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### Italian Culture Tip (Night Spots)

**bar/bar**

Like a snack bar that also sells hot drinks and alcohol.

**birreria/bee-re-ree-a**

A pub-like atmosphere, specializes in beer.

**osteria/os-te-ree-a**

A sit-down eating place where people may have wine with their meal.

**discoteca/dees-ko-te-ka**

Night spot with dancing for under 30 age group.

## US, Polish soldiers recover vehicles

**VICENZA** -- Bravo Company "Bandits" of 173rd Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade, worked side-by-side June 8 with Polish allies to recover mud-lodged American equipment during Anakonda 2016 in Biedrusko, Poland.

Paratroopers and Polish recovery personnel worked together to recover the equipment and used the opportunity to familiarize themselves with each other's recovery techniques.

The team arrived on site and immediately began evaluating the situation. Rather than immediately beginning the mission, the paratroopers discussed the situation with their Polish counterparts. During

the discussion, they learned the area was infamous to the Polish recovery team as it is filled with unimproved roads, tank trails, various degrees of angles and thick mud. Both wheeled and tracked vehicles regularly call for recovery support, thus dubbing the area "Hell's Alley."

The fundamentals of recovery operations are universal, and without knowing each other previously or training together in the past, both forces were able to carry out a safe and efficient recovery operation.

"It's crazy to see how similar our methods are," said Sgt. Marcus Chambliss, of Dinwiddie, Va., and assigned to Co. B, 173rd BSB. "We didn't even need a

translator out there. Once everyone got to the recovery site we all just went to work and didn't have to question what the other was doing. They are used to working in this area and they know things that we don't know, so their input and hands-on involvement ended up being exactly what we needed to get the mission done."

Many of the paratroopers picked up key Polish, recovery-related phrases to include *jasny* meaning "clear," *trzymac* meaning "hold," and *wydanie* meaning "release" or "let out." All of the phrases were critical in operating the winch on their wrecker. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Dariusz Dowgrid Gnatowski, who has

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### Connections

United States Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks looks on as Assessore Antonio Marco Dalla Pozza from the Vicenza Urban Planning and Sustainability department motions toward a map during a press conference on the Villaggio housing area June 16. Representatives from Vicenza and the garrison spoke to a small group of local Italian reporters about a new bike path that will allow safe passage from Caserma Ederle to the housing area. "Because of this project, more members of the American community will be able to leave their cars at home and travel by bike or foot to Caserma Ederle and downtown Vicenza," said Marks.

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

## Future Italian paratroopers train on Caserma Ederle

Story and photos by **Laura Kreider**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- Among the structures that stand out on Caserma Ederle is the 34-foot Joint Multinational Training Command tower, the only Army jump tower in Europe.

Not only is the tower the site for airborne refresher training for paratroopers assigned to 173rd Airborne Brigade but, since this past January, it is also used by members of the *Centro Addestramento Paracadutismo* (CAPAR) Folgore Brigade, the Italian parachute school, located in Pisa.

Monthly, groups of Italian warrant officer academy candidates come to Vicenza and test their skills jumping from the tower.

The most recent contingent was here June 14-15, and approximately 120 members assigned to the noncommissioned officer school from Viterbo had the opportunity to exercise with some 30 paratroopers from Company A ("Able Company"), 2nd Battalion, 503rd (Airborne).

"From the beginning of this year, the tower of the CAPAR is undergoing long-term maintenance," said Italian Army Cap. Marco Luchini, chief instructor from the CAPAR Folgore Bde.

"The tower here on Caserma Ederle has been our salvation because, after preparing for the jump in the third week of the training, our NCO students must pass all jump training tests in the following week," Luchini explained.

"We sent 30 paratroopers from Able Company to the 34-foot tower, along with our command team," said 1st Lt. Carlos Flores, platoon leader, 2nd Platoon, Co. A, 2-503rd (Abn.).

He added that this was the first time training with the Italian Army students.

"It was a very rewarding experience. Many of our paratroopers had the opportunity not only to jump out of the tower alongside our Italian allies, but also to talk and interact with the warrant officer candidates," said Flores.

While the training was going on, Italian Army Brig. Gen. Gabriele



United States Army paratroopers and Italian noncommissioned officer students work together to remove a static line after the landing of an Italian student assigned to the NCO Viterbo School June 15.

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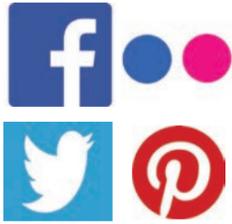
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Anyone who drinks alcohol has the potential to become That Guy because anyone who drinks also risks drinking too much. From the embarrassing and shameful to the dangerous and destructive, nobody wants to deal with or be That Guy that everyone is talking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

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## Speak Out

### What are your plans for the Fourth of July?

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattiolo



**Jordynn Cook**  
Family member

*"I will be enjoying the festivities on post with my family."*



**Sgt. Maj. Anthony Young**  
U.S. Army Africa, G-4

*"Spend time with my family at the beach and shopping."*



**Bill Persinger**  
U.S. Army Africa, G-1

*"To enjoy the pre-party for my birthday on the 5th."*



**Colin Jacobson**  
Family member

*"To go to our friend's house in Viareggio and have a barbecue."*



**Brenda Jasper**  
Family member

*"To go and have fun in the States. We are finally joining my dad who has been there for three months."*



**Gemma Raab**  
Family member

*"We are going to Ramstein in Germany for the Ammo Ball."*



### 405th welcomes new commander

Col. Todd Bertulis, commander, 405th Army Field Support Brigade, passes the unit colors to Lt. Col. Crystal Hills as she assumes command of the 405th Army Field Support Battalion Africa in a change of command ceremony held at Leghorn Army Depot, June 24.

*(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)*



### Company change of command

New U.S. Army Garrison Italy Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, Capt. Brennen T. Roorda, passes the company guidon to his first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Jonay Medina, during a change of command ceremony June 29 at Hoekstra Field Pavilion on Caserma Ederle. Outgoing commander Capt. Harrison M. Zabell relinquished command to USAG Italy Garrison Commander Col. Steve Marks, who oversaw the ceremony. During the new company commander's remarks, Roorda thanked the HHC team for welcoming him to his new position. "I'm looking forward to being part of the team," he said.

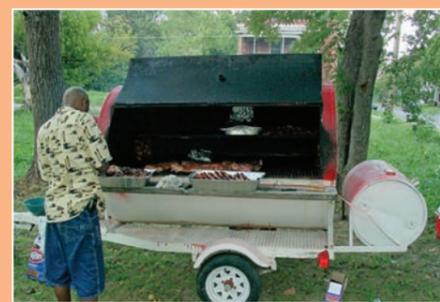
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### Big win!

Grand prize winner Inna Vestal (front row, second from left) took home a \$1,500 Exchange gift card June 10 when she won the AVOL 2015/2016 Sweepstakes at AAFES. Vestal stands with exchange associates and Vestal's husband Capt. Jamie Vestal and their daughter. Holding the symbolic gift card is AVOL representative Iva Sabani.

*(Courtesy photo)*



### 101 Days of Summer Grill Safety

- Instruct children on the dangers of a lit grill.
- Choose a safe location away from children's play areas and areas of heavy traffic.
- The area should be well ventilated to avoid the dangers of carbon monoxide and other combustion byproducts.
- Never grill inside or even in a semi-enclosed area such as a tent or camper.
- Always grill on a flat, stable platform.
- Make sure you're not wearing clothing that could contact the fire, such as hanging shirt-tails or dangling strings.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Beware of flare-ups. Fat from meat will drip into the fire, and the fire will ignite the fat and cause flare-ups. Tips to help prevent are to grill low-fat meat, trim excess fat, place a drip pan beneath, and keep cover closed when possible.



A paratrooper assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 503rd (Airborne), prepares to land after exiting the tower during training on Caserma Ederle while Italian instructors from *Centro Addestramento Paracadutismo* (CAPAR) Folgore Brigade, the Italian parachute school, and Italian noncommissioned officer students from NCO Viterbo School look on.

## FOLGORE

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Toscani De Col, commander of the NCO School in Viterbo, toured the Regional Training Support Division South, as part of the bilateral relations to enhance levels of cooperation in joint operations.

"We are very happy for the generosity from the American allies who gave us the great opportunity to utilize this training facility," said Toscani De Col after talking to some participants.

"This is not the first time we had the chance to train in this structure, and we are thankful knowing that we can always count on future support.

"The activity that takes place in this facility is part of the schooling of the young students. During the jump, there is the simulation of that moment when the paratrooper exits the plane, and how to test the capability to handle the situation

and keep it under control," he explained.

After performing the standard couple of jumps from the tower judged by the instructors, the following week participants did the 'real' jump from a helicopter in order to achieve their parachute qualification.

One Italian participant, *Allievo Maresciallo* Ludovica Olivieri, said that being able to interact with American Soldiers was a good experience. "This caserma is different compared to ours; it seems like a little town," Olivieri said.

*Allievo Maresciallo* Francesco Di Carlo, another student of the NCO Viterbo School, echoed Olivieri's comment and also added, "It is always important to share some experiences, and learn new ways and techniques with a mix of cultures."



## Experiencing impaired driving

Tre' Adams, 14, tests his ability to drive during the simulated impaired driving experience at the theater parking lot on Caserma Ederle June 29. More than 50 Vicenza Military Community members participated in the Army Substance Abuse and Prevention program event. June 26 marked the start of the Impaired Driving Awareness Campaign. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

# Dollars and \$ense

## Buying the American Dream -- Part II

By **Samuel D. Coston**

Financial Readiness Program Manager, ACS

This week's article is a continuation of buying a big piece of the American Dream, a home.

Those service members who want to use a Veterans' Administration loan can apply for a certificate of eligibility at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>.

Now, congratulations are in order for those who have fixed credit report errors, started saving for a reasonable down payment, developed a realistic homeownership budget, and decided whether a fixed rate or adjustable rate mortgage is the best option for your current financial position.

Next, let's talk location, location, location. Location is not a trivial detail in the process of buying a house. Two questions that I believe are essential are: First, is the home located in a low-crime area? Second, is the home located in a solid, reputable school district?

Once the future homeowner determines the location, the next step is selecting a mortgage company. This is a financial decision that involves comparing two to three mortgage providers' fees (such as the origination, mortgage processing and mortgage underwriting fees), and asking the potential mortgage provider if the loan can be sold or transferred. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau "Know Before You Owe/Mortgage" home loan guidance is located at <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/know-before-you-owe/>. This CFPB site contains a wealth of valuable information and explains all new mortgage disclosure requirements as of Oct. 3, 2015.

Now that a mortgage provider has been selected and you've found a preferred area in which to live, the next step is to select a real estate agent. Interview two to three realtors to determine which agent meets your specific requirements. A few questions to ask a potential agent may include: Are you licensed? Do you belong to the National Association of Realtors (which means



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agent's online profile, rating and reviews. Ask each potential agent how many homes and types he or she has sold in the past 12 months and what separates him/her from other agents. Lastly, ask the agent to provide a preview of the documents requiring your signature. There are numerous additional questions you could ask a potential realtor before signing the first document.

Remember, the average realtor's commission fee is six percent, and the higher the price of the home you purchase, the greater your realtor's commission-- nothing personal, just business. Before continuing, I highly recommend you visit the preferred neighborhood during the day and at night to get a feel for what it's like at all times of day.

Homeownership is a 15- to 30-year commitment. Therefore, if you do not plan to reside in your new home for at least two to seven years, please consider renting. The reason I recommend this is because it takes that much time, on average, in most United States' locations to accumulate enough home equity to sale a house and break even.

So if all of this works out for you, congratulations. You are now an extremely proud homeowner. Now get out there and mow the lawn!

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

he or she is subject to the Realtor® Code of Ethics)? What are your fees? What is your specialty-- starter homes, condominiums, short sales, foreclosures, new homes or luxury homes? Once the agent answers the questions, the future homeowner must determine which agent is best suited for you. Visit the prospective agent's open house; research the

# 'DIVER DOWN'

## Play it safe in water

by **Chris Frazier**

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**FORT RUCKER, Ala.** -- Warmer weather is on the horizon, signaling a return to outdoor activities for millions of people.

Unfortunately, the spring and summer also bring a spike in water-related injuries, leading physicians to remind swimmers to play it safe when diving into pools, lakes and oceans. So whether you're heading to the beaches of Italy or Croatia, or just enjoying a local swimming pool, it pays to think safety in all you do.

The National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham estimates 11,000 spinal cord injuries occur each year in the United States. These injuries occur when the spinal cord is damaged or severed by trauma.

According to one study, as many as 11 percent of all spinal cord injuries cord are the result of diving accidents, said Robert Bohinski, a neurosurgeon with Mayfield Clinic and assistant professor of neurosurgery at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Diving is the fourth-leading cause of spinal cord injuries among males. While diving-related spinal cord injuries are traumatic, they are preventable. Because most of these injuries occur in water three feet deep or less, Bohinski recommends swimmers always enter feet first. "Diving headfirst into shallow water and striking one's head on either an object or the bottom of the pool is known to cause cervical spine fractures that often are associated with spinal cord injury," Bohinski said.

Bohinski offers additional safety tips to help swimmers avoid a spinal cord injury:

- Never dive when drunk or intoxicated
- Avoid diving at parties or large gatherings when a lot of other people are in the way and things may be unpredictable
- Do not dive just to show off or horse around
- Never attempt to dive across the short length of a typical pool

For more information on off-duty safety, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.



**KING OF KINGS'** Mario Regalli takes a swing during the game against HHC 173rd BSB played June 23 on Caserma Del Din. (Photos by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)



Above: USARAF's Tony Joseph serves up a pitch during one of the games of the 2016 USAG Italy Unit/Recreational Softball League held at Caserma Del Din softball field June 23. USARAF played against HHC 173rd BSB and lost the game 11-1. HHC 173rd BSB played two games, the second vs. KING OF KINGS.

## Softball season in full swing



Left: Caitlin Johnson, of KING OF KINGS, beats out the throw to first base during the game vs. HHC 173rd BSB. Games are played two to four times a week, and the annual championship will take place July 20-23. The winner will head to the IMCOM Army Europe Unit Level Softball Championship Aug. 12-14.

## Vicenza team represents SHARP, shoots hoops for charity

**VICENZA** -- A Vicenza Military Community basketball team played hoops for charity in Milan June 3 to raise awareness to the problem of violence against women and girls.

Coordinated by Jimmy Roddy, director of Sports, Fitness and Aquatics, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, the Titans participated in *Lunetta per la Liberta* (Free Throws for Freedom), an event organized by the Consulate General in Milan with the Italian Basketball Federation.

The inspiration for the event came after an intern was sexually assaulted at the U.S. Pavilion at the World's Fair (Milan Expo) during summer 2015. The attack and its aftermath brought the issue of sexual assault to the attention of the consulate. The basketball tournament focused on the idea that women and girls should be free from the fear of stalking, harassment and violence, and proceeds go to a local women's charity.

Vicenza's Titan team members were Andre Davis, Anthony Crowder, Martavious Fleeks, Tony Reese, Henry Williams Jr. and Kaffie Clark. Clark is the USAG Italy Sexual Harassment/Assault Responses & Prevention program coordinator here.

"This was a grassroots event that helps

tackle a serious problem like violence against women," said U.S. Consul General Ambassador Phillip Reeker.

About 1,500 people attended the event that took place over a four-day period and included youth basketball teams from the Lombardia region. When the event was over, the president of the local women's shelter was presented with the proceeds.

Although the game wasn't about winning or losing, Clark said the Titans were in stellar form on the court, scoring three-pointers from beyond the arc and dunking with skill and finesse that drew cheers from the stands. She added that the event was a testament to building goodwill between the United States and Italy.

"The public has a good view of the Soldiers, and it was an opportunity (of 'sports diplomacy,'" she said. "I have committed to continuing the networking opportunities gained from this event, and I will work diligently to build a reciprocal relationship between the Public Health Organizations in Milan, the VMC SHARP Team and Family Advocacy Program.

The future holds the promise of joining forces in the fight against sexual assault and violence toward women."



Soldiers volunteered their time to play basketball at the Free Throws for Freedom event in Milan June 3. The event raised money for a local charity and awareness of violence against women and girls. From left, back row: Andre Davis; Henry Williams Jr.; Anthony Crowder; Kaffie Clark, USAG Italy SHARP SARC; Steven May, State Department; and Martavious Fleeks. Kneeling are (left) Vincenzo Giuffrida, Consulate employee, and Tony Reese, player and coach. (Courtesy photo)



### Walking on water

Artist Christo has brought his newest, temporary public art project to Italy. “The Floating Piers” project has been on view at Lake Iseo in the town of Sulzano since June 18. Visitors can experience the work of art until July 3 by walking on the 16-meters-wide (approximately 52 feet) piers from Sulzano to Monte Isola and to the island of San Paolo. The project includes 100,000 square meters of yellow fabric, carried by a modular floating dock of 220,000 high-density polyethylene cubes. In a press release, the artist said those who experience the piers will feel like they are walking on water-- or possibly the back of a whale. Walking on the piers is free; however, parking and shuttle buses to get to the site are not. For more information about the project and details on transportation, go to [www.thefloatingpiers.com](http://www.thefloatingpiers.com), or [www.iseolake.info/en/events/the-floating-piers](http://www.iseolake.info/en/events/the-floating-piers). Sulzano is approximately 144 km from Vicenza, in the Brescia area.

(Photos by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

## Nearby Villa Vittoriale worth a visit

Story and photos  
by **Cesare Greselin**  
Contributor

**LAKE GARDA** --If you’re looking for something to do, take a trip to the Villa Vittoriale on Lake Garda, where guests will enter an atmosphere of history, culture and music all at once.

The hillside estate was built in Gardone Riviera at Lake Garda by Gabriele D’Annunzio, a poet-soldier during World War I who is regarded as one of Italy’s greatest writers. The villa boasts an outdoor, typical Roman amphitheatre, and gardens and waterways built between 1921 and 1938.

Today, a museum is open to the public and visited by some 180,000 people every year. Sightseers can see the plane D’Annunzio used to fly from the province of Padova to Vienna on Aug. 9, 1918, to drop flyers that spread the word about liberty. Another sight to see at the museum is what remains of a battleship cruiser called “Marina Militare di Puglia” from 1923. When the writer died, a mausoleum was created for his tomb on the highest point of a hill in the park.

From the theater, visitors can admire Lake Garda, where it’s easy to see the island of San Biagio-- and in the distance, the point of Sirmione and Monte Baldo.

This summer, like every summer at the Vittoriale Theater, there will be concerts. Concerts kick off July 6 with Steve Vai. Other upcoming concerts are as follows:

Fiorella Mannoia, July 8; Pat Metheny and Ron Carter, July 11; Steven Wilson,



Above: The bow of the “Marina Militare di Puglia,” a battleship cruiser. Right: American jazz double bassist Ron Carter performs at the *Teatro Comunale* in Vicenza, 2012. Carter is scheduled to perform July 11 at the Vittoriale Theater.

July 12; and Joan Baez, July 14. Also coming up are William Fitzsimmons, Kings Convenience, The Lumineers, Blonde Redhead, Massimo Ranieri and more. For more information, check out the villa’s website at [www.anfiteatrodelvittoriale.it](http://www.anfiteatrodelvittoriale.it).

Previous concerts that took place at the villa include Lou Reed, Counting Crows, Patti Smith and Paul Weller of Jam and King Crimson, just to name a few.

Hours to visit are: from Oct. 1 to March 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and April 1 to Sept. 30, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tickets cost €8. Find out more at <http://www.vittoriale.it/>.



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more than 35 years of experience in the Polish military, led the effort. His expertise and experience recovering vehicles in the same area was pivotal to mission success.

Upon the completion of the recovery, all personnel moved to the Brigade Support area, where the Polish forces brought an assortment of their vehicles and equipment used in recovery- and-maintenance operations. The Polish teams walked the paratroopers through procedures on how to hook up vehicles using tow-bars, chains and other equipment.

This exchange was not only beneficial to Co. B’s recovery personnel, but also to their wheeled vehicle mechanics, generator mechanics and welders. By the end of the exchange, all participants had developed full confidence in each other’s capabilities.

The exchange ended with the paratroopers presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Gnatowski and his team.

(173rd Airborne Brigade)



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# Where to this weekend?

## Head to Venice (again), with a new destination on the itinerary

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

**VENICE** – If you're a frequent visitor to Venice but seem to be in a rut always heading to the *Piazza San Marco* (Saint Mark's Square) to spend your afternoon with the pigeons and a Bellini, I recommend breaking the cycle. We who live in Vicenza are lucky to be a quick train ride away, and it's easy for us to get to know the "City of Canals" on a deeper level than the average tourist.

Venice day-trippers who are art enthusiasts, or want to learn more about art, should make their way to the Frari Church (officially *Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari*, Saint Mary of the Friars) during the next visit. If you're ambitious, add the *Scuola San Rocco* and the *San Rocco Church*, which are practically next door; or the Correr Museum and Doge's Palace (it's a combined ticket). Either itinerary will make a very full day, but it's well worth it to experience the works of such masters as Bellini, Titian and Canova.

There are more than 120 churches in Venice (the count varies, depending upon the book, blog or website), but what makes the Frari special is its art. Travel writer Rick Steves said it best in his guidebook: "This church offers the best art-appreciation experience in Venice, because so much of its great art is in situ – right where it was designed to be seen, rather than hanging in museums."

### Franciscan church

The Franciscan order of friars was given land and permission to build the church in 1250, but it was not completed until 1338. Almost immediately thereafter, work started on its larger replacement, which is the church visitors see today on Campo dei Frari. The Gothic church was consecrated in 1492 and is grandiose but a bit plain on the outside, deliberately built with the Franciscan emphasis on poverty and austerity. The campanile alongside the church, built in 1396, is the second tallest in Venice, after the one of San Marco.

Although the church is plain on the outside, there is nothing homely about the interior and the priceless Renaissance art that awaits. Indeed, the brochure boasts, "The contemplation of so much beauty ... accompanied by the silence of this holy place can fill one with a sense of peace and serenity." And it lives up to its promise.

Beautiful wooden crossbeams adorn the 110-yard-long church, and the wooden choir area (circa 1480) draws you to its center. However, don't be drawn to that without stopping, or you will miss some vital pieces of art along the way. All of the art is worth perusing, but a few are definite must-sees.

### Masterpieces

The biggest, and possibly most famous, work is "The Assumption of the Virgin" by Titian. Also known in Italian as *Tiziano Vecellio* or *Tiziano Vecelli*, Titian was a leading artist of the Italian Renaissance and is considered to have been the greatest painter of 16th century Venice. The painting that catapulted him into that category was this one, created in 1518 specifically for the altar in the Frari Church where it hangs today. Don't miss it: The rich, bright colors and twisting human forms changed typical, contemplative church art into something else entirely. In fact, history tells us this painting caused a bit of scandal because Mary was portrayed as more human than usual and less of the perfect icon sitting on a throne. The Franciscans are said to have suggested that this Mary aroused excitement and not spirituality, and they almost refused to pay for it.

Another of Titian's paintings in the church is "Madonna of the Pesaro Family," but it has been out for resto-



At the end of the nave in the Frari Church, visitors will see the *Coro dei Frati* (Choir of the Monks) where 124 wooden stalls created by Marco Cozzi are placed. The stalls are inlaid with views of Venice.



The Frari Triptych "Madonna and Child with Saints and Angels" by Giovanni Bellini was created in 1488 for the chapel where it hangs today. Bellini was believed to have been 58 years old when he created the masterpiece.

ration work and may not yet be back if you visit soon. Titian's tomb is also inside the church and is a marble masterpiece that depicts some of his life's work in the reliefs.

While Titian was a great painter, the Venetian Antonio Canova is considered to be Venice's greatest sculptor and the greatest of all Neoclassical sculptors. Several Canova sculptures can be found in the Canova Room at the Correr Museum across the square from Saint Mark's Cathedral, but his tomb is at the Frari. Although Canova is buried in southern Italy, this tomb-- which he created for Titian, by the way-- does hold his heart in an urn inside the tomb's open door.

Donatello's "Statue of the John the Baptist" (c. 1438) awaits guests in the center of the altarpiece in the south choir chapel. The realistic wooden sculpture is the first documented work by Donatello in Venice and the only known statue by him left in the city. Also noteworthy is "Madonna and Child with Saints and Angels" (c. 1488) by another Venetian, Giovanni Bellini. The Pesaro family commissioned this breathtaking work that was paint-



The Gothic-style Frari Church was consecrated in 1492. The Franciscan church is located on San Polo 3072, Campo dei Frari, Venice.

ed specifically for the chapel where it sits today.

### Getting there

These are just a few highlights of the many magnificent pieces of art inside the Frari. Discover your favorite on your next trip. The church isn't too difficult to find; take the *vaporetto* to San Tomà, and from the dock, look for the *Scuola San Rocco* signs. Purchase *vaporetto* tickets in front of the Venezia Santa Lucia train station, just down the steps heading towards the Grand Canal. If you feel like wandering through the maze that is Venice, you can also walk to the church located at San Polo 3072, Campo dei Frari. Maps are available at many stands and in shops, or try plugging it into a map app on a Smart phone. However you plan to arrive, just get there. You won't be sorry you did.

The church is open daily, but check their website for hours as they vary according to liturgical celebrations. Adults pay three euro at the door, or it's 1,50 for students up to 29 years old, and free for children up to 11; audio guides are available in five languages and cost an extra 2 euro. Allow at least an hour to wander and soak in the masterpieces of eight centuries. Make sure to ask about photography-- the brochure says it is prohibited, but when I asked, I was told I could take photos as long as I didn't use a flash.

### Extra details

Anyone interested in adding museums onto their itinerary, or spending more time in Venice, should look into purchasing a Museum Pass for 10 civic museums and the Doge's Palace (*Palazzo Ducale*); the pass is good for six months and costs 24,50 euro. Learn more at [www.vivaticket.it](http://www.vivaticket.it). \*The pass only includes two places mentioned in this article. There is also a Venice City Pass that offers discounts for entrance fees and *vaporetto* fares. Learn more about the pass at [www.veneziaunica.it](http://www.veneziaunica.it). Find Frari Church online at [www.basilicadeifrari.it](http://www.basilicadeifrari.it), or like the church on Facebook.

In the Chapter Room above the mantel sits Paolo Veneziano's "Madonna with Child" (c. 1339). Veneziano was inspired by Byzantine tradition and influenced by Tuscan masters Giovanni Pisano and Giotto, whose work can be seen at the Scrovegni Chapel in Padova.

# News briefs

## 'Outlook' announces publishing schedule change

Per the current printing schedule and the Italian holiday *Ferragosto*, the "Outlook" newspaper will be published only once in August. That issue will be on stands and online Aug. 26. Please continue to check the USAG Italy Facebook page, website [www.italy.army.mil](http://www.italy.army.mil), Command Channel, and Pinterest [www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza](http://www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza), for the most up-to-date information.

## Passport delays

Passport processing times are higher during the summer months due to an increase in applications. Current tourist passport processing time is five to six weeks and for no-fee or official passports, seven to eight weeks. If there are any questions about required documents needed to submit with applications, please refer to the garrison website under Directorates/Human Resources/CPF/Passports or <http://www.italy.army.mil/cpf.asp#passports>.

## Transition assistance

If you are a Soldier 12-18 months from separation or 24 months from retirement, public law requires you to begin the transition to life after the military. The Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program is available and ready to help. Make an appointment with the SFL-TAP center today; call DSN 637-8154, comm. 0444-8154/8153.

## Mosquito spraying

Because of a unit organization day at Hoekstra Field July 15, the Directorate of Public Works will spray the area for mosquitoes and other insects on July 14 around 6 p.m. Residents of the area are requested to keep windows closed until 8 p.m. that evening. DPW will spray for mosquitoes with ULV fogger July 21, from 4 to 8 a.m., on Caserma Ederle. In the case of inclement weather, DPW will postpone the spray until the

following day. Public Works cautions community members to not walk on the street, if possible, for about one hour after spraying. Spraying will take place at Del Din July 22, from 4 to 8 a.m.

## Community welcome

Newcomers to the community are invited to attend the USAG Italy Community Welcome at the Ederle Inn, 5 p.m., every other Tuesday. This is an opportunity to learn what the community has to offer and directly engage the Garrison leadership. The event is open to all Vicenza Military Community members who have not previously attended a session regardless of arrival date. The entire family is welcome.

## Post office accepting volunteers

Anyone interested in helping at the postal service center on any of the garrison installations may register at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com) or call DSN 637-7942. Once on the Army One-Source website, click the Volunteer Tools tab; click on the Switch to OCONUS tab; then the Italy button. From there, click on USAG Italy, Organization, and scroll to Post Office. In the search button, search "customer service" or "postal operations." Select Apply and follow the instructions.

## Pain, physical medicine clinic

A Satellite Pain and Physical Medicine Clinic has been established at Vicenza Army Health Clinic on Caserma Ederle to provide support, resiliency and readiness to Department of Defense beneficiaries stationed in Vicenza and Aviano areas. A grand opening, ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at the clinic July 14, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Herman Lockhart, DSN 636-9509.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:makosharks-coach@gmail.com).

## Call for IMCOM employees

Installation Management Command employees are encouraged to volunteer for any of 49 positions open on two contingency bases, one in Romania and one in Bulgaria. The forward operating sites that support EUCOM's mission in East Europe are not located in a hostile fire or hazardous duty location. This is a great opportunity for Army professionals to gain experience in a contingency base environment without some of the hazards encountered in places like Afghanistan or Iraq. If interested, read the details at the following website: [https://www.army.mil/article/170081/job\\_opportunities\\_in\\_bulgaria\\_romania\\_for\\_IMCOM-Europe\\_employees](https://www.army.mil/article/170081/job_opportunities_in_bulgaria_romania_for_IMCOM-Europe_employees). Anyone interested and qualified should send resume to [Damon.K.Wilford.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Damon.K.Wilford.civ@mail.mil) of USAG Ansbach S1.

## American Red Cross events

Interested in volunteering with the Vicenza American Red Cross? Attend an orientation at 9:30 a.m. the first Wednes-

day of each month to learn about the opportunities. Orientation takes place at the ARC Office, Bldg. 333 (across from the physical fitness center).

An adult and pediatric CPR/First Aid & AED. There are two options: 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.

Babysitter training takes place bimonthly and includes pediatric CPR. Cost is \$45 (includes materials). Training dates are July 16, Sept. 17 and Nov. 19 at the ACS classroom, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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 August, October and December.

Registration is required for all classes. Call DSN 634-7089, comm. 0444-71-7089 with questions.

## Summer air conditioning

From the Directorate of Public Works Energy Manager: Army policy mandates the air conditioning setpoint at 78°F. Community members are asked to please do your part by setting your office thermostat at 26°C. Other tips to beat the heat:

- Open windows to ventilate at night when it is cooler.
- Avoid opening windows when AC is on or during the hot middle of the day.

Leased housing electricity costs roughly three times the on-post rates. Last summer that cost nearly \$300 per month for each unit. Help conserve tax dollars.

# Beware of common misfires with government travel charge card

By **Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Foiles**  
414th Contracting Support Brigade

Department of Defense policy is that the Government Travel Charge Card will be used by all DoD personnel (military or civilian) to pay for all costs related to official government travel. A major benefit of using the GTCC is limiting out-of-pocket expenses associated with official travel.

In order to avoid common mistakes and pitfalls when using the GTCC, it is important to stay abreast of current regulations and policies. An excellent way to stay current is by taking the "Program & Policies -- Travel Card 101" training just before traveling. The training can be found at [https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/wbtraining/Travel\\_Card/launch.htm](https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/wbtraining/Travel_Card/launch.htm).

Travel Card 101 highlights the official position for GTCC usage and cardholder responsibilities. Another excellent resource is the organization Resource Manager and/or Government Travel Card Agency Program Coordinator. This person can answer most frequently asked questions and help cardholders determine what is or is not an allowable expense. Use of the GTCC is a valuable privilege a person can lose if he or she misuses the card.

What are some of the common pitfalls and misuses of the GTCC? Following is a list that serves as a good guide but is not all-inclusive:

- Do not use the GTCC to exceed allowable daily meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) rate.

- Do not use the GTCC to make non-travel related purchases: i.e., books, magazines, gym fees, gifts, room service, movie tickets, registration fees or tuition and souvenirs or non-reimbursable items such as tires or repairs to your POV while on TDY status.

- Do not use the GTCC for personal expenses associated with "leave in conjunction with official travel." If you are not on official travel, DO NOT use the GTCC.

- Do not take cash advances from the ATM more than three working days before scheduled departure dates of any official travel, or for an amount that exceeds allowable M&IE expenses or after the TDY terminates. Travelers may use their travel card at ATMs to obtain

cash needed to pay for "out-of-pocket" travel-related expenses. Valid "out-of-pocket" expenses are those that cannot be charged on the travel card. Prior to traveling, remember to contact the travel card vendor to establish a personal identification number to gain ATM access.

- Do not use the GTCC to pay for meals for spouse/family/friends who are not on the official travel orders.

- Do not use the GTCC after the time the TDY terminates, only when in a travel status.

- Do not claim mileage when driving a rental car or claim mileage reimbursement when you are a passenger.

- Do not use the GTCC at establishments or for purposes that are inconsistent with the official business of DoD or with applicable standards of conduct.

- Do not claim fuel expenses when driving a POV (you

can claim mileage only).

- Do not claim the full meal rate when a portion or all meals are provided.

- Do not allow the monthly bill to become overdue -- submit travel voucher within five days of travel.

Another area that may cause travelers some confusion is determining what is considered an incidental expense in regards to official travel. Automatic teller machine fees, baggage tips and transportation tips are part of daily incidental expenses and cannot be claimed under a separate expense. Incidental expenses do not include mission-related purchases or products or services purchased/used for personal hygiene (e.g., barbers, hairdressers, toothpaste, haircuts, manicurists or other similar items or services). Before travel, a best practice is to review the "Incidental Expense Policy" in Appendix A of the Joint Travel Regulations. This will ensure that cardholders are up to date on what is and is not an allowed purchase with the GTCC.

Finally, remember that all claims have to be submitted within five days of completion of your travel. Actions available when military personnel misuse the travel card include counseling, admonishment, reprimand, non-judicial punishment (Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)), court-martial and administrative separation.

Civilian personnel who misuse or abuse the travel card may be subject to appropriate administrative or disciplinary action up to, and including, removal from federal service. Willful misuse of the travel card by DoD personnel (military or civilian) may constitute a crime punishable under federal or state law.

Remember, a host of resources is available to assist when someone is on official travel. Do not fall back to the "I did not know" excuse. Be a professional and use available resources. Safe travels!



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School took place at Camp Darby Chapel June 21-23. More than 50 Darby children joined the group this year to learn more about religion and share experiences with other children. The program offered three days of a busy schedule, where children were divided into groups and participated in different activities, from arts and crafts to singing, reading and games.

Many community members volunteered to support the event directed by volunteer Jewel Alvis.

"I'm completely blown away by the way that the Camp Darby community came together to support Vacation Bible School," said Alvis. "All the work would have been nothing if all the parents hadn't registered and brought their children for three days of great fun learning about God's plan for us."

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

## Chapel activities



Children and volunteers enjoy the second day of Vacation Bible School held at the Vicenza Elementary/Middle multipurpose room June 28. Approximately 150 children, with the assistance of 60 volunteers including parents, teens and Soldiers, participated in the four-day event. This year's theme was "Cave Quest." (Photo by Laura Kreider, 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

## At the movies



### The Secret Life of Pets

Max is a spoiled terrier who enjoys a comfortable life in a New York building until his owner adopts Duke, a giant and unruly canine. During their walk outside, they encounter a group of ferocious alley cats and wind up in a truck that's bound for the pound. Luckily, a rebellious rabbit named Snowball swoops in to save the doggy duo from its captors. In exchange, Snowball demands that Max and Duke join his gang of abandoned pets on a mission against the humans who've done them wrong. (PG)

July 1	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	The Legend of Tarzan (PG-13) The Purge: Election Year (R)
July 2	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The BFG (PG) The Purge: Election Year (R)
July 3	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Legend of Tarzan in 3D (PG-13) The BFG in 3D (PG)
July 6	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	The Angry Birds Movie (PG) The Purge: Election Year (R)
July 7	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG) The Legend of Tarzan (PG-13)
July 8	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	The Secret life of Pets (PG) Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates (R)
July 9	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Secret life of Pets (PG) Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates (R)
July 10	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Secret life of Pets (PG) Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates (R)
July 13	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	Jungle Book (PG) The BFG (PG)
July 14	2 p.m. 7 p.m.	The Angry Birds Movie (PG) The Purge: Election Year (R)
July 15	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	Ghostbusters (PG) 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](http://www.imdb.com).

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



## VENETO & NEARBY

### Sculture di Sabbia Sand Sculptures Festival

**Through Sept. 11**, in Jesolo, Piazza Brescia, about 64 miles east of Vicenza. This year's theme is the European Capitals; international artists take part in this special event; they compete in shaping every kind of artistic figure with fine golden sand. Free entrance.

<http://www.comune.jesolo.ve.it/sculture-di-sabbia-2016>

### Estate al Parco

**Summer at the Park - Free outdoor fitness classes**  
**Through Sept. 11**, in Vicenza, Parco Querini, Viale Rodolfo.

#### Mondays:

**Tai chi**, an ancient Chinese exercise, described as meditation in motion, which promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements, at the La Radura, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Do-in** (exercises for physical and mental well-being), La Radura, 7-8 p.m.

**Fit and Motion**, music fitness workouts that include cardiovascular activity, toning and stretching, at Porta Papa, 7-8 p.m.

**Yoga for children**, Palco del Tempietto, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Yoga mamme**, which gives mothers the chance to do yoga with their children, 7-8 p.m.

**Yoga for adults**, Palco del Tempietto, 7-8:15 p.m.

#### Tuesdays

**Jazzercise**, through July 26, at Palco del Tempietto, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Salsation Fitness**, through Sept. 6, at Porta Papa, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**American tribal style bellydance**, through July 19, Palco del Tempietto, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Capoeira**, La Radura, 7-8 p.m.

**Polynesian dance workshops**, July 5, July 12, and July 19, Porta Papa, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Wednesdays

**Body balance**, through Sept. 7, Porta Papa, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Zumba fitness**, Porta Papa, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Qi gong** (an ancient Chinese exercise that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques and meditation), in July, La Radura, 7-8 p.m.

**Tai chi**, through Aug. 7, at Palco Tempietto, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Line up & Dance**, funky, pop, disco and more dance workshops, Porta Papa, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Thursdays

**Hatha Yoga**, through Sept. 8, exercise that includes physical postures, purification procedures, poses, breathing and meditation, Palco del Tempietto, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Dp applied philosophy**, through July 28, La Radura, 7:30-8:30 p.m., physical and sensorial exercises to discover balance within nature.

#### Fridays

**Third age yoga**, through Sept. 9, Palco del Tempietto, 5-6 p.m.

**FocusFit**, through Sept. 9, Porta del Papa, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Capoeira**, Porta del Papa, in July and August, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Saturdays

**Country Fitness**, through Sept. 10, Porta Papa, 10-11 a.m.

**Kung fu**, in July, La Radura, 6-7 p.m.

#### Sundays

**Tai chi**, through Aug. 7, Palco del Tempietto, 9-10:30 a.m.

**Self-defense workshops**, in July, Palco del Tempietto, 10:30 a.m.-noon

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/uffici/dipserv/istruzione/sport/ginnasticaquerini.php>

### Triskell - Festa Internazionale di Musica Celtica

#### Triskell - International Celtic Music Festival

**June 24-July 3**, in Largo Caduti di Nassiriya, Trieste.

Celtic market and food; live Celtic music every night starting at 10:15 p.m. Natural elements, fire and crystal balls shows with Vassago; 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-Italia-no-563261357056424/>

### 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, beers, 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/>

### La Terrazza di Vicenza - Basilica Palladiana

#### City Rooftop - Palladian Basilica

**Through Nov. 1**, in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori. Vis-

it 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>.

### Sagra del Pesce

#### Fish Festival

**July 8-17**, in Chioggia (Venice), Corso del Popolo and



Sand Sculptures, Jesolo

downtown streets and squares, about 51 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths feature a great variety of seafood specialties; live music and shows from 9:30 p.m. in Campo Duomo, Piazza Vigo, and Porta Garibaldi. Free entrance.

[http://www.eventi.chioggia.org/news\\_content.php?cat=specialevents&id=32554](http://www.eventi.chioggia.org/news_content.php?cat=specialevents&id=32554)

### Bassano City of Jazz

**July 13**, from 9 p.m., live jazz concerts downtown Bas-

sano del Grappa. Free entrance.

<http://www.operaestate.it/evento/bassano-city-of-jazz-2/>

### 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 Due-

ville, Piazza Monza. Exhibit and sale of vintage vehicles, motorcycles, and spare parts. Entrance fee: €8.

<http://www.2ville.it/>

### 9th Venezia Jazz Festival

**Through July 28**, live jazz at various locations in Ven-

ice. Tickets available online at [www.ticketone.it](http://www.ticketone.it), [www.vivaticket.it](http://www.vivaticket.it), [www.iconamusic.it](http://www.iconamusic.it), and [www.getticket.it](http://www.getticket.it).

**July 3:** 9:30-11:30 p.m., Goran Gregovic, Villa Pisani

Park, Stra (Venice)

**July 6:** 9:30-11:30 p.m., Ezio Bosso - the 12th Room,

Villa Pisani Park, Stra (Venice)

**July 7:** 7 p.m., Jazz Club, Latteria 2465 (Sestriere S.

Polo 2465/f); free entrance

**8:45 p.m.**, Jazz Cruise on Lagoon - Vhelade Trio;

cruise, music & food, €50; to reserve your ticket, send

an email to [prenotazioni@marcopolovenetia.it](mailto:prenotazioni@marcopolovenetia.it) or call

346-422-7346.

**July 8:** 7 p.m., Jazz Club, Latteria 2465 (Sestriere S.

Polo 2465/f); free entrance;

**9-11 p.m.**, Ludovico Einaudi, Villa Pisani Park, Stra

**July 9:** 8 p.m., Venezia Jazz Festival grand opening at

Punta della Dogana with Barbarella's Bang Bang.

**July 11:** 7 p.m., Flyaway Piano & Cello with Piero Sal-

vatori, Pietà Church

**July 12:** 7 p.m., Jazz Club, Latteria 2465 (Sestriere S.

Polo 2465/f); free entrance; 8 p.m., Jazz on the roof,

with Juan Lorenzo, Altana Starhotel Splendid Venice

**July 13:** 7 p.m., Dj set, at Campo San Samuele; free

entrance; 9:30 p.m. Christophe Chassol, Palazzo Grassi

Theatre

**July 14:** 9:30 p.m., Noa Band and special guest Erri De

Luca, Goldoni Theatre

**July 15:** 7 p.m., Jazz Club, Latteria 2465 (Sestriere S.

Polo 2465/f); free entrance; 8 p.m. Homage to Carla

Bley, at Benedetto Marcello Conservatory of music

**July 18:** 8 p.m., Aaron Goldberg and New York Quar-

teret, at Benedetto Marcello Conservatory of music

**July 19:** 8:45 p.m., Jazz Cruise on lagoon-Silvana Dos

Santos Trio Brazi; cruise, music & food, €50; to reserve

your ticket, send an email to [prenotazioni@marcopolovenetia.it](mailto:prenotazioni@marcopolovenetia.it) or call

346-422-7346

**July 20:** 8 p.m., Heloisa Lourenço duo, at Benedetto

Marcello Conservatory of music; 9 p.m., Renaud Garcia

Fons, Collezione Peggy Guggenheim

**July 22:** 8 p.m., Luca Alemanno Trio, at Benedetto

Marcello Conservatory of music

**July 28:** 8 p.m., Angelo Branduardi, Rocca di Tempe-

sta, Noale (Venice)

<http://www.venetोजazz.com/programma/>

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS VENETO

**Thiene:** July 2, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., downtown streets and squares

**Marostica:** July 3, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (135 vendors)

**Noventa Vicentina:** July 3, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza (120 booths)

**Vittorio Veneto:** July 3, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (70 vendors)

**Vicenza:** July 10, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

**Lonigo:** July 10, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

**Montebelluna (Padova):** July 10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza 1° Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza (about 70 vendors)

**Portobuffolè (Treviso):** July 10, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza (250 vendors)

## TUSCANY

### Aspettando la Battaglia di Cascina Waiting for Cascina's Battle

**July 1-3**, 5:30 p.m.-midnight, in Cascina (Pisa). Historical reenaction commemorating the 1364 Battle of Cascina; flag-throwers, historical parades; archery competition; medieval music, games and food.  
<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1267>

### Sagra della Bistecca e del Frate Steak and Doughnuts Festival

**July 1-3**, in Bientina (Pisa), Quattro Strade. Food booths featuring grilled meat and fish, other local specialties and Frati doughnuts. Open at 7:30 p.m.; 9 p.m. live music and dancing.  
<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=647>

### Sagra del tortello maremmano Tuscan Tortello Festival

**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>

### Festa medievale Medieval Festival

**July 7-10** and **July 15-17**, in Monteriggioni (Siena). The 26th edition of this event is dedicated to the arts, games and feasts during the time of Dante; medieval crafts, trades, music, dances and food; best European street artists, jesters. For detailed program in English and to buy tickets online, visit <http://www.monteriggionimedievale.com/en/>.

### Sagra della Paella e della Sangria Sangria and Paella Festival

**July 8-10** and **July 14-17**, in Buti (Pisa). Food booths featuring Spanish and Tuscan specialties open at 6 p.m.; live music and dancing nightly at 9 p.m.  
<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=652>

### Sagra del Pesce Fish Festival

**July 8-24**, in Badesse, Monteriggioni (Siena). Food booths featuring a great variety of local fish specialties open at 8 p.m.; live music and dancing start nightly at 9:30 p.m.; closed on Mondays.  
<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=179>

### Lucca Summer Festival

**July 9-27**, 9:30-11:30 p.m., in Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. Enjoy music of all kinds and for all tastes; get tickets online at <http://www.summerfestival.com/site/tickets>.  
**July 9:** Van Morrison and Tom Jones  
**July 11:** Marcus Miller; Beth Hart  
**July 12:** Lionel Richie; Earth, Wind & Fire  
**July 13:** Esperanza Spalding  
**July 13:** Vinicio Capossela  
**July 16:** Neil Young  
**July 17:** Rap with Fabri Fibra, Gue Pequeno; Marra-cash, Clementino



Medieval Festival, Tuscany



Deep Purple (Photo by Cesare Greselin)

**July 20:** Simply Red & Anastacia  
**July 21:** Negramaro  
**July 22:** Beppe Grillo  
**July 23:** Marco Mengoni  
**July 27:** Edoardo Bennato; free event  
<http://www.summer-festival.com/>

### Mercantia

#### 29th International Street Theatre Festival

**July 13-17**, in Certaldo (Florence). One of the best street theatre festivals in Europe; it features acrobats, puppeteers, ventriloquists, magicians, illusionists, fire-eaters, dancers, street actors and bands; July 13-14, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., € 10, reduced €7.50; July 15, 8 p.m.-1:30 a.m., €15, reduced €10; July 16, 6 p.m.-1:30 a.m., €20, reduced €15; July 17, 6 p.m.-1 a.m., €15, reduced €10; reductions are for children aged 7-14 and for people with disabilities.  
<http://www.mercantiacertaldo.it/php/home.php?lang=en>

### Festa dello Sport con Tortelli e Gnocchi Sport Festival with Tortelli and Gnocchi

**July 15-17** and **July 22-24**, in Loco del Mugello, Via Grezzano, Borgo San Lorenzo (Florence). Food booths featuring Tuscan specialties open at 7 p.m. and, on July 17 and July 24 also for lunch.  
<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=677>



Waiting for Cascina's Battle, Tuscany

## CONCERTS/SPORTS

**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  
**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  
**The Chemical Brothers** – July 7 in Milan; Aug. 12 in Pescara  
**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  
**Lionel Richie + Earth Wind and Fire** – July 11 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 12 in Lucca; July 14 in Rome  
**Rihanna – Anti World Tour** – July 11 in Torino; July 13 in Milan  
**Elton John and Band** – July 12 in Pompei - July 15 in Barolo; July 16 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)  
**Deep Purple** – July 12 in Genova; 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  
**Neil Young** – July 13 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 15 in Rome; July 16 in Lucca; July 18 in Milan  
**Joe Bonamassa** – July 14 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova);  
**Lionel Richie** – July 14 in Rome  
**Skunk Anansie** – July 14 in Pistoia; July 15 in Rome; July 17 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)  
**Beyoncé** – July 18 in Milan  
**Simple Red** – July 19 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova); July 20 in Lucca (guest Anastacia)  
**Robert Plant** – July 20 in Assago, July 22 in Napoli; July 24 in Taormina  
**Iron Maiden** – July 22 in Assago; July 24 in Rome; July 26 in Trieste  
**Sting** – July 27 in Rome; July 28 in Florence; July 29 in Assago  
**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

**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  
**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  
**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.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing); <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS TUSCANY

**Arezzo:** July 2-3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Grande  
**Carmignano (Prato):** July 3, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti  
**Cascina (Pisa):** July 3, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Corso Matteotti (except July and August)  
**Orbetello (Grosseto):** 1st Sunday and previous Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia  
**Pietrasanta (Lucca):** July 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo  
**San Giuliano Terme (Pisa):** July 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia  
**Scarperia (Firenze):** July 3, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., downtown squares and streets  
**Bolgheri (Livorno):** July 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets  
**Firenze (Tuscany):** July 10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito  
**Forte dei Marmi (Lucca):** July 9-10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante  
**Livorno:** July 10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour  
**Montepulciano (Siena):** July 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande  
**Piombino (Livorno):** July 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci  
**Pisa:** July 9-10, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri  
**Vicopisano (Pisa):** July 10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca

# Family & MWR Events

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

### 10 Steps to a Federal Job

July 5, 9 a.m.-noon

SFL/TAP Center Computer Lab  
Bldg. 126, Caserma Ederle

Join us for a chance to meet new people. This workshop is taught by a Certified Federal Job Search Trainer® and Certified Federal Career Coach® and will cover Kathryn Troutman's "10 Steps to a Federal Job" curriculum. Each participant will receive a copy of the 7th edition, Job-seeker Guide. Registration is required. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500 for more information.

### Financial Fitness

July 5, 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.

### Romp-n-Stomp Playgroup

July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 395, Caserma Ederle

Every Wednesday (except major holidays), the playgroup is a time for learning through play. For children ages 0 through 3 years. Working parents are encouraged to drop-in and spend time with their families during their lunch hour.

### OPOC training for volunteers

July 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Monthly training for all Organization Points of Contact on the Volunteer management Information System. Register at least 24 hours before the training. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500 for more information.

### Volunteering 101

July 7, 3-4 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Monthly training for all organization volunteers on the Volunteer Management Information System. Volunteers will learn about the importance of volunteering in the community; how to complete the mandatory volunteer registration process; and how to navigate VMIS. Register at least 24 hours in advance. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500 for more information.

### Infant Massage Class

July 8 & 22, 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.

### Darby Host Nation Orientation

July 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bldg. 504, Camp Darby

A great opportunity to network, meet others, and make friends, as well as enjoy learning the culture. Day 1: Learn Darby resources, explore Pisa and the hospitals, and ride public transportation. Day 2: Learn about Italian language, tour Livorno and the hospital and experience local culture. Free to attend. Come in comfortable clothing and budget 7-10 euro per day for transportation and meal costs. Register with Darby ACS, DSN 633-7084, comm. 050-54-7084.

### Teenvenuti Workshop and Tour

July 13, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

This student-led and adult-supervised event will help teens get used to their new home. Teens will enjoy a tour of downtown Vicenza; a pizza lunch; gelato; how to ride the bus and train; how to shop downtown; tours of the youth and teen centers, Caserma Ederle and the middle and high schools. Register early with the School Liaison Office, DSN 634-5998, comm. 0444-71-5998. Parents must complete Parent Permission Form.

## 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 tempera on canvas. Taught by local artist Latica Vitez. No experience required; all materials included. Register by June 26.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### BOSS Morning Bike Ride

July 5, 12, 19 & 26, 6-7:30 a.m.

Meeting location alternates between  
Caserma Ederle and Del Din

Join BOSS for weekly morning rides. Vicenza is one of the best areas in Italy to cycle with numerous challenging climbs and complete with beautiful scenery. Route plans will be provided with estimated distance, time and elevation gain. New and experienced riders alike are invited; participants do need a good functioning road bike. Bring bicycle, helmet, spare inner tube and water as needed. Contact the BOSS President or adviser

for the most up-to-date information.

### Go with the Flow Yoga

July 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6noon-1 p.m.

Bldg. 108, ACS, Caserma Ederle

Come to beginning yoga and learn how to stretch and release tension in your body. Basic yoga poses to improve strength and flexibility. Improves your body and focus your mind. Meditation techniques to bring calm to any situation. Drop in; no registration required.

### Survivors Walk & Talk

July 7 & 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ederle Track & Field

Don't go through the grieving process alone. Survivor Outreach Services is a "one" Army program. Regardless of your loved one's Army component, duty status, location, or manner of death, Survivor Outreach Services Support Coordinators are here to provide dedicated outreach and support when, and for as long as you desire. No registration is required.

### Flag Football Coaches Meeting

July 13, 6 p.m.

Ederle Fitness Center

Flag football season is right around the corner. League play is July 20-Sept. 28. Coaches won't want to miss this meeting. Contact DSN 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616 for more information.

## TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

### Family Movie Night

July 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 & 31

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!

### Whitewater Rafting

July 4, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., \$100

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Traveling to the Val di Sole where you raft the great Noce River. All participants are required to be able to swim. The Noce is a class 3 or 4 river depending upon water level. Provided: wetsuits, life jackets and helmets. Some helmets have video camera attachments, so feel free to bring your camera, but don't forget some cord to tie the camera onto the helmet.

### Uncork the Fun: Bright vs. Bold

July 5, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$35

ODR Tasting and Travel Room

Caserma Ederle

Grab your friends and head to over to the monthly wine tasting class. Corinne, your *sommelier* (French for wine steward), will highlight all the details of wine tasting so you 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. We will match three different wines with ham steak, Parma ham and salami, and then decide the best pairing. Don't forget a notebook and writing instrument.

### Wine Trip: Soave and Castle

July 6, 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., \$75

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Visit the town of Soave, with its marvelous castle fortress dating back from the 10th-century. After the castle, the group heads to one of the most important Soave wineries of the region, located directly in the historic town center. Price includes transportation; guided tour of the castle and entrance fee; wine cellar tour; and wine tasting with finger food.

### Canyoning

July 9, 6 a.m.-7 p.m., \$115

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Make your way down a mountain canyon at Val di Sole. Canyoning is a mix of hiking, rappelling and whatever else it takes to explore the canyon. Guides will provide the necessary equipment including helmets, harnesses and wetsuits. After canyoning, the group will have lunch on site before heading back to Vicenza. Lunch is not included in trip cost; participants are welcome to bring their own.

### Tuscany's Sunflower Fields Tour

July 9, 5-6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., \$115

ODR, Caserma Ederle

In Tuscany, sunflowers reach peak bloom in the middle of July, pending the growing season's weather conditions. Cost includes transportation, sunflower drive with photo stops and brunch.

### Perugia Chocolate Factory Tour

July 16, 5-6 a.m.-9 p.m., \$95; children  
ages 2 and younger are free

ODR, Caserma Ederle

*Baci*, the Italian word for kisses, is one of the most popular confection companies in the world. Upon arrival to Perugia, the group will tour the chocolate factory located in the outskirts of town. After the tour, participants will enjoy free time to explore Perugia before the return. Price includes transportation and entrance fee to the Perugina museum; does not include meals.

### Family-Friendly: Molina Waterfalls

July 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$65; children  
ages 2 and younger are free

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Molina Waterfall Park is located southeast of Molina, in Vaccarole, and is located on a natural reserve of over 80 thousand square meters with an altitude between 630 and 380 meters. Apart from the bubbly waterfalls, the park also offers a landscape of woods and meadows, crossed by torrents and small rivers. Pack a lunch, and wear comfortable clothing and shoes.