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Fun Facts

- In 1454, a real human chess game took place in Marostica. Rather than fight a bloody duel, the winner of the chess game would win the hand of the king's daughter. To commemorate the event, each September in even-numbered years, the town's main piazza becomes a life-sized chess board. (See Out & About, page 10, for information about this year's event.)
- The highest peak in Europe is in Italy. Monte Bianco (White Mountain) is 15,771 feet high and is part of the Alps.

(From Random Facts and Interesting Trivia for the Curious Mind)

Local teacher earns Presidential Award

VICENZA -- The White House announced Aug. 22 that Vicenza Middle School teacher Michal Turner has been selected as one of 213 mathematics and science teachers to receive a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The PAEMST program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of mathematics and science. Awardees represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories,



Turner

and Department of Defense Education Activity schools. "The recipients of this award are integral to ensuring our students are equipped with critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are vital to our nation's success," President Obama said. "As the United States continues to lead the way in the innovation that is shaping our future, these excellent teachers are preparing students from all

corners of the country with the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills that help keep us on the cutting edge."

Turner is in her 11th year of teaching mathematics and her seventh year of teaching for DoDEA. She teaches Algebra I to 8th-grade students and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), a college preparatory program, to students in grades seven and eight at Vicenza Middle School, where she has taught for four years.

She said she believes that exposure to challenging, "messy" mathematics is a

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Airborne operations



U.S. Army paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade Support Battalion execute sustained airborne training Aug. 31 at Juliet Drop Zone in Pordenone from a CH-47 Chinook helicopter operated by 12th Combat Aviation Brigade. The 173rd Airborne Brigade is the U.S. Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, capable of projective forces anywhere in the U.S. European, Africa or Central Command areas of responsibility within 18 hours. (Photo by VI Specialist Graigg Faggionato)

Human Resources Command leaders take to the road



Maj. Gen. Thomas Seamands, commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, answers an attendee's question during a professional development briefing with Vicenza Military Community leaders Aug. 29 at the Caserma Ederle theater.

Story and photo by **Staff Sgt. Lance Pounds**
USARAF Public Affairs

VICENZA -- The commander and command sergeant major of Human Resources Command, Maj. Gen. Thomas Seamands and Command Sgt. Maj. Wardell Jefferson, discussed professional development, current manning initiatives and strategic impact with Vicenza Military Community leaders Aug. 29 during a tour of military installations throughout Europe.

Known as the HRC Road Show, the tour served as an opportunity for Seamands and Jefferson to get facetime with service members and feedback on changes being made as the Army transforms to a smaller, yet highly skilled and multitalented force.

"It allows me to tell the Soldiers and commanders out there what is going on in the Army, such as the draw-

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Simple precautions can prevent fire, protect citizens

An influx of false alarms has become a concern for firefighters; preventive measures can help

VICENZA – With an onslaught of 121 fire alarms over the last six weeks, the Fire Department needs help from the Vicenza Military Community, and there are several ways to assist.

First, do not be the cause of a false alarm. Taking long, hot steamy showers without turning on the exhaust fan can cause a fire alarm to go off, and this happens frequently. When the bathroom door opens, steam rolls out like a fog bank, and the next thing you know, a bunch of firefighters are knocking down your door. The easiest way to avoid this situation is by turning on the fan.

Cooking has also been a problem, in the barracks in particular. Regulations dictate that cooking is allowed only in approved, designated kitchens; and hot plates in rooms are not allowed. When cooking anything, it is important to stay with the food. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the Army.

Tampering with smoke alarms and sprinkler systems has also become a concern. Firefighters have found numerous smoke alarms across the garrison covered up or disconnected in barracks and workspaces. This places everyone's life at risk. Stuffing socks into an alarm because it wakes you up is more than unacceptable, it is a criminal offense. Soldiers especially should note that tampering



A Soldier removed this smoke alarm at 1 a.m. so he could smoke in his room. Firefighters found it at 1:05 a.m., and the Military Police were there to file a report at 1:06 a.m. (Courtesy photo)



with fire systems is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Finally, be a good Battle Buddy. If your Battle Buddy has consumed too much alcohol, get him or her home safely, and make sure he or she doesn't pull a fire alarm on the way to their room. It is also important that they not smoke on the way down the hallway or in barracks rooms. Getting an inebriated person safely to his or her room will decrease the chances of that person grabbing a fire extinguisher and spraying it all over everything, too.

Please, let's be responsible and talk to our Soldiers, co-workers and friends. A community effort can help make sure everyone gets a good night's rest without a fire alarm sounding. Firefighters must respond to all calls, and firefighters spending time on burnt toast could mean they are unavailable to assist in a real emergency. (USAG Italy Fire Department)



Covering a smoke alarm puts you and everyone in your building at risk. The two photos above show actual ways smoke detectors have been illegally covered. (Courtesy photos)

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Speak Out

Of the places you visited this summer, which did you enjoy most, and why? By Laura Kreider



Asma Sidi
DoDDS-Vicenza High School

"Paris, it's Paris. Beautiful; there is nothing to hate or not like about that city."



Dana Keller
DoDDS-Vicenza High School

"I most enjoyed the trip I took to Normandy with my family. We experienced an excellent history lesson as well as a reminder of the sacrifices of the brave people who fought and endured World War II."



Spc. Charlin Williams
U.S. Army Vicenza Health Clinic

"I visited Croatia, very relaxing, beautiful scenery."



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What's your plan?

September is National Preparedness Month

VICENZA – If disaster strikes, will you and your family be ready?

Recently, a 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck central Italy, and other types of natural disasters have occurred throughout the country at various times. It is important that members of our community take time to prepare for such incidents, and September is a good time to make a plan.

This month marks the 13th year of National Preparedness Month. The monthlong campaign promotes emergency awareness and preparedness, and strengthens our ability to prepare for, mitigate, prevent, respond to and recover from any natural or manmade disaster. We can never fully predict when disaster will strike, but we can individually and collectively ensure we are prepared to respond accordingly.

The goal for this year is to focus on the Army's preparedness tenets: Be Informed, Make a Plan, Build a Kit, and

Display Booth Setup Emergency Preparedness Handouts	09 SEP 16, 1000hrs	DeCA personnel, EM POC	Commissary, Caserma Ederle and Camp Darby
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Get Involved. Visit the Ready Army website <http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy> for more information.

Being prepared means having a plan. Whether you are at home, at work or on-the-go, it's important to create a plan in case of an emergency. Planning will ensure that you and your family will know what to do and have the supplies needed to be safe wherever you are.

For home, think ahead with a Family Emergency Plan. A simple plan can be

found at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>. At work or school? Ensure you and your family members know the best way to contact one another if you are separated during a disaster. The Veneto region, and especially Vicenza, is no stranger to severe weather. Floods, earthquakes, damaging hail and high-wind storms can happen with little to no warning. When emergency strikes, knowing what to do before, during and after may make all the difference when seconds count.

When looking to create a basic disaster kit, look no further than your Post Exchange and Commissary. Items for a basic emergency supply kit can easily be found at these two locations. Individually we can make a difference by getting involved in the community. Join the "America's Preparation!" campaign. All families and individuals are encouraged to join and can do so by visiting the Ready Army website and pledging to prepare.

The U.S. Army Garrison Italy Emergency Management Office will have displays at the exchanges and commissaries on Caserma Ederle, Del Din and Camp Darby to provide community members easy tips on how to prepare for disasters. See event list for times, dates and locations.

Are you ready to make a difference for yourself, your family and your community? Make the pledge and be Army Ready. (USAG Italy Emergency Management Office)

Army Secretary lays out priorities at Pentagon town hall meeting

By **C. Todd Lopez**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Army Eric K. Fanning spoke Aug. 23 at the Pentagon to a packed house of Soldiers and civilians about his priorities for the coming months.

Fanning's talk was part of his first town hall meeting there, and the leader said he plans to give such talks more often in the future.

Taking care of Soldiers

A current important topic for Fanning is addressing sexual assault in the Army. "We have to keep the pressure on prevention of sexual assault. We have done a lot on responding to sexual assault. But I'd like to make the response stuff unnecessary," Fanning said.

"We get a lot of heat on that issue-- and we should. We should be held to a higher standard. But the benefit of that for the country is that we do lead the way on working on a lot of these issues. We've made a lot of progress that people outside the military are straining to look into and learn from and build on. We have to keep the heat on."

Suicide prevention, he said, is another area where the Army has led the way. That's an area where he wants to keep the pressure on to solve as well.

"I get asked about this a lot," he said, noting that there is a misconception about the prevalence of suicide in the Army. The Army's rate is generally equivalent to that of the U.S. population of comparable age.

"But one is too many," he said. "What I really want to focus on is where that's related to behavioral health issues."

Fanning said researchers in and out of the military are looking at the issue -- and that the research has given rise to even more questions. Researchers are still learning about post-traumatic stress disorder among World War II veterans, for instance.

"If somebody joins the Army, serves their country, is willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, we need to know from the behavioral health side if they have done anything in the line of service that has caused them problems," he said. "They deserve to have it diagnosed, and they have earned the treatment that comes with it. We need to do some more work on that."

Rapid Capability Office

New on the horizon for the secretary is the newly created Rapid Capability Office. "It's really designed to focus on [those times] where we see our overmatch on our capabilities isn't really where we thought it was going to be," he said.

Most recently, that's been informed by what Russia is doing in Ukraine and Syria, in the way of cyber, electronic warfare, position navigation timing and survivability. What's being seen there raises questions about Army readiness in those areas, Fanning said.

"These are anti-access-type capabilities where we need a larger gap than what we



Secretary of the Army Eric K. Fanning addresses Army civilians and members of the Army staff during a town hall meeting at the Pentagon Aug. 23. (Courtesy photo)

have," he said.

The Rapid Capability Office is not about getting equipment out to the field faster, he said. It's about capabilities.

"We're not going to use this office to build a new helicopter," he said. "We're going to use this office because some technology on the helicopter isn't giving us the edge over the adversary we thought it was going to be."

He said that much of what the new organization will do will be aimed at streamlining bureaucracy in places that now stymie efforts to bring the latest technology to the warfighter as quickly as possible.

Army HQS

Fanning also said he and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley will soon be looking at how the Army headquarters is organized. He was quick to add that this had nothing to do with the number of people involved or the dollars going toward personnel.

"I think we have cut the headquarters enough, and I think in many places we have cut too far," he said. "This is trying to get at the hardest part of reorganization, which is what do you do differently, and what do you stop doing?"

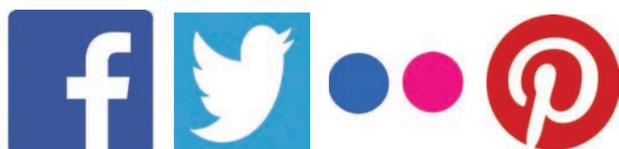
Primarily, he said, he is hoping to streamline communication efforts to ensure that he and the chief of staff are getting the information they need in time to make decisions using that information. At the same time, he said, to provide the right information to those on the staff-- so they too get the information they need from the top.

"We want to find ways to inject our thoughts and guidance earlier in the process, which hopefully saves you a lot of time, because you're not having to move something up through the system and get it thrown back down and back up and back down," he said.

"So hopefully it's a better flow of information for us and a better flow of information for you all, and a more efficient way of doing some things."

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Community honors Women's Equality Day

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

VICENZA -- The Vicenza Military Community celebrated the nation's annual observance of Women's Equality Day Aug. 26 with two events, a 5K run on Caserma Ederle, and a ceremony at the Sigholtz Center on Caserma Del Din, respectively.

Women's Equality Day commemorates American women achieving full voting rights under the U. S. Constitution by passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

After the run, Soldiers and civilians were invited to attend the event at Caserma Del Din, where guest speaker Maj. Sarah R. Wolberg, who serves as a brigade engineer for the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), addressed the audience.

During her speech, Wolberg highlighted the progress made by American women and the accomplishments women have achieved throughout the years.

"When I was asked to do this, I jumped at the opportunity because this is a subject near and dear to my heart," began Wolberg.

The first picture of Wolberg's slide presentation was one of her mother portrayed in front of her office.

"She was born in 1948 in times when



Wes Leisinger, deputy to the garrison commander, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, presents Maj. Sarah R. Wolberg with a certificate for speaking at the Women's Equality Day event Aug. 26 at the Sigholtz Center, Caserma Del Din. Wolberg serves as a brigade engineer with 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne).

women were not considered equal yet," she said.

"She grew up in a time change. She believed in change, she believed in civil service, education and, most of all, equality. She believed that no matter what your gender, as long as you work hard and perform to the standard, you deserve to be at the same table as others."

Wolberg explained that her mother was the inspiration for the phrase at the

beginning of her slide show: "Be ready when called upon. Earned, not given."

The speaker said her mother was the first female lawyer in their hometown, and said her mother instilled a strong work ethic and beliefs in all of her eight children, seven girls and one boy.

After sharing her mother's experience, Wolberg also talked about how, even in the mid-1960s, women were not allowed to participate in sports. She gave exam-

ples of two women who helped make the change: Roberta (Bobbi) Gibb in 1966, and Katherine "Kathy" Switzer in 1967, were not allowed to officially run the Boston Marathon. At the time, said Wolberg, "the max distance to run allowed for women was a mile and a half.

"Gibb believed that her feet would open the race up to women, since it would prove that women were strong enough to run a full marathon, if they were allowed to do so," she continued.

Unfortunately, it didn't happen that year, nor the following year. Over the next few years, Gibb, Switzer and other women ran the Boston Marathon in an attempt to get officials to include women in the race. "Finally in 1972, women were officially included in the race and (still) run today. [These women] opened the doors to other women," said Wolberg.

Women not only need to accept challenges in sports, Wolberg said, but also in anything they do.

"We need to start preparing ourselves, both physically and mentally. We need to accept the challenges and not take the easy road. What we earn will not be given to us based on our gender. We will have to pave the way for future females to come."

After a presentation to Wolberg, the event was concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony.

Sports

Vicenza High School football players hit the gridiron, prep for season



Vicenza High School football players practice on the Caserma Ederle field Sept. 2. The Cougars will play tonight (Sept. 9) against SHAPE for the first home game. (Photos by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)



Aviano swim meet

Teams from Camp Darby, Aviano and Vicenza participated in a swim meet held at Aviano Aug. 20. Camp Darby's team included Alyssa Ryan, Jacob Ryan, Eli Alvis, Ali Alvis and Isaac Alvis and was coached by Staff Sgt. Jason Ryan. The team practiced three times a week throughout the summer leading up to the meet at Aviano. Darby's team competed in 10 individual races with three 1st-place finishes, two 2nd-place finishes, three 3rd-place finishes and two 4th-place finishes. Above, Alyssa Ryan swims the backstroke during the meet. (Courtesy photo)

JAG offers law career options

WIESBADEN, Germany -- The U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps offers a debt-free option to individuals considering the appeal of a career in law.

The Funded Legal Education Program annually provides 25 active-duty lieutenants or captains the opportunity to attend law school and obtain a legal education at government expense.

While the program, now in its 42nd year, is available Armywide, the U.S. Army Europe Office of the Judge Advocate can help those interested officers learn more and apply for the program.

Details regarding FLEP eligibility, the application process and service obligation are outlined in Army Regulation 27-1, Chapter 14. The eligibility requirements in AR 27-1 are statutory and cannot be waived. Officers with a minimum of two, but no more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins are eligible.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test, or LSAT. Applicants must have completed the LSAT no later than Sept. 30. Applications must be received by the deadline of Nov. 1. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the program website at <http://www.goarmy.com/jag/funded-legal-education-program.html>. (USAREUR Public Affairs)

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“right” for all learners, not a privilege of the elite. However, she says, this subject can be deeply fraught with anxiety and self-doubt for some students. Turner, therefore, works tirelessly to foster the growth, mindset and perseverance needed to confidently approach complex mathematical scenarios. Her classroom is characterized by student-centered instruction, rich mathematical discourse, effective parent-student-teacher communication, and meaningful goal-setting.

Turner facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration among teachers as the Professional Learning Community Coordinator at her school. As AVID coordinator and schoolwide data analyst, she advocates for adding rigor to all lessons and supports the use of data to inform and invigorate instruction.

Her thoughts on being selected for this award: “The Presidential Award is a celebration of the value placed on education in America. A clear counterpoint to media criticism of our instructional system, the Presidential Award recognizes the powerful teaching and learning that cultivate our nation’s greatest assets: creativity, persistence and innovation.

“To be honored by this recognition validates the hard work done in my classroom, my school and my community as we strive to empower students and to nurture a lifelong love of learning,” she said.

Turner earned a B.A. in mathematics from the University of North Florida and a M.A.T. in Mathematics from Jacksonville University. She is certified to teach grades 6–12 mathematics, AVID and Advanced Placement statistics.

Turner is in Washington D.C. and received the award during a Sept. 8 ceremony. During their visit to the country’s capital, the teachers will not only participate in educational and celebratory events and visits with members of the Administration, but also will receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at the teacher’s discretion. (USAG Italy PAO)



Health, wellness for teens

First Sgt. Sherri Strozier, Intelligence and Sustainment Company, talks to 10th-grade students about healthy and unhealthy relationships and what that looks like for teens during the Vicenza High School Wellness Day Sept. 1. VHS students attended presentations about many topics including bullying, nutrition and healthy relationships during the school’s first wellness day at the high school on Caserma Ederle. Seminars took place in different classrooms with presenters coming from several organizations on post. Find more photos at the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Flickr page, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157673264562256>.

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

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down, promotions, et cetera, and to inform them of the big picture of what is happening. On a personal level, I get unvarnished feedback from commanders, Soldiers and leaders from across the formation, which allows me to sharpen, refine and do my job better,” said Seamands. “Being able to talk firsthand to those people who are living with the policies, and to get that kind of feedback, helps me and my command at Human Resources Command at Fort Knox, Ky., do our job.”

The commander said the information gained from the tour is critical in achieving Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley’s No. 1 priority of soldier readiness.

“HRC’s mission really nests nicely into that [priority]; getting the right Soldier in the right place at the right time builds readiness,” Seamands said.

Seamands and Jefferson divided their time between enlisted and commissioned service members and then culminated their visit with an executive briefing, designed specifically for leaders in command positions.

The two held simultaneous professional development briefings to maximize their time and exposure among the service members. Seamands briefed commissioned officers at the Caserma Ederle theater, and Jefferson briefed noncommissioned officers at the Caserma Del Din gymnasium.

“It fires me up, to be honest-- the opportunity to come out and see the formations and understand what’s keeping the commanders up at night, what’s keeping the Soldiers up at night, what’s bothering the families and what we can do to fix it,” said Jefferson.

“It was great having Maj. Gen. Seamands here to provide insight on some of the human resource questions that tend to have a lot of rumors but not necessarily a lot of answers,” said Capt. Thomas Pierce, an intelligence officer with 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne).

Later in the day, Seamands provided a similar briefing to VMC leaders serving in command positions. The in-

tent was to inform those in the senior rater category of changes being made to ensure the Army emerges better off from the transition.

“There is not a single person in the Army who likes a drawdown ... we all want to get through it ... we all want it to pass. The intent is to have a better Army that is capable of doing what our nation needs us to do,” Seamands said.

The HRC command team said the desired outcome of the Road Show is to better understand how Soldiers are adapting to change during this transition.

“I would ask our [service members] to have faith in the process. It is not perfect, but we really try to get it right. I would tell you that 90 percent of the time, we get it right and for the 10 percent we don’t get right, we work to get it right the next time,” said Seamands. “We understand that at the end of every action is a Soldier, their families, their dreams, aspirations and goals. We have a moral obligation to do whatever we can to get it right.”

“The biggest takeaway is that HRC is doing the best they can to implement policies that make sense across the Army,” said Pierce. “They are listening to feedback from the bottom up and taking that feedback into account when making decisions that could affect Soldier’s careers.”

“Maj. Gen. Seamands said it well,” said Pierce. “We are retaining the top performers because the only incentive they need is to do a good job,” he added.

Seamands said one of the objectives in the beginning of the drawdown was to have a better Army in the end, which HRC has been working to achieve for the past five years.

“Getting that right is part of what we do,” he said.

Seamands and Jefferson’s visit here was one of the last stops in their tour before returning home to review their newly obtained feedback. From here, they departed for Naples.



Need to find something to do this weekend?
Make sure to see the Out & About pages
in every issue of the Outlook.

For a more comprehensive list of events and activities, visit the
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Ingredients for homemade chocolate cakes are set out on the table, ready for the cooks to get started at a Tuscan *agriturismo* near Siena during an Outdoor Recreation trip Aug. 28. (Photos by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

A tavola!

Cooking in Tuscany

VICENZA -- Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation directorate's Outdoor Recreation Office offered a Cooking in Tuscany day trip Aug. 28. About 20 Vicenza Military Community members participated in the trip, where they spent the day at a local *agriturismo*/winery in the Chianti Classico Gallo Nero area near Siena.

The group learned how to prepare typical Tuscan food, which is considered "simple and fresh," according to the hosts for the day and owners of Fattoria di Corsignano, Elena and Mario. The newly minted Tuscan cooks prepared *bruschette*, potatoes with olive oil and rosemary, chicken roll-ups with *pancetta* and fresh sage, individual chocolate cakes with powdered sugar and apricot jam, and *pizzicotti*, a Tuscan-style pasta that has been around for centuries.

After food preparation, the group received a tour of the wine cellar and explanation of Chianti region wines. While enjoying their meal, participants also tasted wines paired with the various courses.

Anyone interested in taking an ODR trip should stop by the office, located near the shoppette on Caserma Ederle. If there isn't a trip scheduled for a location where someone wants to travel, individual group trips can be arranged with ODR staff.



Business owner and cooking class leader Elena (wearing apron) shows ODR trip participants how to prepare the potatoes: Cut lengthwise, spread into pan, drizzle with olive oil, sprinkle with fresh rosemary and bake in the oven.



Chef Christian shows how to make *pizzicotti*, a traditional Tuscan pasta made with semolina and "00" flour, olive oil and water. The pasta is rolled long and thin, then pinched off at the end and spread on to a pan with flour before cooking. (See photo, right)



(Left) The sign in the Tuscan hills that welcomed the busload of "Tuscan cooks" for the day. There are many locations throughout Italy that offer bed and breakfast facilities, wine tasting, fresh products, and cooking classes.

(Above) Elena puts together the rolled chicken breast with toothpicks so it won't fall apart as it browns in the stovetop pan. The *agriturismo* prides itself on using mostly organic ingredients and working towards complete organic conversion.



"Chi mangia sano, va lontano!"

He who eats well goes far.

Humanitarian assistance program supports immigration efforts in Greece

By **Chiara Mattiolo**
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LIVORNO -- In 2015, more than 850,000 migrants passed through Greece en route to Europe. Thus far in 2016, monthly rates far exceed previous years. Borders have closed northward migrant travel, and larger numbers of people are pooling in Greece. The government's concern is that immigration will soon overwhelm the country's capacity to provide shelter and care.

With this in mind, the Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP) in Livorno recently provided assistance in the form of blankets, refrigerators and more.

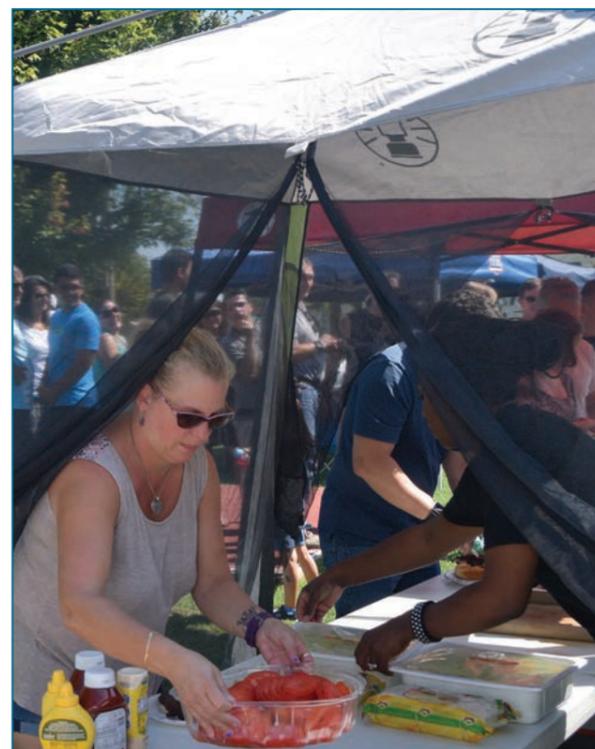
According to Richard Simpson, manager of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency HAP-Excess Property, HAP is a means to accomplish peacetime engagements as well as strengthen U.S. relations with other nations through humanitarian assistance and disaster response.

The Livorno unit recently provided six 40' high cube containers of supplies in the form of beds, mattresses, blankets, refrigerators, freezers and generators, as well as a 40' flatbed containing trailer-mounted generators to support the refugee crisis in Greece, Simpson said.

"Since its successful completion on September 2, HAP is looking forward to supporting more efforts to help with the refugee crisis that is currently unfolding in the European Theater," said Simpson.



Simone Bonechi, warehouse employee with the Humanitarian Assistance Program in Livorno, loads pallets of blankets on a container that will go to Greece in support of war refugees. (Courtesy photo)



Soldiers, family members and friends line up to enjoy the American-style barbecue lunch provided by the 509th Signal Battalion as volunteers help place food on tables. (Courtesy photo)

'Mighty 509th' strengthens bonds, builds esprit de corps

By **Capt. H Hannon**
509th Signal Battalion S1 OIC

VICENZA -- The 509th Signal Battalion is responsible for delivering and maintaining communications across 21 strategic communications sites throughout eight countries. With such an important mission, it is important for the Soldiers, civilians and families of the battalion to take time to relax.

So on Aug. 26, the 509th reinforced strategic partnerships with its Italian and sister units across USAG Italy by celebrating its annual organizational day. According to Maj. Brian Stieritz, 509th Signal Battalion executive officer, events like these are "a fundamental element of the 2nd Signal Brigade's approach to comprehensive fitness."

Every year, units across the Army host organizational days as a way to build comradery and teamwork while fostering esprit de corps. What made this organizational day unique was that 509th also invited other units from USAG Italy, including their international counterparts in the 7th Signal Regiment of the Italian army and elements of the Italian army garrison staff.

For 509th leadership, this event was just one example of their commitment to the Team Signal vision of "One Team, One Network, One Mission" and European Command's "Strong Europe," both of which focus on increasing relationships with allied and partnered nations.

When asked about the importance of organizational day, Spc. Kadja Manuel, who works in 509th S1, said, "Organizational day is an awesome opportunity for the battalion to gather as one and to build upon old relationships and create new ones."

During the event, the battalion and its guests competed in sports activities ranging from parents vs. kids dodgeball to soccer, with plenty of games for families and children of the battalion. Despite the popularity of the sporting events, the most favored event of the day was the American-Style barbecue lunch which offered a variety of foods from pulled pork to ribs cooked by the battalion's own Frank Hopkins.

During lunch, Sgt. Maj. Antonio Quaglia, the Italian garrison sergeant major, and Sgt. Maj. Albano Battistella, the Italian army liaison to 509th Signal Battalion, said they enjoy traditional American-style events like this because they provide an opportunity to taste traditional American food, strengthen friendships, and display show appreciation for the unit's members.

At the end of the event, Lt. Col. Brent Skinner, battalion commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Vasquez recognized the entire team and the junior enlisted Soldiers that planned, coordinated and executed this year's organizational day. Everyone who participated said they are already looking forward to next year's event.

Employee Spotlight

This week, the *Outlook* puts the spotlight on **Jeff Pagliaroli**, who works for U.S. Army Garrison Italy at Camp Darby.

Position: Child & Youth Services Sports and Fitness Program Director

Overview of job/duties:

To advertise, offer and implement a variety of team and individual sports as well as health and fitness activities for CYS-registered children ages two and older.

Major accomplishment(s):

Successfully increased the number of children participating in team and individual sports and health and fitness activities at Camp Darby in the last two years. Also increased and enhanced the physical education program for Darby Middle School students by collaborating with Stephanie Boyanowski, through combining efforts and resources. Successfully trained new sports coaches/volunteers in the last two years in order to keep the program viable and productive. Maintained American Red Cross lifeguard certification so as to directly support CYS requirements for the School Age Center program and to be able to offer swim



(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

lessons for our youngest children.

What do you like best about your job?

"I have a balanced work environment such that I spend part of my time at my desk, and part of my time outside on the fields/courts. I also enjoy seeing [children] socialize in the context of a team sport because that environment has a lot of value, and I enjoy watching our [children] learn new skills and improve athletically. I also enjoy teaching and coaching kids."



Chaplain Hotline

DSN 637-2273 (CARE),

comm. 0444-61-2273

News briefs

Masons Lodge welcome

George Washington #585 AF&AM, the oldest American military lodge in Italy, meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. All current Masons or those interested in Freemasonry may contact the Lodge secretary at e-mail george-washington 585@gmail.com for more information.

Sure Start pre-school

Sure Start is a free, full-day pre-school program at Vicenza Elementary School designed for children of Soldiers E-4 and below. Two classes will be available, with 18 students in each class. Children must be four years old by Sept. 1. Priority is given to children of sponsors E-4 and below, but all are welcome to apply. Head to the elementary school and fill out an application today.

High school lunch program

The Vicenza High School Student Meal Program (SMP) is administered by AAFES. To set up a lunch account, parents must visit the AAFES customer service desk. Please have student ID number available, printed on the student's schedule. Students will be given a 6-digit PIN to use when purchasing lunch. The PIN will deduct cost of meals from a prepaid account. Families on free or reduced meal programs also need a lunch account. For more information on lunch menus, prices and more, go to www.aafes.com/about-exchange/school-lunch-program/. Application forms for free and reduced lunch programs must be submitted online at <https://freeandreducedapps.aafes.com>. Housing allowance is not to be included in total income. For more information about the lunch program, contact the USAG Italy school liaison officer, Beth Potter, at beth.p.potter.naf@mail.mil or DSN 634-5998, comm. 0444-71-5998.

FEGLI open season

The Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program open season runs through Sept. 30. Open season elections may be made via the Employee Benefits Information System by choosing the open season option, or by speaking to an ABC-C benefits specialist at U.S. phone

numbers (877) 276-9287, (785) 240-2222, or DSN 314-520-2222 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central Standard Time. Additional information can be found at <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/life-insurance/open-season/> or at <https://www.army.mil/FederalBenefitsOpenSeason.html>.

Children's clothing swap

Join the Ederle Library for a children's clothing swap Sept. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring in the items your child has outgrown and swap it for something new. Only bring clean, gently-used clothing and shoes in sizes 0-5 years. Drop off items at the front desk starting Sept. 1 and no later than Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. Set-up time is 10:30 a.m. in the library conference room. Anything left in the conference room after 1 p.m. will be donated to the Thrift Shop.

Job fair

Transitioning service members, or those soon to be, are encouraged to attend the NCOA job fair Sept. 16 at the Del Din Fitness Center. The event takes place from 1-4 pm and is open to all job seekers. Employers will be on hand, so bring copies of your resume. For more information, go to ncoacareerexpos.org or contact USAG Italy SFL-Transition Assistance program manager at DSN 637-8151.

Arts & Crafts swap meet

The Arts & Crafts Center will have a swap meet, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crafters who have products they no longer want or need may be able to clear out craft rooms or bins. The center will be cleaning out their closets too, so there will be bargains galore. Only art crafts supplies and related equipment permitted. Call for more information, DSN 634-7074, comm. 0444-71-7074.

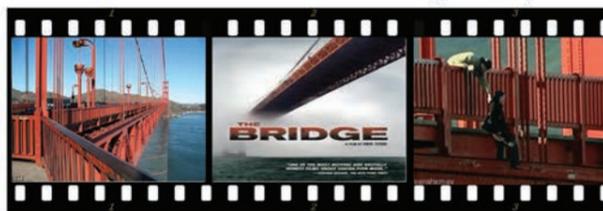
No-driving Sunday

September 18 has been declared a no-driving day in Vicenza from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in all ZTL (no traffic zone) areas. The ordinance applies to all vehicles, including SETAF registered vehicles. Vicenza city residents cannot



14 SEPT 16— *The Bridge*

Filmed at the San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge in 2004. The film captured a number of suicides, and featured interviews with family and friends of some of the identified people who had thrown themselves from the bridge that year.



WARNING: Movie contains graphic material. ASAP will panel a discussion after the movie.

21 SEPT 15 - *Suicide: The Unheard Cry*

The Unheard Cry is a U.S. Army film portraying five different types of personalities and the behavior and warning signs that indicate serious depression and possible suicide.



ASAP will panel a discussion after the movie.

Attendance counts towards the mandated Suicide Prevention Training

use their vehicles from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the historic city center and adjacent neighborhoods. Residents who need to drive their cars outside of city limits should do so before 9 a.m. There will be free parking at the soccer stadium and Via Cricoli parking lots; free buses will run 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Fines for violation of the policy range from 84 to 335 euro.

Poster/essay contest

The Antiterrorism Office on Caserma Ederle offers a poster/essay contest through Sept. 22. Open to all DoDDS students; submit entries at school. The theme is "How the War on Terrorism

has Affected My Family." Elementary and middle school students must submit poster entries, while high school students must provide essays. A \$100 AAFES gift card will be awarded to each winner at the Oct. 5 Info-X.

Vehicle fees go up

Effective Oct. 1, the vehicle registration cost will be \$30 and 5 euro per vehicle, as opposed to the current \$20 fee.

Contractor position open

Regional Health Contracting Office-Europe is seeking a licenced clinical mental health social worker for work at Camp Darby. Resumes must be submitted no later than Sept. 21. Interested, eligible candidates, U.S. citizens and local nationals may request copy of the Request for Quotation (RFQ) – W9114F-16-T-0090, by contacting Domenico Maddaloni at 0049-6371-9464-5414 or DSN 590-9414, or via email at domenico.maddaloni.ln@mail.mil.

Ederle Fall Bazaar

Vendors from north of the Alps and throughout Italy show and sell products at the Fall Bazaar Sept. 30, 4-8 p.m. Find something for everyone on your list! A few items shoppers will find include cheeses, beer, purses, wine, jewelry and art. Stop by the Golden Lion Conference Center on Caserma Ederle. Credit cards, dollars and euro (correct change only, please) are accepted.

Italian TV fee

A new annual Italian RAI television fee has been put into effect for individuals who own a private television whether they watch Italian TV or not. Service members and DoD civilians may request an exemption by obtaining the request for exemption form available at Housing. Contact Housing for more information, DSN 637-7950/51/52/53, comm. 0444-61-7950/51/52/53.

Submit news briefs to the editor by sending an email to usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.usag-vicenza-pao@mail.mil.



Suicide Awareness Month

Marcella Zappia, addiction recovery coach, blogger and former health and wellness radio talk show host, speaks about suicide, depression, domestic violence and addiction at the U.S. Army Health Clinic organization training Aug. 24 on Caserma Ederle. Zappia is a suicide attempt survivor who shared her story and offered insight to health providers on the installation. On Sept. 8 and 9, she spoke to an open audience on Ederle and one on Del Din as part of Suicide Awareness Month activities. (Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)



Oktoberfest 2016 takes place Sept. 17 through Oct. 3 in Munich, Germany. Attendees are encouraged to maintain vigilance throughout their visit. (Courtesy photo)

State Department offers tips for fun, safe Oktoberfest

The U.S. Department of State offers the following advice for visitors to Oktoberfest

Keep passports in a safe place. Make a good, clear copy to bring to the festival. This makes it less likely that the actual passport will be lost or stolen.

While at Oktoberfest, keep passport copy, cell phone, money and hotel address on your person, and preferably in a secure pouch or pocket.

Taking beer mugs from the Oktoberfest tents is considered a criminal offense. Purchase official mugs, that are approved to leave the grounds, from vendors. Police can tell the difference.

Don't forget that Bavarian beer is stronger than American beer. Drinking a "Maß" (one liter of beer) has the same alcohol content as a six-pack of American beer. Note: Bavarian authorities have a zero tolerance policy on illegal drugs.

What to do if ...

•You lose your passport:
Apply for a replacement at the Consulate. Bring at least \$135 (or Euro equivalent), a passport photo, and whatever picture ID you have.

•You lose your money:
Contact family/friends and ask them to send money via Western Union. Transfers can be made 24/7 online at www.westernunion.com.

Pick up money either at a Reisebank (located at major train stations or airports) or at the German post office.

•You lose your credit card:
Call your credit card company to report it lost or stolen. The numbers are below.
Visa: 0800-811-8440
Mastercard: 0800-819-1040
AMEX: +1-336-393-1111 (USA)

Oktoberfest emergencies

Police and Red Cross are both located at the *Servicezentrum* (behind the Schotthamel tent).

Lost & Found is located at the Service Center basement; the entrance is in the *Festleitung*. It is open daily from Sept. 17 to Oct. 3, 1-11 p.m. They cannot be contacted by telephone, only in person or by e-mail at Fundbuero.kvr@muenchen.de. Anything lost in beer tents (wallets, passports, keys, cellphones, purses) will be turned in to that office, but expect a delay between loss and items showing up for claim.

Security Point

Anyone who feels threatened or harassed or needs information, help or advice should visit the *Sichere Wiesn* security point located below the Bavaria statue in the Service Center. It is open daily from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., and every

Saturday from 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Call at 89-502-22366. Email www.sicherewiesn.de.

Tips for a fun visit

•Wearing *Tracht* (traditional Bavarian dress) at Oktoberfest is encouraged, and fun, but not required. Note: Many *Dirndls* have a hidden pocket, a great place to keep money, identification and emergency contact information.

•Munich may be one of the safest cities in the world, but where there are crowds, there are pickpockets, and Oktoberfest brings out the pros. Keep a close eye on personal belongings, especially on mass transit.

•Do not bring luggage, packs or large purses to Oktoberfest. They won't be allowed inside the grounds due to security precautions. The rules are similar to U.S. professional sports stadium security rules. Expect to be searched at the outer perimeter.

•Know how to get back to your lodging. Public transportation runs all night, but it won't be useful if you don't know which *U-Bahn* or *S-Bahn* stop to use, or the name or address of your hotel. Keep that information on your person.

•There are emergency phones located on the light poles of the Oktoberfest grounds. Pick one up; there will be a police officer on the other end.

•In beer tents, guests are allowed to stand on benches and sing. Join in the singing! However, dancing on the tables is not allowed.

•Do not smoke inside tents. Each tent has an outside smoking area for smokers.

•Avoid disputes with other Oktoberfest attendees. Guests who get into fights will be arrested. Hitting someone with a beer mug is an "assault with a deadly weapon," and usually results in prison time.

•Do not sleep in the park outside the Oktoberfest grounds. Thieves and pickpockets are always on the lookout for vulnerable *Bierleichen* (beer corpses).

•Police may ask for ID at any time. Some police are not dressed in uniform, but in plain clothes. Make sure to always have a copy of passport. Patrons may also ask to see police IDs, which are laminated cards, not badges.

•When talking to the police, patrons are always allowed to request an English-speaking police officer. However, expect to be escorted to where that English-speaking police officer is located, usually the police station

(U.S. Department of State)

At the movies



The Wild Life

Times are good for Mak the parrot, Scrubby the goat, Carmello the chameleon and the rest of the wildlife that inhabit a tropical island. Their day-to-day routine gets shaken up when a mysterious creature washes up on shore. He's a sailor named Robinson Crusoe, and he's the only human survivor of a terrible storm that destroyed his ship. As the animals get to know their peculiar new guest, they find him to be a useful ally when two conniving cats try to seize control of their exotic paradise. (Rated PG)

Sept. 9	7 p.m.	The Wild Life (PG)
	10 p.m.	Sully (PG-13)
Sept. 10	3 p.m.	Sully (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	When the Bough Breaks (PG-13)
Sept. 11	3 p.m.	Sully (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	When the Bough Breaks (PG-13)
Sept. 14	7 p.m.	The Wild Life (PG)
Sept. 15	7 p.m.	Sully (PG-13)
Sept. 16	7 p.m.	Snowden (R)
	10 p.m.	Bridget Jones's Baby (R)
Sept. 17	3 p.m.	The Wild Life in 3D (PG)
	6 p.m.	Snowden (R)
Sept. 18	3 p.m.	When the Bough Breaks (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Bridget Jones's Baby (R)
Sept. 21	7 p.m.	Snowden (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

Chapel activities

Chapel Services (VICENZA)

VMC Chapel, Building 29
Phone: 637-7575

Sunday schedule

Post Chapel	
9-10 a.m.	Roman Catholic Mass
11 a.m.-noon	General Protestant Worship Service
1:30-3 p.m.	Gospel Worship
5-6 p.m.	Contemporary Protestant Worship Service

Protestant Women's Bible Studies

Post Chapel	
9:15 a.m.-noon	Tuesdays (Childcare)
5:30-7 p.m.	Tuesdays

Protestant Men of the Chapel

Bible Study, Post Chapel	
5:30-7 p.m.	Tuesdays

Saint Mark's Catholic Women of the Chapel

Post Chapel	
9 a.m.-noon	Wednesdays (Childcare)

Youth of the Chapel

High School	5-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Call chapel for location.	

Bible/book studies

Chapel Activity Room, Building 29

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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

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

Jewish: Call chapel for more information.

Del Din Soldier Ministry

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

Chapel Services (CAMP DARBY)

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

Sunday schedule

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study

9:30 a.m.	Tuesdays
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VENETO & NEARBY

No Driving Sunday

September 18 has been declared a “no driving day” in Vicenza from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in all ZTL (no traffic zone) areas. The ordinance applies to all vehicles including SETAF registered vehicles. Vicenza city residents cannot use their vehicles during that time in the historic city center or adjacent neighborhoods. If residents need to drive their cars outside city limits, they must do so before 9 a.m. Free parking at the stadium and Via Cricoli parking lots and free buses from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fines for violation range from €84 to €335.

La Partita a Scacchi a personaggi viventi Live Chess Game

Sept. 9-10, 9 p.m., **Sept. 11**, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., Marostica, Piazza degli Scacchi, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Visit the following website to purchase tickets or stop by the Outdoor Recreation office to sign up for one of several bus trips. This event regularly sells out. <http://www.marosticascacchi.it/en/partitaascacchi/ticket.html#1>

Fiera del Soco Tree Trunk Fair

Sept. 9-15, Grisignano di Zocco, Via Ungaretti, Via Serenissima, Via Garibaldi and Via Cedri, about 12 miles southeast of Vicenza. *Soco* means “tree trunk” – it derives from a 1250 apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary by a tree trunk. It is a large, annual market with hundreds of booths, exhibitions and carnival rides; local products; art exhibitions; workshops. Food booths open at 7 p.m. <http://www.vicenzae.org/eng/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2016/09/09/14328/-/antica-fiera-del-soco>

ViviFestival

Sept. 9-10, 4 p.m.-1 a.m., **Sept. 11**, 2 p.m.-midnight; Vicenza, Campo Marzo, Viale Roma. Food booths, live rock, rap, hip hop, and jazz music, entertainment for children and adults. <http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/154466>

Notte Bianca White Night

Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. - midnight, Vicenza, Corso Fogazzaro, Via Cesare Battisti, Piazza delle Poste. Evening of shopping and fun downtown Vicenza; stores open until 11 p.m.; concerts, street artists, and dancing. [its-to-the-palladian-basilica-living-room-loggia-2881](http://www.palladian-basilica-living-room-loggia-2881).

Made in Malga Cheese Festival

Sept. 9-11, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Asiago, Piazza Carli. Local cheese exhibit, tasting and sale; cheese, butter, soap and whistle-making workshops. Live music starts at 9 p.m.; entrance fee: €15. http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_made_in_malga_2016evento_nazionale_formaggi_di_montagna_asiago8-11_settembre/

Future Vintage Festival

Sept. 9, 3-9 p.m., **Sept. 10-11**, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Centro San Gaetano, Via Altinate 71. The most important Italian fair about vintage, new trends, fashion, lifestyle, digital marketing and design. Free entrance to exhibit and workshops; €5 (valid for three days) to the Expo area (sales, vintage expo). <http://www.vintagefestival.org/>

Festa nella Storia fra Medioevo e Rinascimento Medieval Festival

Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m., **Sept. 10**, 2-11 p.m., Poiana Maggiore, Via Castello 93. Free entrance. **Sept. 9**, Guided tours to Villa Poiana; Renaissance dinner; 10 p.m. night shows **Sept. 10**, 2 p.m., reenactment of medieval military battle fields; medieval market; street artists, jesters and falconers demonstrations; 5:30 p.m. historical parade. Free entrance. <http://www.vicenzatoday.it/eventi/festa-nella-storia-tra-medioevo-e-rinascimento-a-pojana-maggiore.html>

Sagra dei Ossi de Mas'cio Pork Meat Festival

Sept. 9-11, Longare; 7 p.m. Food booths featuring pig bones dishes and other local specialties open at 7 p.m. Live music and dancing from 9:45 p.m. <http://www.vicenzatoday.it/eventi/sagre/sagra-dei-ossi-de-mascio-a-longare.html>

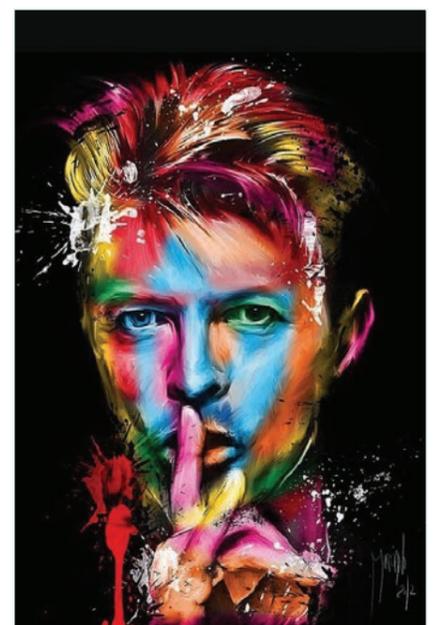
Festa della Ceramica



Hot Air Balloon Festival, Ferrara



Rice Fair, Isola della Scala



David Bowie Exhibit, Bologna

Ceramic Festival

Sept. 9-11, Nove, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Open doors: local artists' ceramic techniques demonstrations, from working with a potter's wheel to modeling ceramics and ceramic painting. **Sept. 9**, 6 p.m. Ceramic exhibit opening at Mulino Antibon Barettoni Bortoli, Via Molino Vecchio; 9 p.m. Novae Terrae Jazz Concert, in Piazzetta Museo; ticket €8, reduced €5 **Sept. 10**, 10 a.m. Canadian artist Jenna Basso Pietron, exhibit and ceramic art show, at Terramica, Via Martini 17. Welcome buffet; 7 p.m., Raku performance in Via Molino Vecchio; 10:30 p.m., in Piazza de Fabris, woodfire and pottery performance. **Sept. 11**, 10 a.m. Ceramic exhibit and sale; 5 p.m. Fox Hunting, a collective game for all participants; 6 p.m., expert potters will be blindfolded and compete in reproducing a mysterious object; 8-9 p.m. award ceremony for top three best ceramic creations <http://www.festadellaceramica.it/>

Festa del Gnocco Gnocco Festival

Through Sept. 11, in Selva di Trissino, about 19 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths feature a variety of gnocchi dishes and other local specialties and local wines; bounce houses and lighted parking available; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; magic shows and games for children. <http://www.festadellaceramica.it/>

Ferrara Balloon Festival

Sept. 9-18, Ferrara, Bassani Park, Via Riccardo Bacchelli, about 70 miles south of Vicenza. Admission fee: Saturday-Sunday €5 (free for children under 12); free entrance Monday-Friday. Free parking and shuttle service from the main parking lot downtown Ferrara. For detailed information in English, visit <http://www.ferrarafestival.it/en>.

Festa del Baccalà alla Vicentina Dried Cod Fish Festival

Sept. 13-26, Sandrigo, about nine miles north of Vicenza. Exhibit and sale of local products, Sept. 17 and Sept. 24, 5:30-10 p.m., Sept. 18 and Sept. 25, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; old trades show on Sept. 17-18 in Piazza Marconi 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Food booths featuring gnoc-

chi with cod fish, Vicentine cod fish with polenta and many other local specialties open at 7 p.m.; gnocchi and bigoli-making demonstrations. Live music and dancing nightly at 9 p.m. in Piazza Garibaldi. <http://baccalaallavicentina.it/programma-festa-del-baccala-2015/>

Fiera del Riso Rice Fair

Sept. 14-Oct. 9, in Isola della Scala (Verona), about 42 miles southwest of Vicenza. Open Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-midnight; Saturdays 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-midnight. The largest Italian event dedicated to rice and risotto; it will host chefs from many Italian regions who will cook their specialties during the fair. Exhibits, sporting events, shows, live music and gastronomic competitions. Free entrance. <http://www.fieradelriso.it/it/fiera-del-riso>

Festa del Riso Rice Festival

Sept. 16-21, Grumolo delle Abbadesse, about 9 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring a local rice dishes and other specialties open at 7:30 p.m.; local products exhibit and sale; free entrance; live music and entertainment every night from 8:30 p.m. Fireworks on Sept. 11. www.festadelriso.it

Festa della Zucca Pumpkin Festival

Sept. 16-18 and **Sept. 22-25**, in Ghizzole (Montegaldella), about nine miles southeast of Vicenza. Pumpkin exhibit and sale; food booths open at 7 p.m. **Sept. 16**, 3-6 p.m. Pumpkin delivery and registration for best carving; 9 p.m., country music night with free dance workshop. **Sept. 17**, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Pumpkin delivery and pumpkin contest registration; 3 p.m. donkey rides for children; 8:30 p.m. sport dance shows; 10 p.m. live music **Sept. 18**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., old trades' reenactment, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. pumpkin cooking workshops; 4 p.m. best pumpkin award ceremony; 9:30 p.m. Latin-American music and dancing. **Sept. 19**, 8:30 p.m. Free yoga workshop; 9:30 p.m. live music



Medieval Festival, Signa

Sept. 22, 9:30 p.m., Folk music and dancing
Sept. 23, 10 p.m., Live rock music
Sept. 24, 3 p.m., Donkey rides for children; 3:30 p.m. pumpkin-carving workshop; 8:30 p.m. Latin Caribbean dances; 10 p.m. live music
Sept. 25, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Old trades' reenactment; 9 p.m. live music. <http://www.prolocomontegaldella.it/>

David Bowie Is - Exhibition

Through Nov. 13, Bologna, Museum of Modern Art, Via Don Minzoni 14. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (ticket counter closes at 6 p.m.); Thursdays, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. (ticket counter closes at 10 p.m.). <http://davidbowieis.it/en/>

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Baviera Fest Bavarian Festival

Through Sept. 11, Venturina Terme (Campiglia Maritima, Livorno). Food booth featuring typical German food and beers open at 7:30 p.m.; 9 p.m. live music and dancing. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=4&city=&date=13&page=1&post=2089>

Sagra dell'Uva Grape Festival

Through Sept. 11, Montemurlo (Prato). Food booths featuring a great variety of local products and specialties with grapes open at 8 p.m.; live music and dancing. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=4&post=756>

Sagra del Fi Fig Festival

Through Sept. 11, Carmignano (Prato), Via Molinaccio 7. Food booths featuring figs in a variety of local dishes and other specialties open at 7:30 p.m. Live music and dancing start at 9:30 p.m.; Sept. 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., local crafts exhibit and sale. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=3&post=269>

Festa Medievale nel Castello Medieval Festival at the Castle

Sept. 9-10, 6 p.m. to midnight, Signa (Florence), Via Dante Alighieri. Medieval shows involving more than 200 artists and extras in historical re-enactments, battles, medieval music and dances; fire-eaters, jugglers and acrobats; taste the local food specialties at the various dining options in the ancient village. Free entrance. <http://trova-eventi.it/signa-mercato-xxii-festa-medievale-signa/>

Sagra del Fungo Porcino Porcino Mushroom Fair

Sept. 9-11, Montebonello (Pontassieve, Florence). Food booths feature many local specialties and open at 7 p.m.; from 9 p.m. live music. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=3&post=267>

Sagra della Ranacchiocciola Frog and Snail Fair

MARKETS VENETO

Vicenza: Sept. 11, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

Lonigo: Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Montegrotto (Padova): Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza 1° Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza (about 70 vendors)

Portobuffolè (Treviso): Sept. 11, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza (250 vendors)

Villafranca (Verona): Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Piazza Castello

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

Creazzo: Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza San Marco

Cittadella (Padova): Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown

Este (Padova): Sept. 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: Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

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

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

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

Sept. 9-11 and Sept. 16-18, Montespertoli (Florence). Food booths featuring a great variety of frog, snail and chicken specialties open at 7:30 p.m., and at noon on Sundays; 9 p.m. live music and entertainment. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=6&post=257>

Rievocazione Storica Historical re-enactment

Sept. 10-11, Montopoli Val D'Arno (Pisa), Piazza Catruccio Castracani. Ancient medieval market, flag-throwers, storytellers, swords duels; food stands feature local and medieval specialties. Archers come from all over Italy to perform spectacular precision shots. Entrance fee: €6 (valid for both days). <http://www.montopoli.net/Montopoli-Live-Contest.htm>

Pasta Nostram Our Pasta Festival

Sept. 10-11, in Pieve di Santa Luce (Pisa), Via Colline 1. Food booths featuring local pasta specialties and much more open at 7 p.m. and, on Sept. 11, also at noon; local products sampling and sale; Sept. 11 from



MARKETS TUSCANY

Bolgheri (Livorno): Sept. 10-11, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets

Firenze (Tuscany): Sept. 11, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

Forte dei Marmi (Lucca): Sept. 10-11, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante

Livorno: Sept. 11, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

Montepulciano (Siena): Sept. 10-11, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande

Piombino (Livorno): Sept. 10-11, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci

Pisa: Sept. 10-11, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

Pistoia: Sept. 10-11, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Pertini

Vicopisano (Pisa): Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca

Pontedera (Pisa): Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown

Certaldo (Florence): Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio and Via 2 Giugno

Florence: Sept. 17-18, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

Lucca: Sept. 17-18, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): Sept. 17-18, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): Sept. 18, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

Quarrata (Pistoia): Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

3 p.m., homemade pasta and bread demonstrations and entertainment for children.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=6&post=1888>

Sagra del Cacciucco e Gamberoni alla Griglia Cacciucco and Grilled Shrimp Festival

Sept. 10-11 and Sept. 17-18, Rufina (Florence); Via Don Minzoni. Food booths open at 7 p.m. and on Sundays, also at noon; they feature the famous cacciucco, a mix of seafood prepared from leftovers of the fishermen's daily catch, cooked in tomato sauce and laid on a slice of roasted bread rubbed with garlic. Fried and grilled fish, steaks and local wines.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=7&post=147>

Sagra del Cinghiale Wild Boar Festival

Sept. 10-11, Castelfranco di Sotto (Pisa). Food booths featuring wild boar specialties and other local dishes open at 7 p.m. Live music and dancing start at 9:30 p.m.; fireworks Sept. 11 at 11:30 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pi/castelfranco-di-sotto/sagra-del-cinghiale-castelfranco.html>

Assedio alla Villa - Rievocazione storica Siege at the Villa - Historical reenactment

Sept. 16-18, 5-11 p.m., Poggio Caiano (Prato); Piazza dei Medici, Via Cancellieri, and Via Caiani. This event commemorates the visit of Princess Joan of Austria on her way to marry Grand Duke Francesco de' Medici in 1565. Renaissance-style market, musicians, shows with falconers, flag-throwers, magicians and more. Free wine tasting. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=7&post=1367>

For a comprehensive list of festivals, concerts and upcoming sporting events, please see our Pinterest page at www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza.

*Event times and locations are correct at the time of publication but could change. Please check before going.

Family & MWR Events

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

English as a Second Language

Sept. 12 & 19, 2-4 p.m.

Sept. 16 & 23, 9 a.m.-noon

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

English as a Second Language introduces clients to the fundamentals of the English language. Participants can enjoy learning and speaking basic English together. Registration is ongoing. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Darby Host Nation Orientation

Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 504, Camp Darby

Benvenuti is a welcome to those new in the community to learn about the Italian language, foods, a new city, and much more. A great opportunity to network, make friends and learn about Italy's culture. Register with Darby ACS.

Financial Fitness

Sept. 13 & 20, 9-10:30 a.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Take control of your money through personal financial management and planning. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500 for more information.

FRG Academy: AIT

Sept. 13 & 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

The Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course is the second of a three-course concept of the FRG Academy. This is the first time AIT is being offered here. Army Community Service encourages Soldiers, DoD civilians, and their family members to participate. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500 for more information.

Creating Your First Resume

Sept. 13, 10-11 a.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Join ACS for this hands-on workshop focused on developing a clear, concise, and compelling resume. This workshop is specific to private industry employment. Sign up by Sept. 12.

Breakfast at Del Din

Sept. 15, 7:30-9 a.m.

Bldg. 2, Del Din

Army Community Service offers breakfast to the Del Din community. Soldiers and the community will have the opportunity to learn about the Exceptional Family Member Program while enjoying breakfast. Representatives from other programs will also be available to provide information and answer questions about their programs. Enjoy a free breakfast on us! No registration required; just stop by.

Federal Employment for Spouses

Sept. 20, 10-11 a.m.

CPAC, Bldg. 327, Caserma Ederle

Are you a military or civilian spouse looking to land a job with the federal government? Learn about federal employment directly from Civilian Personnel Advisory Center representatives. Register by Sept. 19 with Army Community Service, Bldg. 108.

Romp-n-Stomp Playgroup

Sept. 21 & 28, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 395, Caserma Ederle

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

Benvenuti Registration

Sept. 23, ACS, Bldg. 108

Caserma Ederle

Benvenuti means "welcome" in Italian. This program is a welcome to newcomer spouses to the Italian language, foods, a new city and much more. A great opportunity to network, meet new spouses and make friends as well as enjoy learning the culture. Three days, Oct. 19-21.

ARTS & CRAFTS

SKIES Parent & Me: Love to Dance

Sept. 13-Dec. 15, Tuesdays, \$104

9:30-10:15 a.m., Bldg. 308

Caserma Ederle

Love to Dance will introduce young dancers to the foundation of dance for ballet, jazz, and tap dance. Students will exercise and build motor skills. Parent participation is required; for children ages 3-5. Enroll at CYSS Parent Central Services or on Webtrac. There are also classes in ballet, tap dance and more.

Lego Club

Sept. 13, 20 & 27, 3:30-5 p.m.

Ederle library, Caserma Ederle

Join the library staff for free building, or work with friends on a project. All creations will be put on display. For youth ages 4 to 12; meets every Tuesday. Legos are provided but donations are welcome.

Adult Latin Dance Workshops

Sept. 13, 20 & 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bldg. 308, Caserma Ederle

Step into Latin dancing with these ongoing workshops taught by a black belt salsa-certified instructor. Latin dancing is a great way to get in shape while learning a new skill. Workshops are structured for both partners and individuals. Students may come to one or all workshops. No experience necessary. For information, contact Soldiers' Theatre. Sign up and register, DSN 634-7281, comm. 0444-71-7281.

Pre-school Story Time

Sept. 15, 22 & 29, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Ederle library, Caserma Ederle

Join the library staff for story time, each week with a different theme. For children ages 3 to 5. Make a craft, listen to stories and meet new friends.

Messy Art

Sept. 16, 10-10:45 a.m. \$5

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Geared for children ages nine months to four years. Learn the benefits of introducing art to your child(ren) early on. Children will enjoy exploring paint, water, clay and more.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Zumba®

Sept. 12, 16, 23, 26 & 30

10:30-11:30 a.m.

\$3 each/\$25 for 10 sessions

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. Open to all skill levels.

BOSS Morning Bike Ride

Sept. 13 & 20, 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 esti-

mated distance, time and elevation gain. New and experienced riders 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.

Power Pump

Sept. 12, 14, 16, 19, 21 & 23, 9-10 a.m.,

\$3 each/\$25 for 10, Ederle Fitness Center

Classes contain eight separate muscle-group-specific songs or "tracks" along with an opening warmup track and closing cool-down track. Ticket must be purchased from the desk and presented to the instructor at the start of class.

Kettlebell AMPD

Tuesdays & Thursdays in September

9-10 a.m., \$3 each/\$25 for 10

Ederle Fitness Center

This class takes heart-pumping music and kettlebell moves and combines them into 60 minutes of calorie-torching fun. For all fitness levels.

Warrior Yoga

Sept. 12, 19 & 26, noon

\$3 each/\$25 for 10

Del Din Fitness Center, Del Din

This class will most likely appeal to people who are already quite fit and enjoy exercising. All levels of experience welcome.

Sunrise Yoga

Sept. 13, 15, 20 & 22, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

\$3 each/\$25 for 10

Ederle Fitness Center

This class will most likely appeal to people who are already quite fit and enjoy exercise. Prepare to work hard and work up a sweat.

Slow Flow Yoga

Sept. 1, 6 & 8, 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$3

each/\$25 for 10

Ederle Fitness Center

This is a vinyasa series class meaning breath is linked to movement and is moderately paced so you will learn the fundamental asanas (postures) and principles that create a successful and effective yoga practice. For the beginner.

TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

Family Movie Night

Sept. 11, 15, 18, 20 & 25

6-8 p.m., The Arena, Caserma Ederle

Every Thursday and Sunday, the Arena dims the lights, switches on the screens and tunes into the latest family-friendly movies. For \$29.95, your family will enjoy two hours of bowling for up to six people; one large cheese pizza, six bottled beverages of your choice and free shoe rental.

Insider Travel: Pet-Friendly Travel

Sept. 13, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$15

ODR Travel & Tasting Room

Caserma Ederle

Italy loves pets, but it can be confusing trying to travel with your furry friends. If you're planning to travel with your pet in Italy, there are a few rules that need to be followed. Learn the ins and outs with our local expert. Topics to cover are train and bus travel and where to stay in Italy with pets. Bring a notebook and writing instrument.

Tour of the Carrara Marble Quarry

Sept. 17, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., \$85

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Travel to beautiful Tuscany to experience the history and beauty of the

world-famous Carrara Marble Quarry. Since Roman times marble has been extracted from these quarries. More recently this location was used during the intense opening chase scenes in the James Bond film "Quantum of Solace." Includes transportation, Carrara Marble visit and small food tasting.

Oktoberfest Express in Munich

Sept. 24, 3 a.m., \$125

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Oktoberfest is a 16-day festival held in Munich, Bavaria, that lasts from late September to the first week in October. Oktoberfest is one of the most famous events in Germany, as well as one of the biggest and most famous festivals in the world. Two separate buses will travel to Munich; the bus departing from Del Din is intended for the "party" crowd, while the bus leaving from Ederle will be more relaxed for families and those wanting to sleep on the way home. No switching buses will be allowed once we have departed. Passport required.

Adriatic Sea Fishing

Sept. 24, 4 a.m.-4 p.m., \$85

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Enjoy a day with Outdoor Rec on a local fishing charter on the Adriatic with plenty of fresh air and the chance to catch some 3-6 lb. Mackerel. We'll board the fishing charter, anchor off of a known fishing area and sit stationary for several hours. The trick for this type of fishing is to set hooks at the proper depth and be ready to set the hook when you feel a strike. This type of fishing requires patience and attention to detail. Rods provided by Outdoor Rec (if needed) and bait will be provided on board. Includes transportation, equipment, tackle and lunch.

Pasta Factory & Oil Mill Tour in Tuscany

Sept. 24, 5 a.m.-9 p.m., \$105

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Visit an artisanal pasta factory where spaghetti and penne are made in the "old way" before we head off to a castle and an olive oil production farm. Includes transportation, pasta factory tour, oil mill tour and castle tour. Children 2 and younger are free.

Youth Center: Medieval Times

Sept. 24, 5 p.m., \$35

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Join us as we venture back in time to witness epic jousting tournaments, sword fights and a memorable medieval meal. Medieval Times is a dinner theater featuring staged medieval-style games, sword fighting and jousting performed by a cast of 75 actors and 20 horses. The show takes place in a replica of a 11th century castle. Open to grades 6-12 but must be registered with CYSS.

Insider Travel: Venice

Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$10

Travel & Tasting Room, ODR

Caserma Ederle

It may be beautiful, but Venice has a reputation for being unkind to its visitors, who often return with tales of rip-offs and unfriendly locals. Learn tips on how to visit Venice like a local and make more of your visits to Venice after this discussion and question-and-answer session. Topics covered include: where to stay, cheap and cheerful lunches, weekend favorites, tourist traps, where to drink, gondolas and more.

*Editor's note: This list is not all-inclusive. To view a full list of activities, visit the MWR page, <http://italy.armymwr.com/europe/italy>.