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Do you have wi-fi?
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voy ah-ve-teh wi-fi

Do you accept pets?
(Voi) accettate animali?
voy ah-cheh-tah-teh ahn-ee-mahl-ee

Is there a bus stop nearby?
C'è una fermata dell'autobus qui vicino?
cheh oo-na fair-mah-tah dell ow-to-boos quee vee-chee-no

Where is the closest restaurant?
Dov'è il ristorante più vicino?
doh-vay eel ree-sto-rahn-teh pyoo vee-chee-no

New USARAF commander takes reins

Story and photo by **Rich Bartell**
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs Office

VICENZA – Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams relinquished command of U.S. Army Africa to Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Harrington June 1 during a ceremony here on Hoekstra Field.

Gen. David M. Rodriguez, U.S. Africa commander, presided over the ceremony. “Today, we honor Maj. Gen. Darryl Williams for his superb leadership, dedication and commitment to our partners, the United States, U.S. Africa Command and the Soldiers and civilians he leads,” said Rodriguez.

“I’d like to congratulate the entire USARAF staff on a job well done. You all have a difficult and demanding job managing a large portion of AFRICOM’s efforts on the continent.

Rodriguez praised Williams’ leadership of USARAF and wished him well on his next assignment.

“Darryl, your work and leadership here have been stellar. You are a credit to the Army, and I am proud to have [had] you on the team. I am specifically impressed by your astute understanding of human nature which you have put to purpose here at USARAF,” he said.

Rodriguez welcomed the new commander to the team.

“On behalf of AFRICOM, welcome to this dynamic command,” he said.

Harrington comes to USARAF with a wealth of Army command and staff experience. He most recently served with



Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Harrington accepts the U.S. Army Africa guidon from Gen. David M. Rodriguez, commander, U.S. Africa Command, during a June 1 ceremony here at Hoekstra Field.

the British-led NATO Allied Rapid Reaction Corp in the United Kingdom. According to Rodriguez, Harrington built teams, developed exercises and training that has improved confidence in multina-

tional teams and strengthened each other’s capacity.

Harrington graduated from Stockton State College and was commissioned as a field artillery officer. He holds a master’s degree each in Public Administration and National Security Strategies.

Recently, Harrington observed the USARAF team at work on the African continent.

“A couple of weeks ago, I traveled with many of you to Arusha in Tanzania and attended the African Land Forces Summit. This was a crash course on learning what you do and seeing, firsthand, the important relationships you’ve developed with African Land Force commanders,” the new commander said.

Harrington also offered thanks for the opportunity to serve as USARAF’s commander and said he and his wife feel fortunate to be in Italy.

Williams thanked the Soldiers and civilians of the USARAF team and emphasized their accomplishments during the past two years.

“Gen. Rodriguez, thank you for your leadership and giving me the opportunity to command U.S. Army Africa. This assignment has been more than I could have imagined. It was more challenging and more rewarding,” said Williams. “The men and women who are USARAF have made it more. Thank you for your service, dedication and professionalism.”

Williams passed on the mantle of command by welcoming Harrington and his family and giving a final thanks to the USARAF team.

Leaders address customer concerns about postal issues

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

VICENZA – Since 2012, the volume of mail has grown exponentially at Caserma Ederle, Del Din and Camp Darby, and community members are feeling the pinch in the way of long lines and delayed mail.

According to statistics compiled by the Directorate of Human Resources, mail volume at the postal service centers has gone from about 11,000 pieces per month in 2012 to 22,000 per month in 2016. That is the equivalent of each mailbox receiving an average of 663 packages per year. The reality is that although volume is going up, the size of the workforce is not increasing along with it.

Those in charge of getting mail into customers’ hands want to assure everyone that they are aware of the problem and customer voices are being heard, whether through ICE comments, observation, verbal complaints or otherwise.

“We want customers to know we hear them and understand,” said Christina Overstreet, DHR director, U.S. Army Garrison Italy.

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Con-GRAD-ulations!



Vicenza High School Valedictorian Victoria Brock gives the commencement address at the graduation ceremony June 13 in the *Teatro Comunale* in Vicenza. All 66 members of the Class of 2016 walked across the stage in front of family and friends. See related photo, page 9. (Photo by Aaron P. Talley, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

Directorate publishes guidelines for annual Independence Day celebration



VICENZA—As the Vicenza Military Community opens its doors June 30 to welcome our host nation friends and neighbors to join us in celebrating U.S. Independence Day, the following guidelines will be in place to access Caserma Ederle:

- Authorized sponsors are able to host a maximum of four guests. ID card and authorized Installation Pass holders should pre-register their guests with the Pass and Badge office at Bldg. 4B, or complete AE Form 190-16F (Access Roster) and e-mail to usarmy.usag-Italy.usag.list.usag-vicenza-des-iacs@mail.mil no later than June 24. On the day of the event, only pre-registered guests will be allowed to sign in from 4 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Sponsors are responsible for their guests at all times while they are on the installation.

- DoD ID card and Installation Pass holders can enter the event at any location. Only pre-registered guests will be allowed to access the post from Gates 1 or 2; all others will be required to access via Gate 5 Via Corbetta.

- Gate 5 Via Corbetta (Clinic Gate) will be open from 4 p.m. to midnight for entry and exit of all guests. This will be the only access point for the general public (non

DoD ID holder or non-registered guests).

- Gate 2 (Chapel Gate) will be open as normal from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. From 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., only pre-registered guests will be allowed to enter through the pedestrian gate. The vehicle gate will reopen for outbound traffic from 11 p.m. -12:30 a.m.

- Gate 1 (Main Gate) will operate normally, but only pre-registered guests will be allowed to sign onto Caserma Ederle from 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

- Festivity entry points from within Caserma will be on 9th Street and near the Ederle Inn.

- All guests must exit the installation no later than 12:30 a.m.

- Fun begins at 4 p.m. with music, face painting and rides for children to enjoy. Entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. and includes the “Dusty Saddle Boys.” At 8 p.m.: “The Wrong,” and from 9:45 to 11:59 p.m. “Armonight” will play, taking a break during fireworks.

- Fireworks at 10:30 p.m.

The following items are prohibited: backpacks, bikes, scooters, skateboards, hover boards, pets, coolers, bottles, glass containers, etc. The only exceptions are items for infant care, i.e strollers.

For more information on passes and the access process, call DSN 314-634-7053. For more information about event activities contact 634-5087.

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.

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Speak Out

What are you most looking forward to this summer?

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattirollo

David Macy
Family member

“I am looking forward to training for the next soccer season and hiking in the Dolomites.”

Jake Leible
Family member

“I am a huge baseball fan. This summer I am going to a Texas A&M baseball camp. However, I am looking forward to hopefully touring the Naval Academy and preparing for next year.”

Lisa Balboni-Cappello
DoDEA

“Renewing my soul with lots of rest, good food and side trips to Padova and Venice.”

Audra Ostrander
Family member

“To see my old house in Hawaii because we move soon, and staying in a hotel with a pool.”

Alicia Exum
School Aide

“To enjoy going to the pool with my children and traveling.”

Analise Brooks
Family member

“Traveling and hanging out with my friends and family.”

Volunteer how-to

Give time, talent to community with these simple steps

Story and photo
by **Karin J. Martinez**
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

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

CASERMA EDERLE -- Volunteers are abundant and dedicate thousands of hours per year in the Vicenza Military Community, but there is always room for people who want to share their time and talents.

For those so inclined, the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Army Volunteer Corps program office, located here at Army Community Service, is the place to start.

There are more than 130 organizations accepting volunteers, with more than 760 positions from which to choose. Volunteers may be Soldiers, civilians and family members. No matter who they are or where they come from, there is a place for them if they have the desire to contribute. The AVC provides placement opportunities for volunteers based on the volunteer's interests and agency needs, said Yvonne Leible, AVC program manager.

"There is something for everyone," she said. "Our volunteers touch so many facets of the community. They are so vital, and we couldn't accomplish all we do on this installation without them."

Register online

The first step to volunteering is to register with the Volunteer Management Information System at www.myarmyonesource.com. This system is the online volunteer management tool that provides standardization across the Army, creating a service history for the volunteer as



It takes many volunteers to pull off successful events such as the USO 75th anniversary carnival that took place in February on Caserma Ederle. Community members who want to donate time should contact the Army Volunteer Corps program office, located in the Army Community Service building here, Bldg. 108.

he or she moves from installation to installation. Registration is mandatory per Army Regulation 608-1, but it is a one-time-only task: registration travels with a volunteer no matter where he or she transfers next.

To register here, help is available if one needs it. If an applicant does not have access to a computer at home, four computers at ACS are available for use. Likewise, if someone is struggling with navigating the website, a "Chat Online" feature is available.

"There are a handful of people working with 'Chat Online,' and they are real peo-

ple, not a computer," Leible said. "I've found them to be extremely helpful. But if someone requires even more assistance, I am available."

Apply for opportunity

Once a person registers, it's time to apply for a position. After application, Leible said, an organizational point of contact (OPOC) must accept the person for the position in order for him or her to begin working. There is an OPOC in each organization; the person in this position manages volunteers and their hours. If a person doesn't know who their OPOC is,

he or she may contact the volunteer coordinator's office for that information.

Once someone applies, the OPOC receives an email and then contacts the applicant to decide whether applicant, position and organization are a good fit. When accepted for a position, the volunteer attends an orientation that includes completing necessary forms. If a background check or fingerprints are necessary for the position, the applicant will fill out that paperwork and make an appointment with the installation Security Office.

When all paperwork is complete, volunteers can begin work. Although it sounds cumbersome, the process can be relatively swift if all parties are available, Leible said.

Don't forget to log hours

Once volunteering commences, volunteers must not forget to log their hours, also per AR 608-1. Volunteers take care of this on the OneSource website.

"Registering hours is important," Leible said. "Besides the fact that it's mandated by regulation, it's important to see where volunteers are being used in the garrison. This enables the organization to accurately report volunteer activity and ensure we are utilizing our assets to the best of our ability."

Whether you want to volunteer at Outdoor Recreation, the American Red Cross or any place in between, it's time to get the process started.

Stop by the AVC office in Building 108, Room 105. The office is open each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Del Din: Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call DSN 634-7942, comm. 0444-71-7942, for more information.

Security clearance investigations to include social media activity

*Think, type, post.
Agencies are allowed to target publicly available social media information.*

By **Paul J. Stevenson**
Director, USAG Italy Public Affairs

People who use social media are constantly reminded to be careful when posting and sharing information because it's almost impossible to know who might be monitoring their activity.

For people who want to get or maintain a security clearance, there is now one more reason to exercise online discipline. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence recently enacted a new policy under which federal agencies may consider publicly available social media information in connection with an application for a security clearance. Security Executive Agent Directive Five was signed May 12, codifying federal background investigative authority to incorporate publicly available social media information in the security clearance process.

According to the Office of the Director of National Intel-

ligence, the new policy allows investigators to scan an applicant's history on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and other similar sites.

The guidelines make clear that agencies can target publicly available social media posts, if they deem it necessary, but cannot force individuals to hand over their passwords for private accounts, or provide pseudonyms for any profiles.

"Social media has become an integral-- and very public-- part of the fabric of most American's daily lives," said Bill Evanina, Director of ODNI's National Counterintelligence and Security Center. "We cannot afford to ignore this important open source in our effort to safeguard our secrets-- and our nation's security."

Additionally, the policy states that social media information gathered as part of a background check will not be retained unless it is considered "relevant" to the security status of the person in question.

The policy does not require security investigations consider social media information. Instead, it permits the collection of publicly available social media



information if an agency head determines it is an appropriate investigative tool.

Social media can be a place where people show their true character, says U.S. Army Garrison Italy Command Security Office Alfred Bullard. So now those who need to have a background check give investigators the green light to check into their online activity.

"All personnel who have a security clearance or complete a Personnel Security Background Investigation for a security clearance are giving authorization to be subject to scrutiny

of their social media to look for character, trustworthiness, reliability issues and foreign contacts," said Bullard.

While the policy does focus on looking at online activity, it places important restrictions that limit the federal government's reach into the private lives of clearance applicants and holders. Absent a national security concern, or criminal reporting requirement, information pertaining to individuals other than the individual being investigated-- even information collected inadvertently-- will not be pursued. In addition, in-

vestigators may not request-- or require-- individuals to provide social media passwords, log into a private account or take any action that would disclose non-publicly available social media information.

Security clearance holders undergo intense scrutiny before obtaining-- and while maintaining-- a clearance. This includes reporting interactions with foreign nationals, obtaining permission to travel abroad, and undergoing extensive background investigations and re-investigations.

This is as it should be, Evanina said. These requirements, along with considering an applicant's public social media presence, "are a small price to pay to protect our nation's secrets and ensure the trust the American people have placed in us."

Bullard said that being mindful when using social media is the best way to avoid any additional scrutiny during the investigative process. "Disparaging pictures or comments could raise character or behavior issues," he said. "Character or behavior issues could be a deciding factor in the suspension or revocation of a security clearance."

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However, one particular part of the process is out of their hands: the first few legs of the mail's journey. As division chief of administrative services at DHR, Richard B. Hendrickson oversees mail operations. It first makes sense to explain how the path of mail works, he said.

From anywhere in the United States, all mail sent to APO addresses here is sent by air or truck to the Joint Military Postal Activity in Chicago. This is a U.S. Postal Service hub wherein every piece of OCONUS Department of Defense mail must clear Customs before it can go any farther. In recent months, Hendrickson said, there have been several long delays at this stage of the process.

Once cleared, however, the mail moves via air or truck to the Military Postal Service Agency hub in New Jersey, where trucks then take the mail to JFK International Airport in New York. Understanding this path could save customers some money, by the way. Paying for express mail service from the States will get an item to New York faster, but no faster on the route from there to Europe.

From JFK, the mail flies to London's Heathrow Airport, then to Malpensa Airport in Milan, and finally is brought by truck to Vicenza.

Although the mail's journey is not something DHR can control, the organization is making some changes to improve the situation here.

Overstreet said efforts are under way to alleviate the backlog. A group of Department of the Army civilian employees spent two mornings a few weeks ago sorting and distributing mail, and some relief is also coming in the form of working teens who start the Summer Hire program this month. Nevertheless, the biggest and most recent endeavor is a new partnership with the PSCs and the Army volunteer program. Community members are now able to volunteer at the centers and can reg-

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101 - 200	0002	2401 - 2500	0025
201 - 300	0003	2501 - 2600	0026
301 - 400	0004	2601 - 2700	0027
401 - 500	0005	2701 - 2800	0028
501 - 600	0006	2801 - 2900	0029
601 - 700	0007	2901 - 3000	0030
701 - 800	0008	3001 - 3100	0031
801 - 900	0009	3101 - 3200	0032
901 - 1000	0010	3201 - 3300	0033
1001 - 1100	0011	3301 - 3400	0034
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ister online at www.armyonesource.com. Anyone with questions should contact the volunteer program office at Army Community Service. (Read about the process in the article on how to volunteer, page 3.)

Leaders have also adjusted hours at PSCs, beginning June 20, so employees can focus more energy and attention on the highest volume mail times, Hendrickson said. Hours are as follows:

Caserma Ederle PSC

Official mail and in- and out-processing: Mon & Wed only, 10 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m.

Finance and package pickup: Mon-Wed-Thur-Fri 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Tues 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Local National holidays -- Package pickup only
U.S. holidays - Closed

Del Din PSC

All services: Mon-Wed-Fri 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

LN holidays -- Package pickup only
U.S. holidays -- Closed

Darby PSC

All services: Monday through Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

LN holidays -- Package pickup only
U.S. holidays - Closed

Customers can help ease the burden on the postal system as well. They can opt out of "junk" mailings at www.dmchoice.org; retrieve packages promptly upon receipt of notification; choose to receive e-statements for bills and LESSs; provide change of address notifications as soon as possible; and purchase items locally versus ordering online. In fact, AAFES has a price match policy that applies to all retail stores. To learn more, find the policy online at <http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/price-match/>, or visit the store customer relations department. AAFES and the Defense Commissary Agency also welcome suggestions and requests regarding products sold in the stores, as mentioned frequently at the monthly Info-X.

Two final tips: Use only the APO address as provided by the post office. Do not add "Italy" to the address because this can cause delays and may even subject the recipient to duty fees from Customs. Also, use the zip code +4. With the +4 numbers, mail comes from the USPS sorted in the thousands, and local mail employees have to sort this to the hundreds before distribution. Anyone who does not know his or her +4 should consult the chart on this page.

Class of 2016



Congratulations
to Camp Darby's
high school graduate
from the
International School
of Florence.

(Courtesy photo)

Anna Cabrera



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Cut out blocks that pertain to work and home locations to remind you in an emergency who and how to call for help. Don't forget to write out home address phonetically so you can pronounce it.



From the USAG Italy Fire Department

Employee Spotlight

This week, *Outlook* puts the spotlight on **Eric Zelko**, who works for U.S. Army Garrison Italy on Caserma Ederle.

Position: Equal Employment Opportunity Officer

Overview of job/duties:

"The EEO Office provides services to civilians working within the USAG Italy footprint. We endeavor to create a workplace free of harassment and discrimination, one that fosters employee potential, enhances office morale, and enables mission success."

Professional goal:

"We are working to expand our Dispute Resolution Program. By employing mediators, we can resolve internal conflicts that impede a productive workforce."

What do you like best about your job?

"Being neutral. In the EEO world we don't represent employees or managers. That neutrality allows us to work with both parties to find solutions to their respective problems. We also engage with individuals who come to our office to provide solutions, which can be a very creative process."

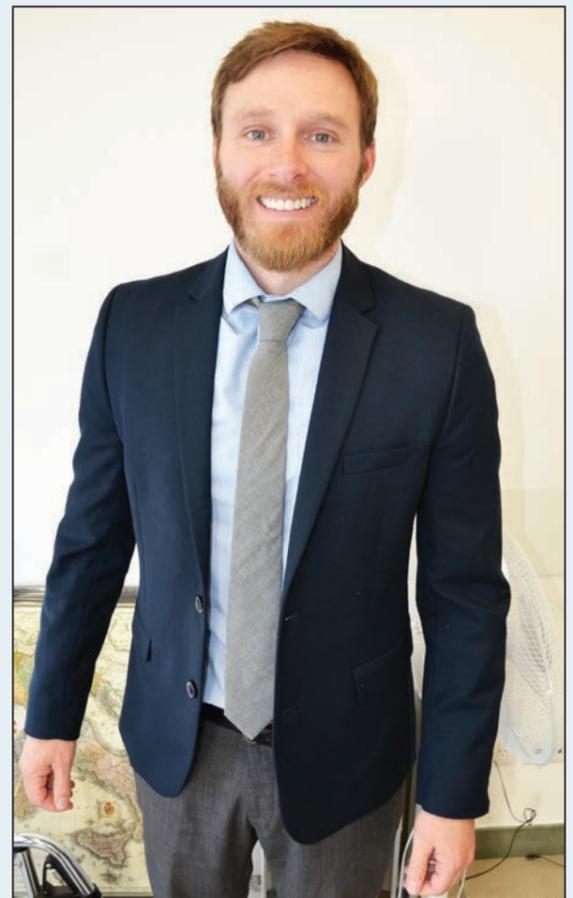


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Vicenza Military Community

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Fire & Medical 1-1-7

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Fire & Medical 0444-71-7117

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Installation _____

Anywhere in Italy - Off Post

Cell Phone/Commercial:

Fire 1-1-5

Ambulance 1-1-8

Carabinieri 1-1-2

Police (local) 1-1-3

Address # _____

Darby Military Community

On Post - DSN only:

Fire & Medical 1-1-7

Police 1-1-5

Cell Phone/Commercial

Fire & Medical 050-54-7117

Police 050-54-7115

Building # _____

Installation _____

Army civilians transition to new DoD-wide appraisal program

By **Paul D. Prince**
Department of Defense

WASHINGTON -- The Army has begun implementing the Defense Performance Management and Appraisal Program, a Department of Defense enterprise-wide program that links individual performance to DoD values and organizational mission.

The new appraisal program is designed to better foster and sustain a higher performance culture than the current system, according to Army officials. Key features of the program include greater employee and supervisor communication and accountability, increased employee engagement, more transparent processes and improved capabilities in recruiting, developing, and rewarding the workforce.

The Army began to transition more than 200,000 civilians under the new program in April and will continue to do so through June 2018. Since implementation began, about 3,100 civilian employees within the Civilian Human Resources Agency, U.S. Army G-1, received training and transitioned into the new program.

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Debra S. Wada said the Army demands a high-performing civilian workforce to support the department's more than 2.5 million Soldiers and their families.

"Department of the Army civilians provide invaluable support to our service

members and their families, which enables the force to successfully operate in various places around the world.

"The Army will implement the new appraisal program, a component of DoD's 'New Beginnings' initiative, in a transparent manner while working closely with labor unions," Wada explained.

The appraisal cycle starts April 1 and ends March 31 of the following year. Employees who have performed under an approved performance plan for a minimum of 90 calendar days during the rating period will receive a performance rating according to a three-level rating pattern: Level 5-Outstanding, Level 3-Fully Successful, and Level 1-Unacceptable.

At the end of each rating period, military and civilian supervisors are required to have completed a minimum of three formal, documented performance discussions. Discussions include planning employee performance and development, monitoring performance with frequent feedback to employees, and evaluating performance.

Additionally, supervisors will administer and document performance management activities using an automated appraisal tool. A hard copy prescribed form will be used for supervisors or employees who do not have computer access. All Army civilian employees and supervisors will receive training to ensure they understand the new performance management expectations and how to use the system.

DoD and Army officials both agree that

people are their most important asset and critical to accomplishing the department's mission. Recruiting and retaining the best talent in the civilian workforce are key elements in the American military's ability to continue building upon the strengths of the civilian workforce, according to Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, Army G-1.

"Our people are our most important asset," McConville said. "The U.S. Army values the service of our more than 230,000 Department of the Army civilian employees, and will continue to refine, shape and enforce policies that aid us in better managing this talent pool, which is critical to current and future success."

Since 2010, collaborative labor-management teams have worked on initiatives to revamp several human resource programs across DoD with the focus of enhancing support to civilians and their supervisors. Formal and informal feedback from DoD employees, such as requesting more engagement with supervisors about performance, had major implications in shaping the policy and future practices associated with new personnel authorities.

"America's Army remains highly capable and worldwide mission-ready in part by leveraging the talent and skills of its civilian workforce," McConville noted. "Furthermore, implementation of the appraisal system will enhance our ability to appropriately manage and develop our talented civilian workforce."

Employees are encouraged to visit Civilian Personnel OnLine for more details.

Blended Army retirement system requires leader education

WASHINGTON -- Department of Defense officials announced June 1 the launch of the "Leader Course," a tool designed to educate service senior leaders and financial advisers about the new Blended Retirement System (BRS) that goes into effect Jan. 1, 2018.

Training for the new system is available via the Joint Knowledge Online and ArmyOneSource websites. Individuals serving in remote and deployed locations will also have access to the training via DVD. The training portal is set up in an "online newspaper" format, allowing users to independently click on videos, glossaries and example scenarios that explain the new retirement benefits and provide comparisons of the current and new systems.

"The Blended Retirement System Leader Course and other follow-on courses will ensure Soldiers are familiar with the new system and knowledgeable of available resources to make informed decisions pertaining to their retirement plans," said Lt. Col. Steven G. Hanson, Allowances branch chief, Compensation and Entitlements Team, U.S. Army G-1.

The new system is composed of three components: a traditional defined-benefit plan like the current system; a 401K type defined-contribution plan with a portable retirement account through the Thrift Savings Plan; and a continuation pay at the mid-career point. Service members currently serving are grandfathered into the current military retirement system.

Starting Jan. 1, 2018, all recruits will be automatically enrolled into the BRS. However, active duty members with fewer than 12 years of service as of Dec. 31, 2017, and those reserve component members with less than 4,320 points will have until Dec. 31, 2018, to choose to remain in the current system or opt into the blended military retirement system.

"The current defined-benefit military retirement system has been relatively unchanged for decades, with adjustments being infrequent and incremental," said Hanson.

"The new blended retirement system, in contrast, is a significant change. For the first time, Soldiers and the government will automatically contribute, through the Thrift Savings Plan, to a retirement account from their current compensation. This change will ensure that more Soldiers leave the service with retirement savings," he added.

Army officials estimate about 85 percent of the department's military personnel will separate from service with some form of retirement savings under the new system, whereas only about 10 percent of enlisted and 30 percent of officers will earn a full retirement under the current system.

(Army G-1 Public Affairs)



Farewell to military, civilian service

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony took place at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle June 9 to recognize the service of eight members of U.S. Army Africa, one of 509th Signal Battalion, one of 173rd Infantry Brigade (Abn.), one member of 106th Finance Co., and an Italian civilian. The retirees served for a total of 312 years.

Retirees are: Lt. Col. Christopher C. Cox; Lt. Col. John L. Donaldson; Lt. Col. Richard W. Hoyt Jr.; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Donald S. McWhorter; Sgt. Maj. Douglas H. Hall; Sgt. Maj. Bryan I. Novak; Sgt. Maj. Anthony Young; 1st Sgt. Kenya C. King; Master Sgt. Warren Jones II; Sgt. 1st Class Anthony L. James; Sgt. 1st Class Latorcha Polati and Alvaro Munaretto

Top right: USARAF Deputy Commander Brig. Gen. Kenneth Moore presents Munaretto with his certificate.

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



Above: Master Sgt. Robert Halstead, senior enlisted adviser for Darby Military Community, retired May 13 after 26 years of service to the United States Army. David Leinberger, DMC deputy garrison manager, presents Halstead with the Meritorious Service Medal.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

June is Men's Health Month

Anchored by a Congressional health education program, Men's Health Month is celebrated across the country with screenings, health fairs, media appearances, and other health education and outreach activities.

The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. This month gives health care providers, public policy makers, the media and individuals an opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury. The response has been overwhelming with thousands of awareness activities in the USA and around the globe.

If you don't know what your prostate is or what it does, you're certainly not alone. Most men don't, but you really should.

Prostate function

The prostate is a small gland in men that is part of the reproductive system. It's about the shape and size of a walnut. The prostate rests below the bladder and in front of the rectum. It surrounds part of the urethra, the tube that carries urine from the bladder. The prostate helps make semen, which carries sperm from the testicles when a man ejaculates. More

than 30 million men suffer from prostate conditions that negatively affect their quality of life.

Statistics

- Over 50 percent of men in their 60s and as many as 90 percent in their 70s or older have symptoms of an enlarged prostate or benign prostatic hyperplasia.

- Each year approximately 220,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer, and about 30,000 will die of it.

- Prostatitis is an issue for men of all ages and is the most common prostate problem for men under age 50.

About prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. It is the second leading cancer killer of men behind lung cancer. It is generally a slow-growing cancer, and most men die with prostate cancer (meaning that they die of some other cause) rather than from it. There are almost 2.8 million men living with prostate cancer in the USA. Still, it kills about 30,000 men each year. But detected early, prostate cancer can be treated.

While no one knows how to prevent prostate cancer, there may be ways to reduce the risk for prostate and most forms of cancer.

Recommendations

- Eat healthy, and choose a low-fat diet
- Eat plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grains
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Stay physically active
- Don't use tobacco
- Get regular checkups

It's important to talk to a health care provider about the uncertainties, risks and potential benefits of prostate cancer screening before deciding whether or not to be tested.

To schedule an appointment with your Primary Care manager, call 0444-61-9000, or use www.tricareonline.com. Learn more at <http://www.menshealthmonth.org/week/index.html> for additional information. (Vicenza Health Clinic)

Wear BLUE Day is today, June 17.

Whether it is your friend, brother, dad, boyfriend, spouse or boss, show them you care about them and their health by wearing blue. Men live sicker and die younger. Wear BLUE was created to raise awareness about the importance of male health and to encourage men to live longer and healthier lives. #ShowUsYourBlue

Men's Health Facts



Health Facts:
Men die at higher rates than women from the top 10 causes of death and are the victims of over 92% of workplace deaths. (BLS)

In 1920, women lived, on average, one year longer than men. Now, men, on average, die almost five years earlier than women. (CDC)

Prevention:
Women are 100% more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventive services than men. (CDC 2001)

Men as Victims of Homicide
The chance of being a homicide victim places African-American men at unusually high risk.

Chance of being a Homicide Victim*

1 in 30 for black males	1 in 179 for white males
1 in 132 for black females	1 in 495 for white females

*BJS DATA REPORT, 1999

Depression and Suicide¹
Depression in men is undiagnosed contributing to the fact that men are 4 x as likely to commit suicide.

- Among 15- to 19-year-olds, boys were 4 x as likely as girls to commit suicide.
- Among 20- to 24-year-olds, males were 6 x as likely to commit suicide as females
- The suicide rate for persons age 65 and above: men...28.5 – women...3.9.

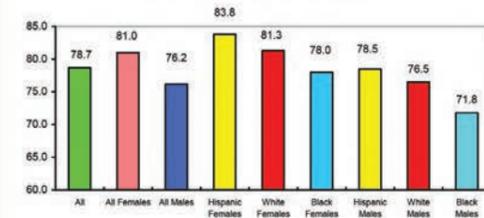
Who is the Weaker Sex?

- 115 males are conceived for every 100 females.
- The male fetus is at greater risk of miscarriage and stillbirth.
- 25% more newborn males die than females.
- 3/5 of SIDS victims are boys.
- Men suffer hearing loss at 2x the rate of women.
- Testosterone is linked to elevations of LDL, the bad cholesterol, and declines in HDL, the good cholesterol.
- Men have fewer infection-fighting T-cells and are thought to have weaker immune systems than women.
- By the age of 100, women outnumber men eight to one. (NYT Magazine 3-16-03)

To learn more, call:
Men's Health Network
P.O. Box 75972
Washington D.C. 20013

202.543.MHN.1 (6461) x 101
info@menshealthnetwork.org
www.menshealthnetwork.org

Life Expectancy At Birth, 2010



Silent Health Crisis
There is a silent health crisis in America...it's that fact that, on average, American men live sicker and die younger than American women."
Dr. David Gremillion
Men's Health Network



1 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Health Statistics 2011. Retrieved from <http://2026.2017.175.93/NDV/TabId/ViewTable/View.aspx?ReportID=106>

2 Life Expectancy data is from CDC/NCHS, Health, United States, 2013

Visit to Del Din offers future electro-technicians glimpse into green practices

Story and photo by **Anna Ciccotti**
USAG Italy

DEL DIN -- Eighteen final-year students and instructors from Vicenza Technical High School (*Istituto Tecnico "Rossi"*) were hosted at Caserma Del Din June 7 to learn more about energy-efficient features implemented by U.S. Army Garrison Italy at one of the newest and greenest bases Armywide.

"We came because the Del Din base is a technical excellence in the field of energy-saving technology, and we couldn't miss the opportunity for a visit and share this wealth of knowledge with our students," said Luca Pietrobelli, Rossi electro-technics teacher.

Aged between 22 and 50, the adult students attend an evening class program to pursue a high school diploma. The class will graduate this summer after final exams in July, its members leaving school with a professional certification that will make them more marketable.

"I was really impressed with their determination to continue their education. Despite daily work schedules and family commitments, they manage to find the energy needed to attend class in the evenings and prepare for higher education," said Marco Bellot, Operations and Maintenance division chief, who led the training exchange for the Directorate of Public Works. "I think this is because they are at a point in life when they realize the importance of education and its



Students and instructors from Vicenza Technical High School (*Istituto Tecnico "Rossi"*) learn about energy-efficient features implemented by the U.S. Army Garrison Italy during a visit of the Central Energy Power at Caserma Del Din June 7.

related benefits."

Bellot, a mechanical engineer who followed construction of the new base when it was still a sketch on paper, welcomed the group from atop one of the base's two parking garages. Offering a bird's-eye view of the entire installation, Bellot provided an overview of the project and explained the key infrastructure features of Del Din, with an emphasis on the electro-mechanical systems that keep the base up and running.

Students learned how design and organization of the base was planned to

support the Army's mission here as well as living conditions and the well-being of the Soldiers who work and reside on post.

The highlight of their visit was a tour of the Central Energy Power. Pleased with the opportunity to support training with future electro-technician colleagues, Thomas Raffaello, O&M chief technician, engaged the group in a discussion about how the CEP has the potential to make the base self-sufficient and, in fact, produce more energy than the base needs. A firsthand overview of the high-tension

distribution system and the connection of the three co-co-generators and photovoltaic panels to the internal grid added to the students' learning experience. "There is no other multi-section photovoltaic 4MWp system connected in low tension that can work both connected to the city grid and independently," said Raffaello, explaining how USAG Italy is at the forefront of energy-saving technology in the world.

Raffaello said he was impressed by the students' questions and genuine eagerness to know more about the modern electrical systems adopted by the Army.

"I have been working for the garrison for more than fifteen years and my piece of advice to the students is that without technical knowledge and a desire to learn more, one cannot solve any problems and, at the same time, remain credible and trustworthy with other people."

Greatly appreciative of the warm welcome received by the O&M division staff, Maurizio Colombara, also a teacher from Rossi, said his class was impressed by the facility and the technicians' ability to apply coded standards in analyzing and solving problems.

"It was really interesting to see the thinking process behind designing an electric system," said Gallo Luigi, one of the students.

Classmate Matteo Piccolo echoed the sentiment. "Above all, I appreciated the time and the practical lessons they shared with us."



Team shares firefighting science, technology and more during school event

Members of the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Fire Department were on hand May 26 to help educate students during the Vicenza elementary and middle schools' science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) event. Above: Firefighter Federico Croce is lifted off the ground by students learning how a mechanical advantage can be applied to multiply their strength. Assistant Chief of Training Aurthier Doss is the instructor. (Photos by Fire Inspector Riccardo Zancan)



Above: Firefighter Luca Sivori helps escort some of the science fair students and parents out of a smoke-filled tent. Inside the tent, students were shown how a thermal imaging camera is used by firefighters to locate heat signatures. This help firefighters find trapped people and the fire.



Left: Firefighter Matteo Monfron teaches students how hydraulic calculations are used by firefighters to ensure enough pressure is available and the correct amount of liters per minute flow in order to fight a fire. Students were also shown how too much pressure can be harmful and knock over a firefighter trying to advance on a fire. The lesson there: For every action there is an opposite and equal reaction.



Carabinieri mark more than 200 years

Local *Carabinieri* took time out June 6 at Hoekstra Field on Caserma Ederle to recognize the 202nd anniversary of their corps. The force was founded by Victor Emanuel I, Duke of Savoy and King of Sardinia, almost half a century before modern Italy came into existence. The *Carabinieri* is one of the four Italian armed forces.

(Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JMT-C-RTSD South)

News briefs

Health center closures

Vicenza's health center will be closed June 17 and 20 for the training holidays.

Dining facility changes hours

Due to mission constraints, the South of the Alps dining facility on Caserma Ederle is closed for the dinner meal and on weekends through July 1. The DFAC regrets the inconvenience and asks patrons to please plan accordingly.

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.

101 days of summer

There will be go-karts set up to demonstrate the effects of impaired driving June 29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the theater parking lot on Caserma Ederle. June 26 is the start of the Impaired Driving Awareness Campaign. For more information, contact Sandra Class, DSN 634-7858, or via email: Sandra.class.civ@mail.mil.

Mosquito spraying

The Directorate of Public Works will spray for mosquitoes with ULV fogger June 30 and July 21, from 4 to 8 a.m., on Caserma Ederle. One treatment will be done for each date. In the case of inclement weather, the spray will be postponed until the following day. Community members are cautioned to not walk on the street, if possible, for about one hour after spraying. Spraying will take place at Del Din July 1 and July 22, from 4 to 8 a.m.

Motorcycle safety training

The 207th MI Brigade is hosting a motorcycle safety training event at 9 a.m., June 30, at the Caserma Ederle post theater. The day begins with a safety class and includes an inspection, group

riding instructions and a group safety ride. The uniform for participants in the mentorship ride is civilian attire; all others will wear duty uniform. All riders must have their approved helmet, full-fingered gloves, eye pro, over-the-ankle boots, long pants (no shorts), and reflective vest during the event. Participants will be released at 3:30 p.m. back to their sections.

USO barbecue for Soldiers

An Independence Day barbecue for Soldiers at Del Din will take place July 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In honor of the holiday and USO's 75th birthday this year, the barbecue will be complete with cake and balloons. Anyone with questions should contact Rebecca Womack, DSN 634-7156.

New SJA phone numbers

The entire Staff Judge Advocate office has been upgraded with new phone lines and each office has a new number. Numbers are as follows:
Administrative Law: 637-8819
Labor Law: 637-8819
International Law: 637-8826
Operational Law: 637-8826
Military Justice: 637-8809
Legal Assistance: 637-8834
Claims: 637-8832/8831
Tax Center: 637-8838

Arts center seeks instructors

The Arts & Crafts Center on Caserma Ederle wants you to join their team of contracted instructors. The center needs fine artists and designer craftsman. Those interested must provide a resume showing a minimum of one year teaching experience, three years working in the medium and a personal portfolio of their work, in the medium which they choose to teach. Instructors must also have CPR and first aid certification and carry liability insurance. Submit resumes and portfolios to the Arts & Crafts Director. Contact the center at 0444-71-7074.

Summer reading programs

The library on Caserma Ederle offers summer reading programs for children ages 3-5 years old, 6-11 years old and 12-18 years old. The theme this year is "Read for the Win." Children are offered the opportunity to read books and win prizes. The program also includes crafts and activities. Registration begins June 20.

Swim team needs coaches

If you enjoy working with children of all ages and have a love of swimming, why not give coaching a try? The Vicenza Mako Sharks swim team is seeking assistant swim coaches for the 2016-17 season. For more information, please contact the head coach at makosharks-coach@gmail.com.

Ansbach looks to fill positions

U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach has several temporary duty positions available in support of IMCOM-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, with access to the post dining facility. For more information, employees should contact the deputy garrison commander.

Local national employee event

The garrison wants to show its appreciation to the local national workforce by hosting an afternoon *aperitivo* June 24 at the Hoekstra Field pavilion. The event takes place from 3 to 5 p.m. and is open

to all local national employees in the Vicenza Military Community. Supervisors are also encouraged to attend.

American Red Cross events

Interested in volunteering with the Vicenza American Red Cross? Attend an orientation to hear more about the opportunities. Orientation is held at the ARC Office, Bldg. 333 (across from the gym), on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

An adult and pediatric CPR/First Aid & AED. There are two options for the course, full day and blended learning. The full day course takes place the first Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Bldg. 108 on Caserma Ederle. Both options are \$55 for a two-year certification; includes materials. For more information, call Kym Price.

Red Cross is organizing a bus to the Torchlight Walk event in Solferino June 25. Registration is €5 per person, first-come, first-served. Bus leaves at 1 p.m. from Shoppette parking lot and returns around 1 a.m. on June 26. Stop by Outdoor Recreation to register. For more information, contact Jenny Stone, jenny.stone2@redcross.org.

Babysitter training takes place bimonthly and includes pediatric CPR. Cost is \$45 (includes materials). Training is 9 a.m.-5 p.m. the third Saturday of the month in July, September and November at the ACS classroom.

Pet First Aid training takes place to a class minimum of four people. Cost is \$35 and includes materials. The class takes place 9 a.m.-noon the third Saturday of the month in June, August, October and December.

Registration is required before all classes. Call DSN 634-7089, comm. 0444-71-7089 with questions about any of these events.



241 years and still going 'Army strong' Happy birthday, Army!

Above: Following Army tradition, the youngest and oldest Soldiers cut the cake during the Vicenza Military Community's celebration of the Army birthday June 14 on Caserma Ederle. Performing the honors in commemorating the Army's 241st birthday are U.S. Army Africa Supply Specialist Pvt. 1st Class Shaneice Jackson and Sgt Maj. Anthony Young, G4 Operations sergeant major.

Left: Staff Sgt. Fernando D. Ramirez, 414th Contracting Support Brigade, prepares to hang a streamer on the Army flag as part of a campaign streamer ceremony held during the birthday event.

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



Oh, the places they'll go!

The Vicenza High School band performs "Pomp and Circumstance" as the graduates take their place on stage at the *Teatro Comunale* in Vicenza. The June 13 graduation ceremony featured performances from both the band and choir, as well as speeches from a number of students and faculty.

(Photo by Aaron P. Talley, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

Chapel activities



A volunteer sorts prizes at Friends and Family Day, which was hosted by the Vicenza chapel community June 4. (Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

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

The Outlook Religious Activities page provides announcements and may offer perspectives to enhance spiritual or religious resiliency in support of Army programs. Comments regarding specific beliefs, practices or behaviors are strictly those of the author and do not convey endorsement by the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, the Army, Installation Management Command or U.S. Army Garrison Italy.

At the movies



Finding Dory

Finally, the long-awaited sequel to Finding Nemo! The lovable amnesiac blue tang Dory searches for her parents off the coast of California. With the help of Nemo and his dad Marlin, Dory navigates the Monterey Marine Life Institute and evades predators along the way in search of her family and a place to call home. (PG)

June 17	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	Finding Dory (PG) Central Intelligence (PG-13)
June 18	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	Finding Dory (PG) Central Intelligence (PG-13)
June 19	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	Finding Dory (PG) Central Intelligence (PG-13)
June 22	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	Zootopia (PG) Finding Dory (PG)
June 23	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	The Peanuts Movie (PG) Alice Through the Looking Glass (PG)
June 24	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	The Shallows (R) Independence Day: Resurgence (PG-13)
June 25	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	Independence Day: Resurgence (PG-13) Free State of Jones (R)
June 26	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Shallows (R) Free State of Jones (R)
June 29	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	Jungle Book (PG) Independence Day: Resurgence (PG-13)
June 30	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	Miracles From Heaven (PG) The Shallows (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



City Rooftop, Vicenza

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.

Triskell – Festa Internazionale di Musica Celtica Triskell – International Celtic Music Festival

June 24-July 3, in Trieste. Celtic market and food; live Celtic music every night starting at 10:15 p.m. Natural elements, fire and crystal balls shows with Vasago; Celtic wedding celebration. Live music every night starts at 9 p.m.; clay workshops, €5; free Scottish dancing workshop; archery workshops; body and face painting.

<http://www.utherpdragon.it/portale/sito-del-triskell-festival/>

Brudstock

Three days of peace, love, and music

July 1-3, in Vigonovo di Fontanafredda (Pordenone). Live music, motor show with vintage cars, motorcycles, and trucks from the '70s; vintage items exhibit and sale; food booths.

July 1: The Band of Friends from UK, Guinea Pig, The Riders

July 2: Don Airey from UK; Big Rock Band, and Sonflower

July 3: winners of young musicians contest perform on stage

Free entrance.

<https://www.facebook.com/Associazione-Gusto-Italiano-563261357056424/>

La Terrazza di Vicenza – Basilica Palladiana City Rooftop - Palladian Basilica

Through Nov. 1, in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori. Visit the Palladian Basilica first floor, loggia and terrace. Entrance fee: €4; free entrance for children younger than 14 accompanied by an adult family member; military members; disabled with their assistant. For more details, visit <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/visits-to-the-palladian-basilica-living-room-loggia-2881>.

Festival della Birra e del Wurstel Beer and Wurstel Festival

June 17-21, 7 p.m.-1 a.m., in Costabissara. Food booths featuring typical Bavarian sauerkraut and sausage, bacon, bread and beer on tap open nightly at 7 p.m.; live folk music and dancing; June 19, from 10 a.m., Fiat 500 vintage and new models exhibit; fireworks June 20 at midnight.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/beer-and-wurstel-festival-sagra-in-costabissara-village-2891>



Celtic Festival, Trieste

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: from 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/>

Killing Cangrande Mystery guided tour

June 18, June 25, every Saturday until Oct. 1, 5-8 p.m., in Verona. Led by an English-speaking guide, discover the medieval Verona and play the role of a detective solving a murder case of 700 years ago. The €30 ticket includes Italian aperitif in Piazza Erbe; free for children under 12 accompanied by two adults. Reserve your tour by sending an email to info@livinginvicenza.com.

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

The Legend of Romeo and Juliet Mystery guided tour

June 22, June 29, and every Wednesday through Sept. 5-8 p.m., in Verona. Led by an English-speaking guide, discover the romantic city of Verona and a different ending to the Romeo and Juliet tragedy by following the trail left by Antonio Avena, a key figure in the history of Verona. The €30 ticket includes Italian aperitif in Piazza Erbe. Free for children under 12 accompanied by two adults; reserve your tour by sending an email to info@livinginvicenza.com.

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

Festa della Tagliata Sliced Steak Festival

July 1-6: 6:30 p.m.-midnight, in Sarmego, Grumolo delle Abbadesse, Piazzale della Chiesa, about 10 miles southeast of Vicenza. Food booths featuring the local Sorana sliced steak, bruschetta, beer and non-alcoholic drinks. Open at 6:30 p.m.; carnival rides; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m. Fireworks July 6 at 11 p.m.

<http://www.festadellatagliata.it/programma/>



Romeo & Juliet Mystery Tour, Verona

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS VENETO

Verona: June 18, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

Este (Padova): June 19, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Godega di Sant'Urbano: June 19, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

Montagnana: June 19, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Padova: June 19, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

Soave: June 19, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)

Cerea: June 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

Dolo (Venice): June 26, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

Piazzola sul Brenta: June 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

Spresiano (Treviso): June 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Treviso: June 26, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

XXVI Mostra scambio, auto e moto

Vintage cars and motorcycles exhibit and sale

July 16: 7 a.m.-6 p.m., **July 17,** 7 a.m.- 3 p.m., in Dueville, Piazza Monza. Exhibit and sale of vintage vehicles, motorcycles, and spare parts. Entrance fee: €8. <http://www.2ville.it/>



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usagvicenza](http://www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza).

TUSCANY

Sagra del Tortello Tortello Festival

Through June 20, in Castagneto Carducci (Livorno), Via Vecchia Aurelia 1, Donoratico. Food booths featuring *tortelli* dishes and other local specialties open at 7 p.m.; bounce houses and entertainment for children; from 9 p.m., live music, dancing and bingo. *Tortelli* are one of the most famous dishes from southern Tuscany. With their fresh ricotta and spinach filling, they can be enjoyed with butter and sage sauce or with meat sauce made from wild boar or hare.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/li/castagneto-carducci/sagra-del-tortello-donoratico.html>

Sagra del Tortello Tortello Festival

June 17-19 and June 24-26, in Luco di Mugello (Borgo San Lorenzo, Florence). Food booths featuring *tortelli* with a variety of filling, from potatoes, nutmeg to meat ragu and grilled meat. Open at 7 p.m. and also at noon on Sundays.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/borgo-san-lorenzo/sagra-del-tortello-luco.html>

Sagra del ranocchio Frog Festival

June 17-19 and June 24-26 in Marcignana (Empoli, Florence), Via Val De' Elsa 167. Food booths feature fried frogs and many other local specialties and wines; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/empoli/sagra-del-ranocchio-marcignana.html>

Sagra della porchetta e della Birra Roast Pork and Beer Fair

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>

Sagra della Trippa Tripe Festival

June 17-19 and June 24-26, in Santa Maria a Monte (Pisa). Food booths featuring tripe specialties and a great variety of local dishes open at 8 p.m.; entertainment every night with live music and dancing.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pi/santa-maria-a-monte/sagra-della-trippa-cerretti.html>

Sagra dell'anguilla Eel Festival

June 18-19 and June 25-26 in Vicopisano (Pisa), Oliveto Terme, Via Simone Redini. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 8 p.m.; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pi/vicopisano/sagra-dell-anguilla-uliveto-terme.html>

Sagra del cacciucco e gamberoni alla Griglia Cacciucco and grilled prawns festival

June 18-19, in Rufina (Florence). Food booths featuring many local specialties and wines open at 7 p.m. and, on Sunday, at midnight. *Cacciucco* is a typical dish of the Tuscan coast with a history that stretches back at least 500 years; at the beginning, it was a simple dish prepared by fishermen from the remains of the fish after the sale; nowadays is one of the most famous Tuscan specialties.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/rignano-sullarno/sagra-del-tartufo-cellai.html>

Sagra del tartufo Truffle Festival

June 18-19, in Cellai (Rignano sull'Arno, Florence). Food booths featuring truffle dishes and other local specialties open at 7:15 p.m.; shows, live music and dancing.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/rignano-sullarno/sagra-del-tartufo-cellai.html>

Sagra del tortello maremmano Tuscan Tortello Festival

June 18-19, June 25-26, and July 2-3 Roselle, Grosseto, Strada Provinciale Laghi. Food booths feature *tortelli* and many other local specialties; live music and dancing start at 8:30 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/gr/grosseto/sagra-del-tortello-maremmano.html>



Cacciucco Festival, Rufina

Il Gioco del Ponte Bridge Game

June 25, 7-11 p.m., in Pisa. A historical event held the last Saturday in June every year, the game is divided into two distinct phases: a historical procession along the Arno River, and the battle, which takes place on the Ponte di Mezzo, where neighborhood teams belonging to the two rival city factions demonstrate their physical power.

<http://www.saimicadove.it/evento/il-gioco-del-ponte-pisa-2016/>

ANTIQUÉ MARKETS TUSCANY

Certaldo (Florence): June 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno

Florence: June 18-19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

Lucca: June 18-19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelmellini, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): June 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio

Pontedera (Pisa): June 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown

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

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): June 19, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

Bientina (Pisa): June 25-26, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): June 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza Del Municipio

Cecina (Livorno): June 26, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

Montevarchi (Arezzo): June 26, 9 a.m.-7 pm. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

CONCERTS/SPORTS

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

Jack Savoretti - July 4 in Rome
The Chemical Brothers - July 7 in Milan; Aug. 12 in Pescara
Mika - July 5 in Pistoia; July 6 in Genova; July 10 in Perugia; July 12 in Piazzola sul Brenta; July 28 in Trieste; July 31 in Rome

David Gilmour - July 7-8 in Pompei; July 10-11 in Verona
Prog Rock Festival "Close to the Moon", with Alan Parsons, Live Project, Procol Harum, Soft Machine, Rick Wakeman, Martin Barre - July 8-9 in Piazzola sul Brenta

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

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

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

Joe Bonamassa - July 14 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)
Lionel Richie - July 14 in Rome
Skunk Anansie - July 14 in Pistoia; July 15 in Rome; July 17 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Beyoncé - July 18 in Milan
Simply Red - July 19 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova); July 20 in Lucca (guest Anastacia)
Robert Plant - July 20 in Assago, July 22 in Napoli; July 24 in Taormina

Iron Maiden - July 22 in Assago; July 24 in Rome; July 26 in Trieste
Sting - July 27 in Rome; July 28 in Florence; July 29 in Assago
Passenger - Sept. 28 in Milan

King Crimson - Nov. 5-6 in Milan; Nov. 8-9 in Florence; Nov. 11-12 in Rome; Nov. 14-15 in Torino
Europe - Nov. 19 in Ciampino (Rome); Nov. 20 in Milan
Justin Bieber - Nov. 19-20 in Casalecchio Di Reno (Bologna)

ITALIAN ARTISTS

Modà - June 18-19 in Milan; June 25 in Cagliari

Roberto Vecchioni - June 21 in Assago

Vasco - June 22-23 and June 26-27 in Rome

Arisa - June 25 in Verona; July 14 in Milan

Ornella Vanoni - June 26 in Verona

Ron - June 28 in Padova

Il Volo with Plácido Domingo - July 7 in Florence

Francesco De Gregori - July 2 in Rome

Paolo Conte - July 2 in Piazzola sul Brenta; Oct. 29 in Brescia

Max Pezzali - July 2 in Florence; July 5 in Piazzola sul Brenta; July 14 Assago; July 16 in Milan

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

Franco Battiato and Alice - July 15 in Assago; July 17 in Rome; July 19 in Massa; July 20 in Florence

Antonello Venditti - July 15 in Rome

Biagio Antonacci - Sept. 7 and Sept. 9-10 in Assago; Sept. 14 and Sept. 16-17 in Rome

Andrea Bocelli - Sept. 14 in Marostica

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

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

Ligabue - Sept. 24-25 in Monza

Alessandra Amoroso - Oct. 29 in Padova

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

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>.



Band of Friends, Brudstock (Photo by Cesare Greselin)

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Financial Fitness

June 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 the path of financial recovery and freedom through effective debt management. Registration is required. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Let's Do Lunch

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

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Join us for a chance to meet new people and network! This is an opportunity to talk about out-of-the-box topics and meet other career-minded professionals in the community. There will be a potluck baked potato bar. Don't miss out on this informal opportunity to meet some new people. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500 for more information.

Spouse Sponsorship Training

June 21, 1-2 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Help newcomers settle in to a great experience living in Italy. This training guides you through the process and gives you the knowledge so you may share successfully with others the tools needed to set up life overseas. This is a fun, friendly open forum that allows for discussion, comments and questions.

Microsoft Basics: Excel

June 22, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Library, Caserma Ederle

Looking to gain a competitive edge in the hiring process or wanting to expand your computer skills? Join us as we explore some of the intermediate features available in Microsoft Excel. This class is intended for Microsoft Excel users who possess intermediate computer skills (i.e. right click, highlight, copy/paste). Participants are not required to have attended previous classes. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500 for more information.

Space-A Travel Briefing

June 23, noon-1 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Airmen from 724th Air Mobility Squadron in Aviano will be here to explain the ins-and-outs of the space-available travel program. USAF personnel will deliver a 30-45 minute briefing on Space-A travel and remain to answer questions. Space is limited. Sign up to learn about this amazing money-saving benefit for Soldiers, Families and retirees. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500 for more information.

Infant Massage Class

June 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Join the New Parent Support Program at ACS for this exciting chance to bond with your infant. Instruction available to parents of children 5 weeks old to crawling. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500 for more information.

Spouse Transition Seminar

June 28, 9 a.m.-noon

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Whether you have one month or 10 years left, come to a seminar designed specifically with spouses in mind. Experts will share the knowledge you need to make the transition from military to civilian life as smooth as possible. Register at ACS before June 24.

Family and MWR and Global Credit Union Present

INDEPENDENCE DAY

**** Thursday, June 30 ****

Ederle Track & Field from 4 p.m. - Midnight

Fireworks Begin at 10:30 p.m.

www.italy.armyMWR.com

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ARTS & CRAFTS

Workshop: Drawing with Latica

June 21, 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$20

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Begin with pencil and charcoal to create black and white drawings and work into drawing with color. Taught by local artist Latica Vitez and is geared toward students who want to learn a new skill or those who want to improve those that they already have. No experience required; all materials included. Register by June 18 at the Arts & Crafts Center or on WebTrac.

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. Sign up by June 22.

SKIES Fine Arts

Various sessions, \$60 per session

SKIES Unlimited Annex, Bldg. 395 Caserma Ederle

Youth will work on specific projects to develop skills needed for drawing and painting by exploring different techniques and mediums. Open to youth ages 6-12 years; classes held Monday-Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m.

- Session 1: June 20-23
Theme: Introduction to drawing--summer landscapes
- Session 2: June 27-30
Theme: Introduction to painting--sea life
- Session 3: July 11-14
Theme: Exploration of graphics--linoleum cutting
- Session 4: July 18-21
Theme: Book making

Workshop: Painting with Latica

June 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$20

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

A chance to learn about painting. Lessons start with color theory and color wheel possibilities, then move on to students painting with acrylics and/or tempura on canvas. Taught by local artist Latica Vitez. No experience required; all materials included. Register by June 26.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Lifeguard Training Course

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.

Sunrise Yoga

June 21, 23, 28 & 30, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

\$3 per class/10 for \$25

Ederle Fitness Center

This class will most likely appeal to people who are already quite fit, enjoy exercising, want a minimal amount of chanting and meditation with their yoga. Ticket must be purchased from the front desk and presented to the instructor at the start of the class.

High Intensity Interval Training

June 21, 23, 28 & 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

\$3 per class/10 for \$25

Ederle Fitness Center

A high intensity interval training that involves body weight exercises and weight training movements using the tabata method, which is 20 seconds on and 10 seconds off (rest) for 8 rounds. Quick bursts of exercises to get your heart rate up, build muscles, and increase your burning power.

Zumba®

June 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

\$3 per class/10 for \$25

Ederle Fitness Center

Zumba® exercise classes are "fitness parties" that blend upbeat world rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography for a cardio and total-body workout that feels like a celebration!

TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

Family Movie Night

June 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!

Croatian Cruise:

Porec, Vsnar and Rovinji

June 25, 5 a.m.-11 p.m., \$120

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Drift past rugged cliffs, sandy coves and plenty of crystal-clear water as we sail along the Istrian craggy coastline. We will depart from the port of Porec and visit Vsnar and Rovinji. Includes transportation, boat cruise and lunch.

Hydrospeed

June 25, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., \$100

ODR, Caserma Ederle

This trip is strenuous and for thrill-seekers only. We will be traveling to the Val di Sole, approximately 3 hours away, where we will descend the great Noce River. Hydrospeeds are heavy duty plastic boards with handles. Your upper body is placed on the board head first, with your legs in the water providing the power (kicking) to maneuver. Hydrospeed is an inherently risky activity, and the ability to swim is absolutely mandatory. Expect cold water, rocks, powerful waves and tired legs. If this sounds fun, then Hydrospeed is for you! For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at DSN 634-7453, comm. 0444-71-7453. Ages 18 and over only.

Cucina Italiana: Cooking in Bologna

June 26, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., \$95

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Learn the classic recipes of the traditional "Cucina Bolognese" including the techniques to prepare handmade pasta and to make "Sfoggia", a thin puff pastry. The class takes place in Bologna. While there, participants will learn how to prepare local *tagliatelle*, *tortelloni ricotta e spinaci*, and *Ragù alla Bolognese*. Price includes transportation, all equipment and ingredients, cooking class, lunch with wine.

Insider Travel: Italy's Islands

June 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$15

ODR Travel & Tasting Room

Caserma Ederle

Find the right spots, the foodie lover markets and the hidden corners for romantic escapes to Elba, Sardinia, Sicily and small islands like Ponza, Giglio. Topics covered will be: where to stay, cheap lunches, weekend favorites, where to eat and more. Bring a notebook and a writing instrument.

Evening Passeggiata in Venice

June 30, 5-11:59 p.m., \$95

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Take an evening stroll in Venice to taste a Bellini. The popular drink was invented in Italy in 1948 by Giuseppe Cipriani, head bartender and owner of perhaps the most famous bar in the world, Harry's Bar, in Venice. Includes transportation, private Venetian boat, a Bellini cocktail and tour guide.