtown with Arts & Crafts for this mixture of photography instruction and friendly competition. You'll be provided with a list of items and/or topics to hunt around for and to photograph but while searching you'll receive advice on a variety of photography techniques. The person who completes the list and has the most striking image will win a prize. No experience is necessary. Bring your camera.

### Introduction to Framing

May 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., \$40

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

This class will teach you how to custom frame your art and be able to use the framing studio at your leisure. Learn how to give your pictures and art that professional custom framing touch. Please bring a 5 inch by 7 inch photo or smaller with you to class to frame. All other materials are included in the class. Space is limited in this class so please register early.

### Darby Children's Story Hour

May 24, 10-11 a.m.

Post library, Camp Darby

Story time, designed for children aged 3-7, meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library. Come join us for stories and activities. Establish with your children the reading habit of a lifetime and enjoyment of books.

### Photo Club: May Flowers

May 24, noon-1 p.m., \$5

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Spring has arrived in the Veneto and with it an array of beautiful wildflowers. Don't miss your chance to learn the best settings for those great floral photographs. This class will begin in the classroom with some time to learn and practice photographing flowers. Once you've learned the basics, we'll head out around post for some hands-on experience.

### Adult Wheel Throwing

May 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$35

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Learn about the ceramics studio and all it has to offer while learning how to create bowls and mugs on the potter's wheel. This is a skill that needs to be practiced over time, but learning the basics is the first step. Register at center or on WebTrac.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### BOSS Morning Bike Rides

May 24 & 31, 6-7:30 a.m.

BOSS, Location alternates

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.

### Survivors Walk & Talk

May 26, 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.

### Night Lights Basketball Tourney

May 26, 7 p.m.

Del Din Fitness Center

Join us for a 3v3 basketball tournament hosted by BOSS! The tournament will be hosted outside on the courts next to the Del Din Fitness Center. We'll be playing music to set the atmosphere and have food off the grill available for purchase. Register your team at the BOSS counter in the Warrior Zone or at the Del Din Fitness Center. Prizes will awarded to the top three teams. Warm-up and grill opens at 6 p.m.; tournament begins at 7 p.m.; and award ceremony follows tournament. Sign up today. Register at the BOSS counter in the Warrior Zone.

### Basic Open Water Scuba

May 23-30, 5-9 p.m.

ODR classroom & Del Din Fitness Center pool, \$550

Enjoy the beauty of the Adriatic Sea and become certified to scuba dive in one of Europe's finest dive location: Pula, Croatia. Mon-Thurs, learn basic skills in classroom and pool sessions. Friday, we head to Croatia and get wet. As we enjoy the sea, we will conduct four open water dives. Certification will be valid anywhere in the world and allow you to dive down to a maximum of 18 meters (40 feet).

### Advanced Open Water Scuba in Croatia

May 26-30, 5-9 p.m. (Thurs class time)

Trip is Friday through Monday, \$515

Enjoy the beauty of the Adriatic Sea and become a certified Advanced scuba diver, in one of Europe's finest dive locations, Pula, Croatia. Must present valid basic open water scuba diver certification and complete online E-learning prior to trip. As we enjoy the Adriatic Sea, students complete six open-water dives, including three separate dives for navigation, night or low visibility diving, and deep diving (130 feet/40 meters of maximum depth), plus three additional dives typically boat diving, search and recovery and light salvage.

### Basic Open Water SCUBA in Croatia

June 27-July 4, July 5-Aug. 1, Aug. 15-22, 5-9 p.m. (weekday class time)

Trip is Friday through Monday, \$635

ODR & Ederle Fitness Center Pool

Become certified to SCUBA dive, in one of Europe's finest dive locations, Pula, Croatia. Your certification will be valid anywhere in the world and allow you to dive down to a maximum of 18 meters (40 feet).

## TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

### Vertical Fitness Exhibition

May 21, 1-3 p.m., Free

Fitness center, Caserma Ederle

Experience the world of vertical fitness with our special exhibition! Vertical fitness focuses on stretching, strength and flexibility training but also presents twirls and basic pole moves. This exhibition will be demonstrated by a certified vertical fitness instructor and participants will be able to try different techniques shown by instructor. Sign up at the fitness center front desk.

### Sea kayaking at Lake Garda

May 21 and June 4, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., \$45

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Glide through the waters of Lake Garda, navigating along the coast of the Sirmione peninsula. The Garda mountains serve as your backdrop, the town of Sirmione as your foreground.

### Family Movie Night

May 22, 26 & 29

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!

### Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre Weekend

May 28-May 30, 5 a.m., \$365 (13+)

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Hike along paths that lead to secluded ports and fishing villages. Meditate with a glass of local wine in the serene splendor of magic vistas and savor Liguria's pesto pasta. Enjoy the beauty of the world famous Cinque Terre taking time to explore the five villages. Call for other prices.

### Cucina Italiana: Cooking in Verona

May 29, 2-8 p.m., \$85

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Discover the magic of Verona cuisine in our new cooking class location. Enjoy a 3.5 hour cooking class in a beautiful cooking school inside one of Verona's historical buildings near the beautiful Piazza Erbe. During this hands-on cooking class, we'll work with an experienced Italian chef to prepare classic local Italian dishes. We'll cook from scratch using the freshest ingredients available and then enjoy your creation together while sipping a fine Valpolicella wine. Once finished you will receive a recipe book to take with you to recreate this fabulous Italian meal at home for your friends!

### Lucerne, Switzerland Express

June 4, 3 a.m.-11:59 p.m., \$115

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Lucerne is the gateway to central Switzerland. Nestled in the mountains, the city sits on the northern end of Lake Lucerne, offering amazing panoramic views. Found in the German-speaking part of the country, Lucerne is a hub of transportation and very popular tourist destination. Visit Old Town Lucerne for a taste of the history of this gorgeous city. Cost includes transportation and guided tour. Meals not included.

### Rome Express

June 11, 3 a.m., \$115

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Modern and old, past and present go side by side all the time in Rome. You will be on your own so you can decide to follow the typical tourist paths or be brave and venture off on your own.

### Paragliding

June 12, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$135

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Paragliding is a seated parachute activity, utilizing thermals to soar through the air. Each participant will be paired with an instructor for a tandem flight. Good weather is paramount to paragliding. In the event of poor winds, rain, etc. this trip may be canceled. Outdoor Rec will consult with the guides to determine the best course of action. In the event of a cancellation, participants will be contacted regarding refund information. Cost includes transportation, equipment, guide and paragliding.