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Learn Italian

I don't speak Italian well.

Non parlo bene l'italiano.

*non par-lo bay-nay
lee-tahl-ee-ahn-no*

I understand, thanks.

Capisco, grazie.

kah-pee-skoh, grat-zee-e

I don't know.

Non lo so.

non loh so

I'm looking for my hotel.

Sto cercando il mio albergo.

*stoh chair-con-doh eel mee-oh
ahl-bair-go*

Asian American/Pacific Islander observance



Soldiers, civilians and family members from the community performed traditional dances from New Zealand, Hawaii, Tahiti and Samoa during the Vicenza Military Community's Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration. The observance took place May 24 at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle. Guest speaker for the event was Chief Warrant Officer 4 Samitioata S. Roberts. The event also included a cake-cutting ceremony with USAG Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks, and food sampling. See photo from Darby Military Community's celebration, page 5. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

US, Italians break new ground during joint exercise

By **Laura Kreider**
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

Members of 173rd Airborne Brigade's "assault and barrier" platoon, Company A, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, partnered with approximately 40 members of the Italian Army May 9-12, for the combined exercise Wild Boar 2016.

The platoon and 8 Reggimento Genio Guastatori Paracadutisti of the "Folgore" Airborne Brigade trained in Trecenta on the outskirts of Rovigo, about 60 miles southeast of Vicenza.

"Trecenta is a former Italian artillery base currently used as a training area by the 8th Engineer Combat Regiment," explained Italian army Maj. Michele Testa, who works in U.S. Army Africa Headquarters G-3 and helped coordinate the exercise.

"The 8th Regiment belongs to the Folgore Brigade. They are the engineer unit

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Italian soldiers load U.S. Army equipment belonging to 173rd Airborne Brigade's 54th Engineer Battalion onto their trailer during combined exercise Wild Boar 2016, May 9-12. This was the first time the NATO partners conducted combined transportation operations together. (Courtesy photo)

Zika virus: What is it? How does it affect you?

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus closely related to yellow fever, dengue and West Nile viruses. Brazil identified a Zika outbreak in early 2015, and since then, it has spread to more than 25 other countries in Central/South America and the Caribbean.

Although there have been no documented cases of mosquito-borne Zika virus transmission in Europe, the virus is carried primarily by the Aedes species mosquito (*Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*), a day- and sometimes

night-biting, indoors species prevalent in Italy.

Prevention

There is no vaccine and no specific medical treatment for infection. The best way to prevent diseases spread by mosquitoes is to avoid being bitten. Rely on effective mosquito control and avoidance of vectors. Travelers to the Caribbean and Central/South America are advised to follow insect precautions including DEET or picaridin on exposed skin, per-

methrin-treated clothing, use of bed nets and avoidance of outdoor areas where mosquitoes are active.

Another tip is to minimize standing water in items like buckets, bowls, animal dishes, flower pots and vases. Pregnant travelers, or those who plan to become pregnant, should consider postponing travel to the areas infected with Zika until after delivery. If you are pregnant and have traveled to an area with ongoing

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Speak Out

If you had \$1 million to spend on your military community, what would you spend it on?

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



Kristen Delgadillo
Family member

"I would spend the money on more family-oriented activities and involvement in the community."



Brandrick Cullors
Family member

"If I had \$1 million, I would spend it on schools and youth centers for rebuilding, fun projects and trips."



Shantel Scott
Family member

"Childcare resources for military families."



Theresa Elya
Family member

"I would spend it on family services bringing more events on the installation."



Diana Halstead
Family member

"I would spend it on families and social events integrating the base with Italy and its traditions."



Senior Airman Christian Lopez
731st Munitions Squadron

"I would donate to ... the church, the BOSS community and family readiness so when people are assigned here they have all the basics a family needs to improve morale."



Touch sound

Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation played host to Touch the Sound at both Vicenza and Darby military communities. Touch the Sound is 60 minutes of rhythm-- high-intensity, percussion-intensive movement performance. The free family event was open to everyone in both communities. Above: Darby Military Community members participate in the show at the post gym May 18.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

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Honoring the fallen

Leaders, members of USAG Italy commemorate Memorial Day at Darby, Florence American cemetery

By Chiara Mattiolo
DMC Public Affairs Office

FLORENCE/CAMP DARBY -- A large crowd filled the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial May 30 to commemorate Memorial Day and honor the men and women who died for America's freedom.

United States Ambassador to the Italian Republic and San Marino Republic, Honorable John Phillips, Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commander of U.S. Army Europe, Deputy Minister of Defense Honorable Domenico Rossi, and Consul General of the United States of America in Florence, Abigail Rupp, participated in the ceremony.

The laying of memorial wreaths and honors rendered by the Italian firing detail, the playing of "Taps" and the observed moment of silence contributed to the deep solemn atmosphere.

The ceremony was attended by a large U.S. Army Garrison Italy contingent led by Col. Steve Marks, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Italy; Lt. Col. Renato Vaira, Camp Darby Italian base commander; and David Leinberger, DMC deputy garrison manager.

Later that day, at Camp Darby for the first time, a Memorial Day ceremony took place to commemorate all U.S. Soldiers who lost their lives. Local military and civilian authorities from Pisa and



Honorees prepare to lay wreaths as part of the May 30 ceremony at Florence American Cemetery and Memorial. The official party included U.S. Ambassador to the Italian Republic and the Republic of San Marino, John R. Phillips; Deputy Italian Ministry of Defense Domenico Rossi; U.S. Army Europe Commander Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges; and Sgt. Major Sheryl Lyon, USAREUR command sergeant major. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

Livorno joined the ceremony. Following the national anthems, Vaira talked about the courage of those Soldiers.

"The Soldiers we are about to honor today come from many different realities, but shared the identical characteristics--they were proud, brave, selfless," Vaira said. "All these qualities are necessary to serve a cause greater than oneself."

Vaira said those Soldiers were the best that Italy could ask for to defend its freedom and quality of life.

Memorial Day, defined as Decoration Day until the end of the World War II, is always the last Monday in May.

Leinberger shared some words after reading President Obama's proclamation, just before the ceremonial wreath-laying.

"We are here to honor those Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, Sailors and Coast Guard [members] that-- from the very beginning of the story of our nation--sacrificed their lives for our freedom," he said.

"I want to remember those parents who will never play with their children, children who will not grow with their parents, the couples who will never see their spouses again, fellow Soldiers who will not enjoy the company of their friends."



The American cemetery in Florence covers about 70 acres and is home to fallen American Soldiers during the liberation of Italy at the end of World War II. Most of the fallen laid to rest are from 5th Army and died in the fighting that followed the capture of Rome in June 1944. Others fell in the heavy fighting in the Apennines between that time and May 2, 1945. (Courtesy photo)

Editor's Note:

Part two of the three-part series on volunteering will run in the June 17 issue of the Outlook so that we may run Memorial Day coverage. We apologize for any inconvenience.

2016 graduation recognition ceremony

Graduates pose for a group photo after the education center's 2016 College Graduation Recognition Ceremony. The Vicenza Military Community gathered for the event at the Golden Lion Conference Center on Caserma Ederle May 18. Bret Duncan, senior student services director, Central Texas College, was the guest speaker. Before cutting the cake, U.S. Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks addressed the audience and commended the graduates' accomplishments.

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



School lists military appointments, scholarships, enlistments

CASERMA EDERLE -- Vicenza High School announces the names of 2016 graduating seniors who have received appointments to United States' military academies, ROTC scholarships, and enlistments. Those students are as follows.

Military service academy appointments

Emma Knapp
United States Military Academy
West Point, N.Y.

Emma Knapp
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

Seth Shields
United States Military Academy
West Point, N.Y.
(Civil Engineering)

Paul Zielinski
United States Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Of those appointments, Knapp is accepting the appointment to the naval academy, and Shields is accepting the appointment to USMA.

ROTC scholarships

Emma Knapp
NROTC Scholarship
Army ROTC Scholarship

Katleen Leosk
NROTC Scholarship

Seth Shields
Army ROTC Scholarship

Canaan York
Army ROTC

Paul Zielinski
AFROTC Scholarship
NROTC Scholarship

Of the scholarships, Leosk accepted NROTC, York accepted Army ROTC, and Zielinsky accepted NROTC.

Enlistments among the graduates are as

follows:

Andrew Martinez
U.S. Air Force
Cyber Transport

Maxwell Monnard
U.S. Army
Combat Medic (68W)

Thomas Rivera
U.S. Army
Paralegal Specialist

The school hosted an awards ceremony where students were acknowledged for receipt of their scholarships/appointments. *See senior photos, pages 6 and 7.*

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Employee Spotlight



Debora Lomi enjoys her job at the Darby Military Community post library. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

This week, *Outlook* puts the spotlight on **Debora Lomi**, who works at the post library on Camp Darby.

Position: Lead Library Technician, post library, Darby Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Overview of job/duties:

Lomi performs library circulation desk duties and completes a variety of administrative tasks, to include assisting patrons by explaining library services, resources and programs. She also helps students, catalogues materials; prepares bib-

liographies; and plans and conducts adult and children's programs. Lomi instructs volunteers and supervises their work. She represents the library in the community and Darby organization meetings and functions. She also coordinates the work of staff members and assigns duties.

Professional goal:

"I think I am a lucky woman who is dedicated with joy to her job, and my main goal is to continue working for the DMC Post Library until retirement. I also would like to perform my duties, and improve my job skills constantly with training and personal effort. On top of all of this, I hope to keep my positive attitude toward life and people."

What do you like best about your job?

"First of all, I enjoy working in a library because it's a continuous process of learning, and then I love working with people around me (colleagues and customers). I like to communicate with people."

ZIKA

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Zika virus transmission, ask your health provider to arrange for testing to see if you were infected, even if you never experienced symptoms. If you are not yet pregnant, there is no evidence that Zika infection prior to conception poses a risk for any future pregnancies.

Persons who think they may be infected should see their primary care provider immediately.

Symptoms, treatment

About 1 in 5 people infected with Zika virus become ill. The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis (red eyes). Other common symptoms include muscle pain and headache. The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week.

There is no current vaccine available to prevent Zika infections, so treat the symptoms. Healthcare providers will recommend supportive treatment such as rest and rehydration.

In Vicenza

Mosquito activity is currently very low in Vicenza. *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* are present and may potentially transmit the disease to humans if infected. Mosquito trapping will begin at two locations with the onset of mosquito activity. These mosquitoes will be sent to Landstuhl Public Health Command for testing.

Travelers with symptoms returning to Italy from Central/South America or the Caribbean should contact their primary care provider for evaluation and testing.

(Army Medicine)

INFO-X

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.

Dollars and \$ense

Buying the American Dream -- Part I

By **Samuel D. Coston**

Financial Readiness Program Manager, ACS

CASERMA EDERLE -- Buying a home is part of the American Dream and a goal for most families. The steps to successfully buying the first home or a dream home are necessary but not difficult.

People tell me all the time, "I cannot save for a good home down payment." What is a good home down payment?

Down payment

Saving for a home down payment is one of the toughest steps for most future homeowners to take. Tough? Yes. Mission impossible? Maybe, maybe not. I ask my future homeowner clients: Can you save a percentage of your paycheck on a monthly basis that will someday represent your participation in the "home ownership challenge?"

Credit reports

Vice President of the United States Joseph R. Biden Jr. once said, "Don't tell me what you value. Show me your budget, and I'll tell you what you value." The first step to achieving that pre-qualified mortgage piece of paper from a financial institution is to request a credit report with score from one of the three major credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Trans Union or Experian.

Once you receive the report, it is extremely important that you meticulously check it for errors and/or missing accounts.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act allows individuals to dispute errors and report missing accounts not listed on the credit



Coston

report.

Fixing your credit report, and thus, your credit score, is a do-it-yourself project. It is, without a doubt, the most important step required in order to obtain

the lowest possible mortgage loan interest rate. When someone says their mortgage interest rate is 3.75 percent, ask this question: "What is your annual percentage rate (APR)?" This rate represents the mortgage interest rate plus other charges.

Required documents

Once your credit report is fixed, the second step is to assemble all required documents. These documents are what's needed to receive the pre-qualified mortgage loan amount that allows potential home owners to determine the maximum loan amount they can comfortably afford. Every penny of your family's income should not be placed against paying an unrealistic or unsustainable mortgage payment-- plus recurring monthly expenses and costly home repairs.

As the wise Benjamin Franklin said, "Rather go to bed without dinner than to rise in debt." Therefore, it is wise to develop a realistic budget and limit the probabilities. For instance, my spouse will find a good-paying job at our new location.

Once the pre-approved home loan pa-

perwork arrives in your inbox, let the house hunting begin. Now, let us remember, home ownership entails responsibility.

The days of calling the Directorate of Public Works to fix base housing maintenance issues are over. Said Dorothy to Toto, "I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore."

VA loans

If you plan to use your Department of Veteran Affairs certificate of eligibility and you possess the minimum credit score of 620, you are in decent shape. VA home loans are the most commonly used method by service members to achieve home ownership. A VA home loan can be either a fixed rat

or adjustable rate loan. For most buyers, a fixed rate is preferred because the rate won't change during the life of the loan.

The following are just a few of the advantages of a VA home loan: no down payment as long as the selling price does not exceed the appraised value; no private mortgage insurance premiums are required; VA rules limit the amount service members can be charge for closing costs; lenders cannot charge a penalty fee for paying your loan in full early; VA-backed loans are assumable; and VA may be able to provide assistance if you run into difficulties making payments in a timely manner.

As a note, the maximum VA home loan is \$417,000 except in statutorily designated high cost areas such as Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

On the other hand, there are other routes available to service members

to finance a home loan aside from the VA, such as going through the Federal Housing Administration loan program. This route requires a 3.5 percent down payment, a conventional mortgage loan which requires a 20 percent down payment or private mortgage insurance if less than 20 percent, and other options that require buyers meet certain income requirements.

Choosing your home

A lot of home sellers want more for their home than the house is worth, whether because of their perceived value or because of super upgrades that fit their taste and personalities.

Not to be callous, but the seller's perceived value and excessive funds spent on super upgrades may not be your cup of tea. This is a business transaction, nothing personal, but pay only what your appraiser and/or the VA appraiser state the house is worth.

If the seller will not reduce the price of the house to the appraised amount, or a bidding war develops, thank them kindly, and move on.

Bottom line: You and your family will make the final decision. As emotional creatures, how do we separate emotional decisions from good financial decisions? Well, consider this: The first house you fall in love with and your high school love interest have one thing in common-- they both were once The One. To be continued.

See "Buying the American Dream -- Part II" in the June 17 Outlook.

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

Elementary students test calculations with egg drop



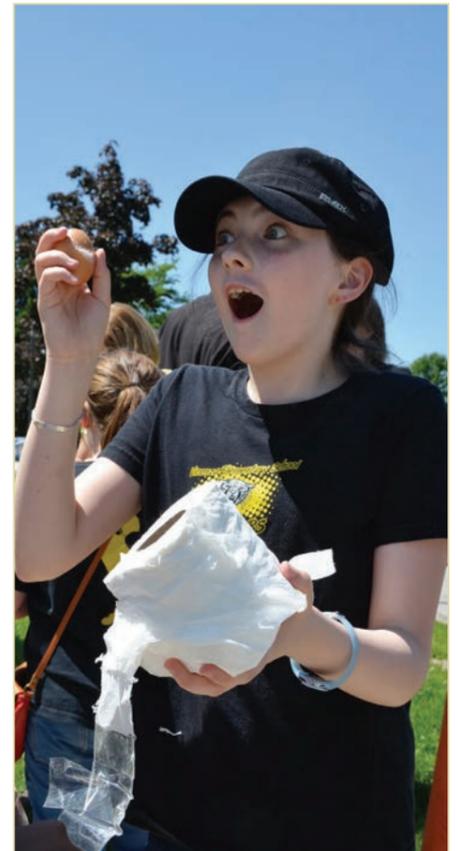
(Counterclockwise from right) About 20 classes from kindergarten to fifth grade enjoy the Egg Drop test behind Vicenza Elementary School May 20. The event was supported by U.S. Army Garrison Italy Directorate of Public Works and USAG Italy Vicenza Fire Department.

Cheyenne Larson is happily surprised that her egg didn't break during the drop.

Fourth-grade teacher and event coordinator Erin Goodfellow receives a peanut butter jar containing one of the egg experiments from Luca Giaretta, fire inspector.

Paolo Gabrele, DPW, Roads and Grounds, left, and Federico Croce, firefighter, drop the experiments from a working platform.

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



Darby observes heritage month



CAMP DARBY -- Lt. Col. Jason Alvis, commander, 839th Transportation Battalion, was event speaker at the Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration at the Darby Community Center May 24. Since 1977, the month of May has been designated to recognize the achievements and contributions to the American story by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs). Members of DMC celebrated cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages and unique experiences represented among more than 56 ethnic groups (speaking over 100 languages) from Asia and the Pacific Islands who live in the United States.

"This observance gives us the opportunity to honor, recognize, and celebrate the rich diversity, leadership and enduring empowerment of all Asian American and Pacific Islanders, and their dedicated service and contributions to the betterment of our nation," said Alvis.

To share the tradition, the Livorno Tai Chi Taoiste Association provided a demonstration of the 108 base movements of the discipline. Following the Tai Chi demonstration, the Dojo Shin Yama Arashi offered a Karate demonstration (pictured above). School-Age Services displayed artworks on sushi, and the post library displayed a variety of books available locally on Asian American history and traditions. The event continued with a traditional food tasting and cake-cutting ceremony.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

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for the Folgore [Bde.] in charge of mobility, countermobility and protection," he said.

Testa has been stationed in Vicenza since September 2015 and has coordinated approximately 20 training exercises in several locations in Italy, but, this time, he asked and quickly received a special authorization from his chain of command to make this exercise possible.

"This time was the first time we managed to have Italian trailers transporting the U.S. high-mobility engineer excavators (HMEE)," he said.

After the transportation of engineer heavy equipment, participants focused on demonstrating and practicing flight landing strip clearance and repair. The soldiers also worked on executing mechanical breaching and cross training with HMEEs and Italian loaders by constructing trenches and fighting positions.

"The key for this exercise was exchanging ideas and ways to do things," said 1st Lt. Taylor Olson, A & B platoon leader, 54th BEB.

"We demonstrated our tactical technical procedures and standard operating procedures on FLS clearance and repair and they [Italian soldiers] taught us what they

did in their recent deployment to Libya, demonstrating their TTPs for mechanical breaching. In both cases, we taught them something and then they practiced it, and they taught us something and then we practiced," Olson said.

Despite inclement weather throughout the four-day training, soldiers from both nations had a very positive experience while training with each other, according to Olson and Testa.

"I had good feedback from the Italian unit [Folgore]. They said they learned a lot and had a good time," said Testa.

Capt. Marco Falchi, commander of the Italian 23rd Parachute Assault Engineer Company (Cinghiali – Wild Boars), 8th Rgt. Genio Guastatori, Folgore (A) highlighted the positive aspects of combined training.

"Wild Boar 2016 has been a great opportunity to cooperate with the engineers of assault and barrier platoon. We were able to foster our interoperability by practicing with engineer machinery and equipment and achieving a complete understanding of each other's TTPs."

Falchi also thanked Olson for his commitment and Testa "for having made all this possible."

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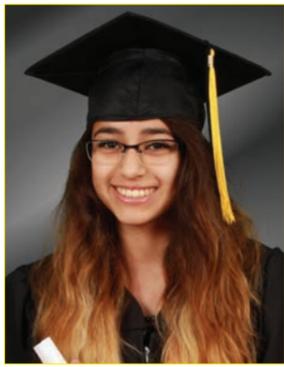
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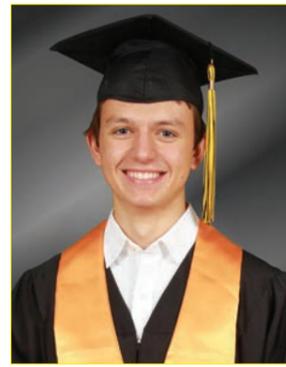
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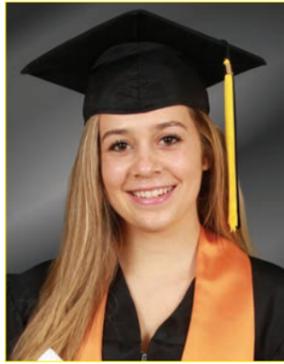
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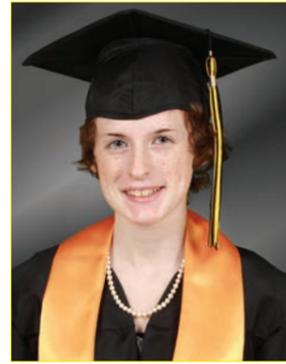
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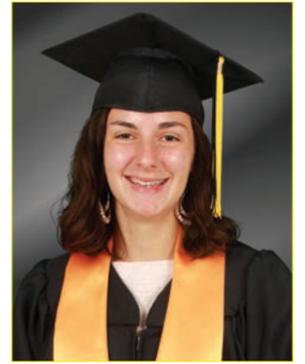
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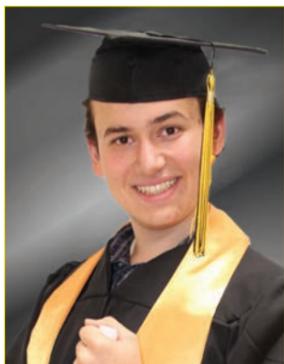
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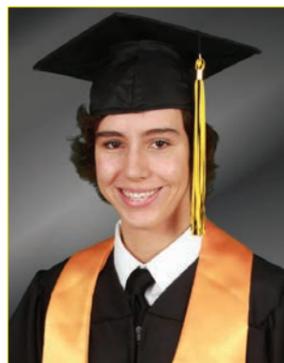
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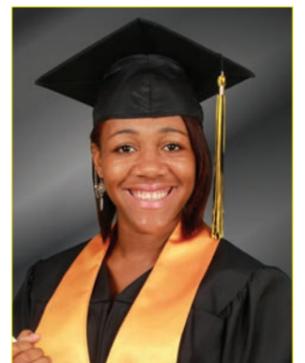
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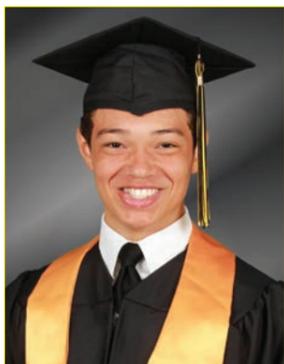
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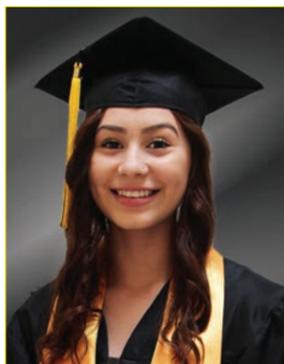
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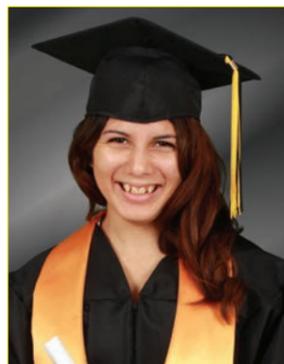
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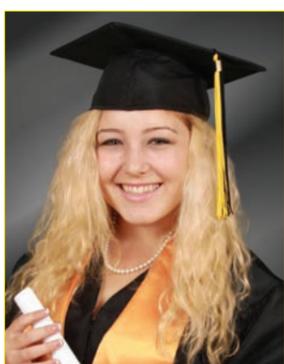
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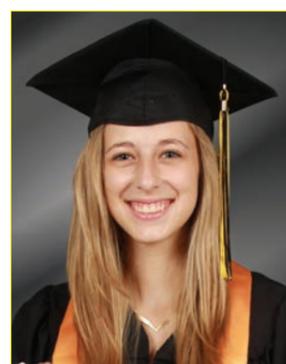
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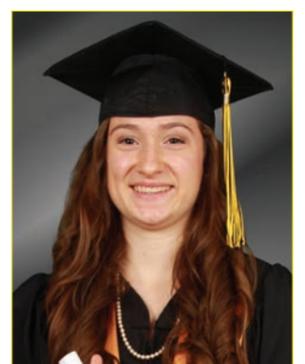
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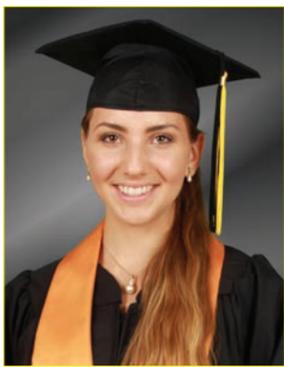


Emma Knapp

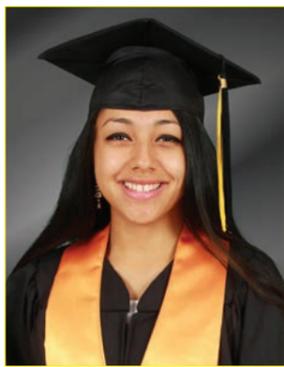
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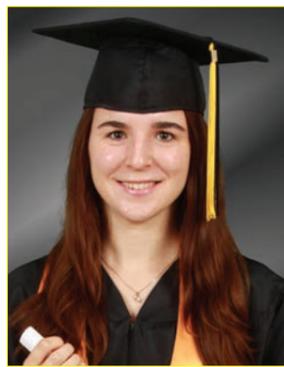
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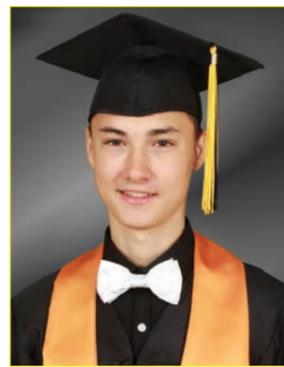
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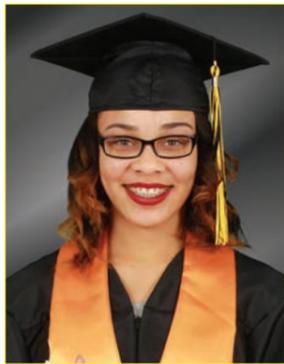
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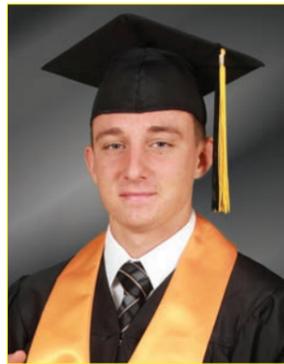
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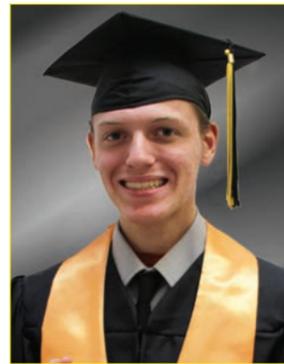
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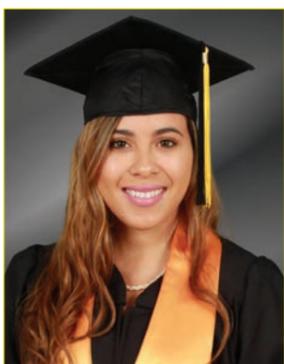
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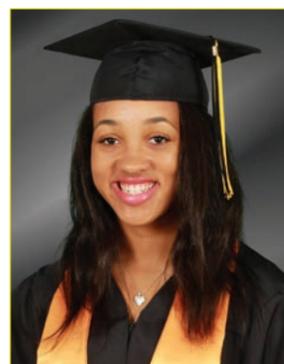
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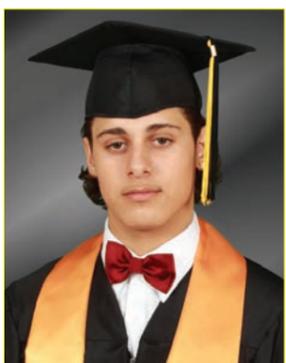
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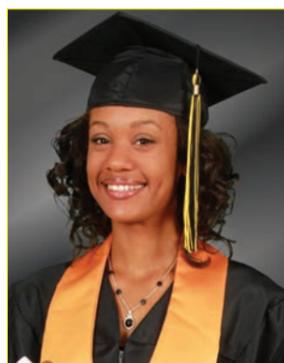
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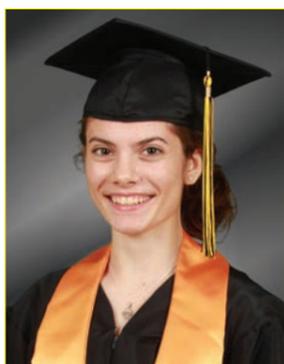
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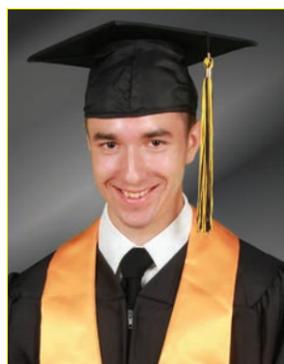
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Zaria White



Alyssa Williams



Zachary Winn



Canaan York



Gabrielle Young



Stephen Zaucha



Paul Zielinski

*Congratulations,
graduates!*



“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

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News briefs

Ansbach looks to fill positions

U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach has several temporary duty positions available in support of Installation Management Command-Europe operations at Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania, and Novo Selo, Bulgaria.

The specific positions being filled now are: engineer, target grade GS11/12; Morale, Welfare and Recreation background, target grade GS 11/12; operations, target grade GS 12; and human resources, target grade GS 11.

The positions must be filled immediately and are open to all IMCOM employees in Europe, with other volunteers being able to compete for permanent positions once vacancies are announced. People selected for the positions will be on temporary duty for three to four months and housed in military quarters. They will also have access to the post dining facility. For more information, employees should contact the deputy garrison commander.

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 for more information.

Beyond La Casa

Come and discover fascinating, historical and recreational wonders of Italy and neighboring francophone countries to visit and discover in a day or weekend. American, French and Italian language students will display their travel brochures and projects to parents, teachers and community members. The event takes place June 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vicenza High School, Room 39.

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 ProtestantRecl@gmail.com.

Soldiers' Theatre activities

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 sala instructor, Willie McIntosh. No pre-registration 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.

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. Contact Alison Marshall at alison_marshall@eu.dodea.edu, or sign up online at 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 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.

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.

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. 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 July 13-

14 and 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.

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, 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.

AAFES news

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.shopmy-exchange.com.

Weekly vendors in front of the Exchange Mall are as follows:

Every Monday, fruit and vegetable

Every Thursday, candy.

Vigilance message

Threat reporting continues to indicate an elevated risk of attacks by terrorist groups or inspired lone actors throughout Western Europe. Extremists could target transportation services, religious gathering sites, sporting events, theaters, open markets, concerts, government buildings, and aviation services. Exercise vigilance when in public places or using mass transportation. Spontaneous demonstrations could occur across our area. If you are caught in a demonstration, quietly exit the crowd and seek shelter away from the disturbance.

Local honor society chapter welcomes new members

By **Nicole McCollaum**
Vicenza High School NHS Member

VICENZA -- Vicenza High School's chapter of the National Honor Society held an induction ceremony May 2 for its newest group of inductees.

The ceremony took place at Villa Corona, on the outskirts of Vicenza, and featured 173rd Airborne Brigade Commander Col. Gregory Anderson as the guest speaker.

Anderson encouraged the new inductees to use their knowledge and skills to help others, and emphasized the importance of being a service leader.

Following the ceremony, one of the inductees, sophomore Donald Neal, explained why he wanted to be a part of NHS.

"Service is one of the most important pillars of NHS as it prepares you for the future and gives you real experiences that you can easily apply to whatever career you chose to pursue," said Neal.

To be inducted into the National Honor Society, students had to undergo a selection process in which they were evaluated on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service and character, the four pillars of National Honor Society.



From left to right: Vicenza High School sophomore Sarah Patterson and juniors Arianna Ortiz and Adrianna Lovelace are inducted as new members into National Honor Society during a May 2 ceremony held at Villa Corona, Vicenza. (Courtesy photo)

According to its handbook, the NHS works to promote recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments and give opportunities for them to use their talents and skills for the improvement of society.

Now that the torch has passed from the old to the new, the outgoing leaders

say they expect to see remarkable things come from the new NHS members.

The National Honor Society of VHS looks forward to a new year with greater contributions to the betterment their school, their community, their society and their future.

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



Children contemplating careers

Vicenza Elementary School students observe some insects on display at the third annual VES Career Fair held at Villaggio May 17. The event offered students from kindergarten to fifth grade the chance learn about different career choices. Among the 13 different stations, the insect display was put together by USAG Italy DPW employees Franco Lidron, Davide Donà and Giacomo Toniolo, in order to showcase a career in entomology. (Courtesy photo)

At the movies



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows

Michelangelo, Donatello, Leonardo and Raphael return to theaters to battle bigger, badder villains, alongside April O'Neil (Megan Fox), Vern Fenwick (Will Arnett), and a newcomer: the hockey-masked vigilante Casey Jones (Stephen Amell). After supervillain Shredder (Brian Tee) escapes custody, he joins forces with mad scientist Baxter Stockman (Tyler Perry) and two dimwitted henchmen, Bebop (Gary Anthony Williams) and Rocksteady (WWE Superstar Stephen "Sheamus" Farrelly), to unleash a diabolical plan to take over the world. As the Turtles prepare to take on Shredder and his new crew, they find themselves facing an even greater evil with similar intentions: the notorious Krang. (PG-13 for sci-fi action violence)

June 3	7 p.m.	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of Shadows (PG-13)
June 4	10 p.m.	Me Before You (PG-13)
June 4	3 p.m.	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of Shadows (PG-13)
June 5	6 p.m.	X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13)
June 5	3 p.m.	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of Shadows (PG-13)
June 8	6 p.m.	Me Before You (PG-13)
June 8	7 p.m.	Me Before You (PG-13)
June 9	7 p.m.	Captain America: Civil War (PG-13)
June 10	7 p.m.	Warcraft (PG-13)
June 10	10 p.m.	The Conjuring 2 (R)
June 11	3 p.m.	Warcraft (PG-13)
June 11	6 p.m.	The Conjuring 2 (R)
June 12	3 p.m.	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of Shadows (PG-13)
June 12	6 p.m.	Warcraft (PG-13)
June 15	2 p.m.	Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)
June 15	7 p.m.	The Conjuring 2 (R)

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

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

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

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

VENETO & NEARBY

Fiaccolata di Solferino 2016

Torchlight walk in Solferino

June 25, The Italian Red Cross has invited national Red Cross societies around the world to join in *Fiaccolata di Solferino*, a celebration of the ideals of the Red Cross, and to participate in a 7-kilometer torchlight walk between the towns of Castiglione and Solferino.

The event commemorates Henry Dunant's experience of giving care to the wounded in the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino, which took place June 24, 1859. While Dunant did not participate in the battle, he witnessed its aftermath and was motivated by the horrific suffering of wounded soldiers left on the battlefield to begin a campaign that would eventually result in the Geneva Conventions and the establishment of the International Red Cross.

The Vicenza American Red Cross is organizing a bus to the event; registration fee: €5/person. Stop by Outdoor Recreation to register. It is first-come, first-served; the bus will leave June 25 at 1 p.m. from the Shoppette parking lot and return around 1 a.m. on June 26. For more information, POC is Jenny Stone, jenny.stone2@redcross.org, DSN 634-7089, comm. 0444-71-7089.

Lo spirito del Pianeta – Festival internazionale gruppi tribali e indigeni del mondo

Planet Spirit – International Festival of Indigenous People and Tribal Groups from around the world

Through June 12, in Chiuduno (Bergamo), Via Martiri della Libertà. This festival, through original dances, prayers and spirituality of ethnic groups, aims to erase stereotypes that often do not reflect reality; it promotes the mutual understanding and brotherhood of people, helping them to learn, enhance and preserve tribal cultures. It also supports groups in the protection and preservation of environmental and economic conditions. Free entrance; find detailed program in English at <http://www.lospiritedelpianeta.it/en/>.

City Booming – Una città in miniatura

Lego Bricks Show – A miniature city

Through June 12, Thursdays & Fridays, 2-8 p.m.; Saturdays & Sundays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; in Udine, San Francesco Church, Via Beato Odorico da Pordenone. Admission fee: €5; reduced €3; € for children ages 2-10. <http://www.udine20.it/city-booming-udine-una-citta-in-miniatura-14-maggio-12-giugno/>

Costozza Spring Festival

June 2-6, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, in Costozza, about eight miles south of Vicenza. Food booths feature a great variety of local specialties and, June 10-12, also Mexican and Tyrolean dishes. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m. <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/spring-local-festival-in-costozza-typical-mexican-and-1273>

Festa di Sant'Antonio

Saint Anthony Festival

June 9-15, in Veggiano, about 23 miles southeast of Vicenza. Food stands with a variety of gnocchi dishes, market, Latin and ballroom music, dancing and more. <http://www.manifestazionivenete.it/festa-di-santantonio-veggiano/>



Gardaland, Veneto



Juggling festival, Malo

Sagra della Luganega

Luganega Fair

Through June 6, in Lapio di Arcugnano. Local products and crafts exhibit and sale; food booth featuring the local luganega (grilled sausage) and a great variety of Veneto specialties are open 7-11 p.m.; live music and entertainment. Free entrance. <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/sagra-della-luganega-a-lapio-local-festival-vicenza-2015-2868>

Juggling Festival

June 10-12, fin Malo, Villa Clementi, Via Cardinal de Lai 61, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza. Aperitif and live music at 6 p.m.; circus shows; workshops; games and entertainment with clown, magicians and jugglers. <https://it-it.facebook.com/Malo-Juggling-Festival-446197558791807/>

Leonicus

Historical reenactment

In Lonigo, Piazza Garibaldi.

June 18: noon- 11 p.m., food booths feature typical medieval dishes; 4:30 p.m. medieval games; medieval duel show; 8:30 p.m. medieval dinner. To reserve, send an email to segreteria@1400leoniceno.com

June 19: 10 a.m., historical parade; food booths noon-11 p.m.; 4 p.m. flag-throwers and medieval attractions; 5 p.m. medieval duel show. <http://www.leonicus.it/>

AMUSEMENT PARKS

Aquafollie Water Park

In Caorle, Via Aldo Moro 1, about 86 miles east of Vicenza. Open May 28-Sept. 11; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission: €20 for adults and children taller than 51.18 inches; €16 for children up to 51.18 inches; €16 for senior citizens over 65; discounts for families and free for children up to 39.37 inches. <http://www.aquafollie.it/>

Gardaland

In Castelnuovo del Garda (Verona), Via Derna 4, about 45 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Oct. 2; open also for Halloween and for the Magic Winter; admission: €39.50, reduced €33 for children under 10 and senior citizens over 60; for detailed info on opening times and reduced tickets on line in English, visit <http://www.gardaland.it/park/index-en.php>.

Padovaland Water Park

In Padova, Viale della Regione Veneto, 6, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Open June 4-Aug. 31, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6:45 p.m.; Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Wave pool, water slides for children and adults, playground built on piles, restaurant, and game rooms. Admission: €20 all day pass and €14 euro from 3 p.m. to closing; €12 all day pass for children (2-12) and €10 from 3 p.m. to closing. <http://www.parcopadovaland.it/>

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS VENETO

Marostica: June 5, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (135 vendors)

Noventa Vicentina: June 5, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza (120 booths)

Thiene: June 4, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., downtown streets and squares

Vittorio Veneto: June 5, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (70 vendors)

Vicenza: June 12, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

Lonigo: June 12, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Montegrotto (Padova): June 12, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza 1° Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza (about 70 vendors)

Portobuffolè (Treviso): June 12, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza (250 vendors)



Torchlight walk, Solferino



Need more events/
activities?

Visit the
USAG Italy
Pinterest page
at
www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza.

Aqualandia

In Jesolo, Via Buonarroti, 15, about 64 miles east of Vicenza. Open May 28-Sept. 11; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; water games, extreme sports, water gym, animators and clowns for children; bungee jumping; tickets: €31, reduced €27 for children up to 39.37 inches and senior citizens older than 65. <http://www.aqualandia.it/en/>

CanevaWorld Resort

In Lazise sul Garda, Fossalta 58, about 51 miles east of Vicenza. April 30- Sept. 18. Movieland Studios, Aqua-Paradise, Medieval Times, and Rock Star theme areas; for more details about opening times and prices in English visit <http://www.canevaworld.it/prices.php>.

Cavour Water Park

In Valeggio sul Mincio (Verona), Loc. Ariano, about 53 miles west of Vicenza. Open June 2-Aug. 31; admission: €17 (€18 in August); reduced €13 for children aged 3-10 and senior citizens older than 65; free for children younger than 3. <http://www.parcocavoursulmincio.it/>

Park Jungle Adventure

In San Zeno di Montagna (Verona), Via Pineta Sperane, about 60 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; from Sept 15-Oct. 16, weekends, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; tickets vary (€29 to €8) according to the difficulty level of the obstacle course. <http://www.jungleadventurepark.com/Default.aspx?lang=ENG>

TUSCANY

Sagra della Chiocciola Snail Festival

June 4-5, in Vicopisano (Pisa). Food booths featuring snail dishes and other local specialties open at 7:30 p.m. and, on Sundays at noon. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=68>

BiancoAzzurra – Festa Medievale White Blue – Medieval Festival

Through June 5, in Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo), at the Fortezza del Cassero. Medieval market; flag-throwers, magic shows; medieval war music; food booths featuring typical medieval dishes open at 4:30 p.m., and at 7 p.m. on June 3. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1218>

Sagra del Fiore di Zucca Fritto Fried Pumpkin Flower Festival

Through June 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

Sagra delle Ciliegie Cherry Festival

Through June 5, in Lari (Pisa). Local products and crafts exhibit and sale; street artists and entertainment for children. A great opportunity to visit the Vicari Castle in Piazza del Castello; the castle will be open the duration of the event. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=4&post=45>

Sagra Banda Band Fair

June 4-5, in Pozzolatico (Impruneta, Florence), Via Imprunetana 227. Food booths featuring Tuscan specialties open at 7 p.m.; vintage exhibit and sale. Live music and dancing start and 9 p.m. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=2050>

Sagra della Bistecca Steak Festival

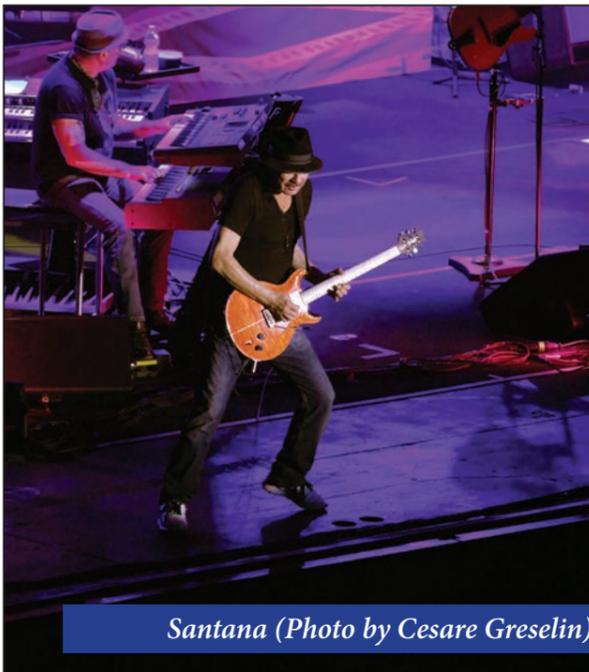
June 3-5 and June 10-12, from 7 p.m., in Serravalle Pistoiese (Pistoia). Food booths feature grilled steaks and many other local specialties and wine; entertainment for children. Live music and dancing. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pt/serravalle-pistoiese/sagra-della-bistecca-di-casalguidi.html>

Sagra del Pesce Fish Festival

June 3-5, in Certaldo (Florence), at multipurpose center, Viale Matteotti 201. Food booths feature tradition-



Il Cavallino Matto, Livorno



Santana (Photo by Cesare Greselin)

al Tuscan seafood dishes and are open at 7 p.m. and, on Sunday at noon.

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

Sagra della Fragola Strawberry Festival

June 4-5, in Sant'Agata (Scarperia-Florence). Local and regional products exhibit and sale from 3-11 p.m. on June 4 and 10 a.m.-11 p.m. on June 5. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m. and, on June 5 at noon. Entertainment for children; live music and dancing. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/scarperia/sagra-della-fragola-sant-agata.html>

Sagra della Porchetta e della Birra Roast Pork and Beer Fair

June 10-12 and June 17-19, in Buti (Pisa), Parco Danielli. Food booths featuring roast pork and many other local specialties. Open at 8 p.m.; live music and dancing start at 8 p.m. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pi/buti/sagra-della-porchetta-e-birra-artigianale.html>

AMUSEMENT PARKS

Parco Avventura Adventure Park

In Fosdinovo (Massa Carrara), Via Cucco. Bungee trampoline, mountain bike course, and six different levels of arial obstacle courses ranging from children's courses to an acrobatic course for adults. With suspended obstacles, wings and ladders while safely connected to a steel wire; open now through June 15, weekends and Italian holidays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; June 15-Sept. 11, daily, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; last access is two hours before closing time. Tickets: €21; €16 for children younger than 18; €9 children only for specific children's routes. http://www.parcaventurafosdinovo.it/nirvana/?page_id=111

Il Cavallino Matto

In Marina di Castagneto (Livorno), Via Po 1. Hours: June 1-31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., closed on Wednesdays; July 1-Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Aug. 11-27 closes at 7 p.m.; Aug. 28-Sept. 18 and Sept. 24-25, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; There is a Shocking Tower, which shoots visitors to a height of 55 meters in only 1.8 seconds and Rock'n'Roll, a ride that has five "arms" and 25 swinging cars. Tickets: €24; free entrance for children not taller than 39.37 inches and for disabled; reduced €17 for children not taller than 51.18 inches.

Acqua Village Park

In Cecina (Livorno), Via Tevere 25. Open June 11-Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; one of the main attractions is the Intrigo super slide. There are also a variety of swimming pools with interactive water games, water massage, a playground with slides, waterfalls, an aqua bubble, a children's pool with two small slides, and a wave pool with animation and games. For prices and more details, visit <http://www.acquavillage.it/en/tariffe/prezzi>.

Il Giardino Sospeso Parco Avventura Hanging Garden Adventure

In Riparbella (Pisa). From 10 a.m. to 3 hours before sunset; Sept. 16-Nov. 30, weekends and Italian holidays; June 1-Sept. 15, daily. The park offers acrobatic treetop trails that include fixed and suspended platforms linked by crossings through the tree tops of varying lengths and degrees of difficulty. Before attempting the courses, everyone must go through a briefing and a small test provided by park instructors. Visitors supplied with all necessary equipment. Tickets: €17; reduced: €13 children shorter than 55.11 inches; instinctive archery lessons, € 7. http://www.ilgiardinosospeso.it/site_eng/PInglese.htm

Parco Avventura il Gigante Il Gigante Adventure Park

In Vaglia (Florence), via Bolognese. Open June-Sept. daily 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Oct., weekends and holidays, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; last access is three hours prior to closing time. This is one of the largest adventure parks in Italy, with a choice of over 10 high rope courses, suitable for all ages; tickets: children ages 3-7 years, €12; 6-12 years, €15; older than 13, €8. Free entrance for spectators. <http://www.parcaventurailgigante.it/biglietti/?lang=en>

CONCERTS/SPORTS

Duran Duran – June 5 in Taormina; June 7 in Rome; June 8 in Verona; June 10 in Florence; June 12 in Assago
Puscifer – June 7 in Milano
Black Sabbath – June 13 in Verona
Alice Cooper – June 14 in Milan
James Morrison – 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 (Padova)
Bruce Springsteen – July 3 and July 5 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
Steven Wilson – July 12 in Gardone Riviera; July 13 in Porto Recanati
Santana – July 13 in Cividale del Friuli; July 19 in Rome; July 20 in Cattolica; July 21 in Assago
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; July 14 in Rome
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)
Elton John and Band – July 12 in Pompei - July 15 in Barolo; July 16 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

ITALIAN ARTISTS

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
Francesco De Gregori – July 2 in Rome
Paolo Conte – July 2 in Piazzola sul Brenta; Oct. 29 in Brescia
Franco Battiato and Alice – July 15 in Assago; July 17 in Rome; July 19 in Massa; July 20 in Florence
Fiorella Mannoia – July 8 in Gardone Riviera; July 9 in Grugliasco; July 21 in Marostica; August 6 in Forte dei Marmi; August 8 in Soverrato
Antonello Venditti – July 15 in Rome
Biagio Antonacci – Sept. 7 and Sept. 9-10 in Assago; Sept. 14 and Sept. 16-17 in Rome
Emma – Sept. 16-17; Sept. 21 in Florence; Sept. 23-24 in Rome; Oct. 12 in Livorno; Oct. 14 in Conegliano; Oct. 14 in Padova
Andrea Bocelli – Sept. 14 in Marostica
Zucchero – Sept. 16-18, Sept. 20-21, Sept. 23-25, and Sept. 27-28 in Verona

Formula 1 – Sept. 2-4, in Monza
MotoGP – Italian Grand Prix - Sept. 9-11, at Misano Circuit, San Marino
 Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing; <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Financial Fitness

June 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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 Morning Mini: Effective Conflict Management Communication

June 8, 9-11 a.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
Introducing the AFTB Morning Mini-series. This month we will be discussing conflict management - how to recognize conflict and find a positive resolution. This is a free class and a chance to add some stress-reducing skills while you enjoy coffee and muffins with us.

FRG Academy: Advanced Individual Training

June 7 & 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
The Advanced Individual Training course is the second of a three-course concept of the FRG Academy. This is the first time AIT is being offered at USAG Italy. We encourage Soldiers, DoD civilians, and family members to participate as this is a new class concept to USAG Italy for FRG training. Topics include: Care team training, time management, leadership, children and deployment. The class is two days. Participants are not required to attend on both days, but it is recommended since class content differs each day.

FRG Academy: Super Saturday

June 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
Super Saturday is an alternative course to the 2-day FRG Academy: Basic Training and is meant for those unable to attend during the normal business week. Learn the basics of running an effective Family Readiness Group with the most up-to-date rules and regulations while also improving professional development. Limited slots available; sign up today.

Working In Italy

June 10, 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.

Creating Your First Resume

June 14, 10-11 a.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
Join ACS for this hands-on workshop focused on developing a clear, concise, and compelling resume. This workshop is specific to private industry employment. The class will cover information to include/omit, describing experience effectively, and formatting for purpose.

ARTS /CRAFTS

Woodshop Certification

June 4, 9-10:30 a.m., \$10



Vertical fitness

Moon Kim practices one of the figures learned during the Vertical Fitness exhibition under control of Lara Pertegato (far right), pole fitness instructor. USAG Italy Sports, Fitness and Aquatics hosted the event at the post gym on Caserma Ederle May 21. Special guest was Ingrid Maddalena, certified pole fitness coach who has competed and won several contests in Italy. She was a finalist of Pole Theatre Italy competition this year in Rome, "professional" category. Those interested in learning more about the discipline should contact the fitness center. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Take this safety course to learn about the procedures and precautions in the wood shop. The instructor will show you how to safely use each piece of equipment. All materials needed are included in the cost of the class. Upon completion, you will receive your certification card which is required to use the wood shop. Use of the shop upon certification is just \$2.50 per hour.

Youth String Art

June 9, 2-4:30 p.m., \$8
Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle
Learn various techniques of string art while using foam boards and push pins! No hammer or nails needed for this simplified method of string art. All materials are included. This month we are focusing on summer themes. Register early to reserve your spot in class.

Family Art Day

June 10, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle
Find your creative side as you explore different free art activities with your children at the Arts & Crafts Center. This session's projects will be appropriate for families with youth of all ages. Enrollment accepted on the day of class. Call DSN 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074, for more information.

Messy Art

June 17, 10-10:45 a.m., \$5
Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle
Learn the benefits of introducing art to your child(ren) early on. As young as 9 months old, children enjoy exploring paint, water, clay and more. Geared for children ages 9 months to 4 years. All materials are included. Wear comfortable clothing and clothing you don't mind getting dirty.

Art and History: Palladio

June 24, 12:30-2 p.m., \$15
Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle
Learn about the beauty of Vicenza villas while finding out about the importance of Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Lifeguard Training Course

June 6-11 and June 20-25, 5:30-11 p.m.
***Time & date subject to change**
Del Din Fitness Pool, \$75

If you enjoy swimming, join our team and become a certified lifeguard. After course completion, participants will be certified in lifeguarding. Participants will also obtain skills in CPR for the professional rescuer, AED for adult and

children, and First Aid. Participants should be ready to enter the water for training. Swimming pre-test on the first day of class; must be at least 16 years old after completion of course.

Flag Football Season Registration

June 10
Ederle Fitness Center
If flag football is your favorite sport, it's time to register. Whether you want to coach or just playing for fun, sign up to be a part of this flag football season. Sign up required to participate.
Open Registration: June 10-July 10
Coaches Meeting: July 13, 6 p.m. at the Ederle Fitness Center Conference Room
Officials Clinic: July 19-23
League play: July 20-September 28

Tournament Dates:

Vicenza Championship: October 6-8
Army Europe Unit/Level Championship: October 23-30
IMCOM Europe Invitational Championship: TBD
Don't wait sign up today and start having some fun playing Flag Football.

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

Sea kayaking at Lake Garda

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

June 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 & 30
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!

Hail and Farewell for Youth and Teens

June 10, 3-4 p.m.
Teen and Youth Programs
Come on by and welcome new youth

to the community and salute the ones leaving. There will be pizza for all middle school and high school students in grades 6 through 8 and 9 through 12.

*Villaggio Youth Center, Bldg. 702
Grades 6 through 8
*Teen Center, Bldg. 373
Grades 9 through 12
For more information, call DSN 634-7659, comm. 0444-71-7659.

Uncork the Fun: Dry vs. Sweet

June 7, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$35
ODR Tasting & Travel Room, Caserma Ederle
Grab your friends and head to Outdoor Recreation for the monthly wine tasting class that takes place in the tasting and travel room. Corinne, your *sommelier* (French for wine steward), will highlight all the details of wine tasting so participants can sit back and sip. From still to sparkling, delicate whites to rich reds, each month's chapter singles out a grape for study and enjoyment. This course includes easy-does-it entertaining tips, taste-testing know-how, and tantalizing wine facts. Come uncork the fun!

Wine & Arqua Petrarca

June 8, 8:15a.m.-2:15 p.m., \$65
ODR, Caserma Ederle
In the *Colli Euganei* area, wine production has always been an art, blessed by the characteristics of the local vines as well as by the favorable climate. On the southern Veneto mountains, the vineyards are sided by prickly pear trees. Thanks to the combined effects of salty breeze blowing from the sea below and the volcanic soil, the grapes produce exceptional wines characterized by typical Mediterranean mineral nuances. Let your taste buds experience wines like: Cabernet, Sauvignon; Bianco Frizzante; and Bianco Dolce accompanied with finger foods. Then take a visit to the enchanting medieval village of Arqua Petrarca in the province of Padova.

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. Cost includes transportation, equipment, guide and paragliding.