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### Fun Facts

• **Leonardo da Vinci was the illegitimate son of a Florentine notary and a peasant girl. He was born in 1452 near the town of Vinci, not far from Pisa. Leonardo epitomized the ideal Renaissance man. He is best known as a painter but also excelled as an artist, sculptor, architect, musician, engineer, inventor, scientist and writer.**

• **Italian explorers: Marco Polo was from Venice, and Christopher Columbus (Cristoforo Colombo) was from Genova.**

*(From The Complete Idiot's Guide to Italian History and Culture)*



On the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the United States, a mix of Italian and American service members, firefighters and dignitaries pay their respects at the "Memory and Light" memorial in Padova to all who lost their lives on that day. The City of Padova inaugurated the memorial in 2005. *(Courtesy photo)*

## 15 years since 9/11 We will not forget

By **Andrew Allen**  
USAG Italy Fire and Emergency Services

**PADOVA** -- On September 11, 2001, a horrific attack on the United States killed 2,753 citizens who represented 115 nationalities, 343 firefighters and 60 police officers. As the World Trade Center towers fell in New York City, the attack affected people all around the world.

Fifteen years later, American and Italian dignitaries, along with firefighters from U.S. Army Garrison Italy and the Padova *Vigili del fuoco* (firefighters), participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the "Memory and Light" memorial in Padova to honor those who perished.

Led by Wes Leisinger, USAG Italy deputy to the garrison commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dennison, USAG Italy, and Arthur Doss, assistant fire chief, the USAG Italy firefighters paid honor to everyone who lost their lives and pledged to continue to carry the torch and "Never Forget."



Padova Fire Department Captain (Expert Team) Nabissi Giuliano and USAG Italy Firefighter Manuel Pavan place the wreath in front of the memorial in Padova. *(Courtesy photo)*

"Memory and Light" was inaugurated in 2005 and is the only 9/11 memorial of its kind in all of Europe. It lies only a short distance from the famous frescoes

of the Scrovegni Chapel and the prestigious University of Padova (founded in 1222).

At the time of the memorial's inauguration, then-president of Italy Carlo Azeglio Ciampi said the work of art could be a symbol to increase awareness of the ideals of peace, democracy and solidarity.

The memorial's design represents an open book made of glass, with "pages" that resemble the facade of the Twin Towers. The position of one page points directly at the Statue of Liberty.

Embedded in the "book," visitors will see a six-meter beam that came from the South Tower of the World Trade Center. This is the only piece of the tower on the continent made into a memorial for remembrance.

City of Padova officials entrusted the memorial's design to Daniel Libeskind, master planner for the overall design and reconstruction of the entire new World Trade Center complex. Anyone with the desire to visit the memorial can use the following address for GPS: Via Giotto, 13, Padova, Italy 35137.

## DMC members honor anniversary in Lucca town

By **Silvia Pardini**  
DMC Command Branch

**LUCCA** -- Military leadership from Camp Darby attended a 9/11 commemorative event Sept. 11 in the town of Pietrasanta, Lucca.

The annual event, which took place in Piazza America, pays tribute to the 2,753 victims of the terrorist attacks in the United States. Thirty-seven Italians perished that day.

A sculpture created by renowned sculptor Beatrice Fineschi stands in the piazza; the piece represents the Twin Towers.

At the ceremony, Fineschi told David Leinberger, deputy garrison manager, that the Carrara marble used to build and shape the towers represents purity and innocence. Engraved on the towers are wheat and a dove, symbols of rebirth and peace.

Fineschi's "Tribute to the Heroes" is the first monument erected in Italy after



Vice Mayor Daniele Mazzoni (center with sash), representatives of the city administration and *Marina di Pietrasanta* Parson Don Alessandro Pierotti (far left) participated in the 9/11 ceremony in Pietrasanta. *(Courtesy photo)*

the tragic events of 9/11 and placed in the piazza in 2002. Vice Mayor of Pietrasanta, Daniele Mazzoni, presided over the ceremony.

"The U.S. relationship with Italians was cemented against a common enemy [on Sept. 11, 2001]," he said.

Leinberger also spoke at the ceremony

and reinforced the idea that the two countries have a strengthened bond since that day.

"We are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with our Italian allies against radical fanaticism that commits atrocities against mankind such as these attacks on September 11, 2001," Leinberger said.

## White House staffer blogs about Hispanic Heritage Month

By **Felicia Escobar**

Special Assistant to the President for Immigration Policy

**WASHINGTON (Sept.16)** -- Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! This is my seventh year celebrating it as a staffer at the White House, and it's hard to believe it will be the final one.

Growing up in a Mexican-American family in San Antonio, I was raised to be proud of both my Mexican and American heritage. I was taught the values of this country by my parents, grandparents and a very large network of extended family and friends. I was taught that anyone can achieve their dreams if they work hard. But I never thought I'd end up in the White House. And as someone who's worked on public policy and social justice issues all her life, I never thought I'd get the opportunity to be part of the progress we've made under this remarkable president.

Last night, President Obama kicked off the month with a speech celebrating the strides that Hispanic Americans have made together over the past eight years. He thanked the Hispanic American community for having his back and lifting him up. Trust me, you won't want to miss this one.

Under President Obama, we've brought back the economy from the brink and helped make sure more families have access to the same basic opportunities: a good-paying job, affordable health care, and a good ed-

ucation. Since the President took office, about 4 million more Hispanic Americans have health care than before, and more Hispanic students are graduating high school than ever before.

And last year, across every race and age group in America, incomes grew at the fastest rate on record -- and Hispanic American families had some of the fastest income growth.

I started my career fighting for DREAMers and am personally proud of our work to bring these inspiring young people out of the shadows and to keep families together. Through the President's executive actions to modernize our immigration system, more than 740,000 DREAMers have been able to contribute to the only country they've ever known.

But we all know there is more work to do. And while

we have not achieved our ultimate goal of passing common sense immigration reform, we have broadened and deepened the coalition of support, and I am confident we will get there because you will continue to fight for it.

As President Obama said last night, "Immigrants aren't somehow changing the American character; Immigrants ARE the American character."

When I reflect on the work we have left to do, I think of the values my family taught me in San Antonio, and of their boundless faith in this country: the idea that if we stay optimistic and stick together, progress is possible.

*Mil gracias.*



Celebrating  
**HISPANIC  
HERITAGE**

## Nation observes Hispanic Heritage Sept. 15-Oct. 15

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from mid-September to mid-October, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending October 15. It was enacted into law August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30-day period.

The term "Hispanic," as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race.

On the 2010 Census form, people of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or "other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino." More than 50.5 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the census, making Hispanics a significant cultural presence in the United States.

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## Speak Out

What do you like most about autumn?

By Laura Kreider & Chiara Mattiolo



**Helena M. Ota**  
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*"There is nothing better than leaves changing colors! Reds, orange, yellow and everything in between."*



**Lillian Russell**  
Family member

*"I like harvesting fruits and vegetables with my grandparents on their farm in South Dakota."*



**Stefania Lovato**  
Vicenza Commissary

*"I like celebrating my birthday, which happens to be during this season, on October 6."*



**Dario Senzacqua**  
405th Army Field Support Battalion

*"The leaves falling from the trees."*



**Davide Paoli**  
405th Army Field Support Battalion

*"To sleep with a blanket."*



**Amanda Newcomb**  
Girl Scouts of America

*"I love the colors of the leaves and enjoy the cool evenings."*

# Family members working in Italy illegally = trouble

**VICENZA** -- Family members living in Italy may be looking for ways to earn some extra cash and keep business skills sharp. Before taking that job on the economy or starting a home business, it is important to know that doing so may be illegal.

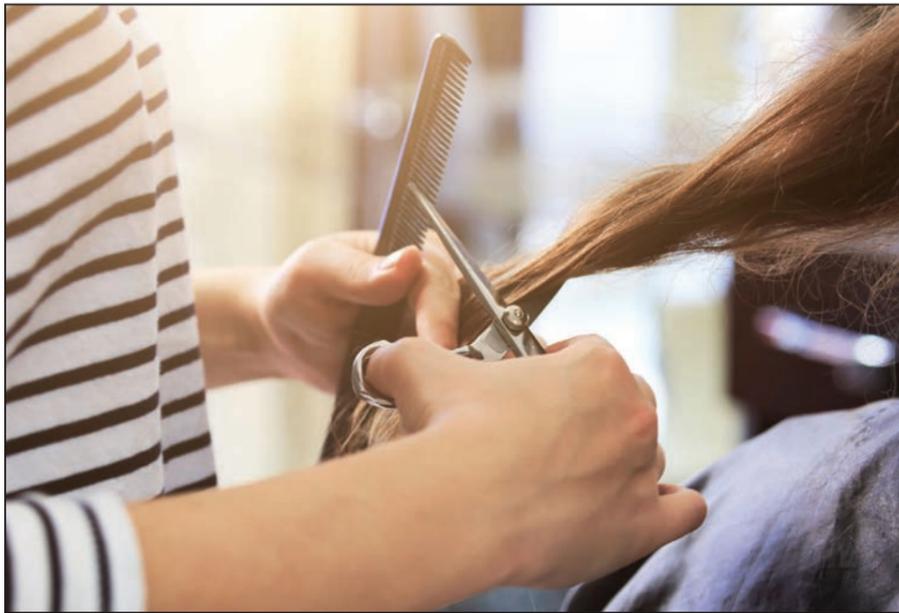
United States military members, civilian employees, contractors and their dependents in Italy live here under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). Military members on orders do not need a passport or visa to enter and remain in Italy. However, U.S. government civilian employees and all dependents who are not European Union citizens are required to possess a *Missione Visa* and *Missione Soggiorno* Permit. The Italian government issues these documents to those individuals solely for the purpose of the U.S. military mission and, therefore, they are entitled to "SOFA protected" status.

With a *Missione Visa* and *Missione Soggiorno Permit*, dependents are eligible to live in Italy for the duration of the sponsor's assignment in Italy. However, the visas and permits do not give anyone the authority to work in Italy for any organization other than local positions associated with the U.S. Armed Forces.

Employment in Italy by someone other than the U.S. forces (military, GS, NAF, and U.S. government contracted positions) requires an Italian Work Visa and Work Permit. This is true for Italian businesses, American-based businesses, telecommuting and home-based businesses.

If a person chooses to obtain an Italian work visa or work permit, he or she is declaring to the Italian government that he/she desires status as an "ordinary resident" of Italy.

That person is then responsible for the additional expenses ordinary Italian residents pay, such as Italian income taxes, contributions to the Italian social security



Running a home business such as providing hairstyling services or baking decorated cakes for special occasions is breaking the law if one is charging for more than cost incurred. Employment restrictions apply to those living and working in Italy while under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement. Check with the Legal Assistance Office with questions about the rules. (Courtesy photo)

system, payment of applicable health inspections, reports and other fees.

Working on the Italian economy for profit without an Italian Work Visa and Permit is a violation of Italian law and also may jeopardize command sponsorship and eligibility for individual logistical support with the U.S. Armed Forces.

A family member who obtains a job on the Italian economy as an ordinary resident will no longer be entitled to any "SOFA protected" privileges, including shopping in the PX and commissary, sending mail through the Military Postal System, driving SETAF registered vehicles, and purchasing gas coupons.

This is because the individual cannot claim the benefits of both "ordinary resident" and "NATO SOFA" statuses at the same time.

Ordinary residents are also responsible for all of the additional expenses that Italian residents incur, such as Italian income taxes and all those previously mentioned.

Additionally, ordinary residents cannot avail themselves of foreign criminal jurisdictional assertion or waiver rights under Article VII of the NATO SOFA. This means that if that person is accused of committing a crime in Italy, he/she is on his own within the Italian legal system.

Consider the following frequently asked questions:

**Can I operate a home-based business (e.g., MaryKay, Nerium, Scentsy, etc)?**

If a person is generating profit by work

performed while living in Italy, even on his/her computer, Italian law mandates a valid work visa and permit. Furthermore, using the APO for home-based business is prohibited.

**Can I maintain skills by providing my service for free but seek reimbursement for supplies - like baking cakes or coloring hair?**

Yes. Activities such as baking cakes or coloring hair would not be considered a profitable enterprise so long as any reimbursement is limited to the cost of supplies. It is important to note, however, that any payment for time, labor or expertise would be considered profit and would require a valid work visa and permit.

**Am I currently allowed to work for a U.S.-based corporation via computer (telecommuting)?**

Not at this time. Under host nation law, any labor performed for profit on Italian soil by persons with a *Missione Visa* and *Missione Soggiorno Permit* is prohibited unless he/she obtains a valid Italian work permit and visa – even if the individual is working for a U.S.-based business.

**Can I return to the United States during the summer and accept a temporary position?**

Yes. The employment restrictions outlined above apply to persons living and working in Italy while under the NATO SOFA agreement. These restrictions do not prevent one from working in the United States. Employment in the United States, however, must be in accordance with applicable state and federal employment guidelines.

Anyone with questions should contact the Legal Assistance Office at DSN 314-637-8834 or COMM at 0444-61-8834.



## Employer Day

Exchange Human Resources Assistants Melissa Zanfardini, center, and Laura Di Simone help out one of the participants in the Career Fair Employer Day held at the ACS Conference Room on Caserma Ederle Sept. 16. Several agencies supported the event, which was open to all transitioning military personnel, veterans and military spouses who have a Department of Defense-issued ID card.

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

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Firefighters use a ladder truck to search the upper floors of a partially collapsed building for survivors trapped and unable to get out after the 6.2-magnitude earthquake that struck central Italy Aug. 24. Close to 300 people were killed in the quake, according to Italy's Civil Protection Department. The central Apennine mountain belt is considered one of the most seismically active areas in Italy. (Courtesy photo)

# Earthquake prompts preparedness discussion

By **Andrew Allen**  
USAG Italy Fire and Emergency Services

**VICENZA** -- Earthquakes such as the one that took place recently in central Italy drive home the point to be prepared. How will you survive an earthquake, and then let rescuers and loved ones know where you are?

These are good questions to ask yourself, especially now as September is National Preparedness Month and the perfect time to come up with a plan.

During an earthquake, overload, damage or power loss will plague communication networks. It's important to learn how to use technology and social media to communicate and stay connected after any natural disaster.

Your smartphone is an important part of your emergency plan:

- Maintain and carry a hardcopy list or pocket card of important family and business contact numbers in case your phone is lost, stolen or the battery dies.
- Program "In Case of Emergency" contacts into your cell phone so emergency personnel can contact those people for you if you are unable to use your phone.
- Subscribe to text alert services from USAG Italy to receive alerts from the garrison in case of disaster.
- If you have to leave your home because of evacuation, forward your home phone number to your cell phone number.
- Learn how to use Facebook, Twitter, Skype and FaceTime. In some of the more recent disasters, phone communications were disrupted, but the Internet was working.
- Create an emergency list of family members in Facebook as a Group. It is a quick way to communicate and post updates to specific people.
- Teach family members, including the elderly, how to text. Text messaging services are less likely to experience network congestion during an emergency than phone services. Use texting, email or social media instead of making voice

calls on your cell phone to avoid tying up voice networks after an earthquake.

- Learn how to store important documents on one of the many free cloud services such as Dropbox, OneDrive, iCloud and Google Docs. You can access them from any location. With these applications, you also can assign access rights to share information or data with whomever you wish.
- Send documents to yourself and save them in a folder or flash drive if you do not use cloud applications.
- Subscribe to the Emergency Management social media sites and follow their updates during a disaster, emergency or significant event.
- Use social media to post your status to let family and friends know you are okay. In addition to Facebook and Twitter, you can use resources such as the American Red Cross's Safe and Well program: [www.redcross.org/safeandwell](http://www.redcross.org/safeandwell).

Official rescue teams who respond to the scene of earthquakes and other disasters around the world continue to advocate use of the internationally recognized "Drop, Cover and Hold On" protocol during earthquakes: DROP to the ground; take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table; and HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.

If there is no table or desk nearby, drop to the ground in an inside corner of the building and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms. Do not try to run to another room just to get under a table.

For more information, visit [http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA\\_Custom-ProductCatalog/m4240216\\_Earthquake.pdf](http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_Custom-ProductCatalog/m4240216_Earthquake.pdf).

School personnel conduct monthly drills on how to best respond to a wide range of emergencies. According to David Rudy, principal, Vicenza High School, if the school is evacuated, parents will be notified through command communication channels on where to report to pick up their children. Parents need to understand that, for accountability purposes, this will be done in an orderly manner that allows school staff to



Italian Red Cross workers walk through the town of Amatrice, in the province of Rieti, prepared to render aid to victims of the August earthquake that registered 6.2 in magnitude. (Courtesy photo)



Robert Trau-Massey (right), emergency manager, U.S. Army Africa, discusses ways to prepare families for natural disaster and other emergencies with Dee Young, CPAC NAF, Sept. 9 at the commissary on Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Karin J. Martinez, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)

track the whereabouts of every student in the school's custody. It is essential that parents follow the prescribed procedure and not make individual arrangements with their children by phone or text mes-

sage. For more emergency preparedness information, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Emergency Management, DSN 637-8015/8022, comm. 0444-66-8015/8022.

# Grassroots Army Family Action Plan undergoes changes

By **Helena M. Ota**  
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**VICENZA** -- The Army Family Action Plan is an Army-wide program created to address quality of life issues. AFAP works to engage Soldiers, families, survivors, retirees and civilians at all levels by identifying, prioritizing and elevating issues to senior leaders for action and resolution.

Since its inception in 1983, the AFAP remains the only such partnership between a branch of the United States military and its constituents. In fact, some issues are applicable beyond the local level and are the driving force behind the enactment of 129 pieces of legislation, 187 policy changes, and 212 improved programs and services throughout the military services and federal government.

Some examples of past successes include the transfer-

ability of the G.I. Bill to dependents, funding the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program, and an increase of SGLI from \$50,000 to \$400,000 for active-duty families.

As AFAP enters its 33rd year, the program has been re-structured to address constrained resources and restrictions on travel and conferences, while retaining the “voice of the customer.” AFAP issues will continue to be generated at the grassroots level and elevated to the Army Staff for review and endorsement.

In line with this change, the USAG Italy community is extending the program throughout the year with quarterly deadlines to submit issues. The next deadline for this fiscal year is Oct. 1. In place of a conference, U.S. Army Garrison Italy will host a community forum

Nov. 3 in the conference room outside of the Lion’s Den on Caserma Ederle. Participants will have the opportunity to present community issues and hear from subject-matter experts regarding those issues.

Anyone in the community can submit an issue to

AFAP. To submit, stop by the Army Community Service office, or go online through the MWR website. Army OneSource (www.myarmyonesource.com) also facilitates AFAP issue online submission and routes the issue to the

garrison/unit selected by the submitter for entry into the AFAP process.

Remember, AFAP makes a difference. The information community members submit gives insight to Army leadership and helps foster a satisfied, informed and resilient Army community.

*AFAP issues have been the catalyst behind 187 policy changes in the Army*

## Vicenza retirees



The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony took place at the Hoekstra Field Pavilion on Caserma Ederle Sept. 15 to recognize the service of members of U.S. Army Africa, 173rd Infantry Brigade (Airborne), and U.S. Army Vicenza Health Clinic. The retirees served for a total of 99 years. USARAF Deputy Commander Brig. Gen. Kenneth Moore (far left) and Sgt. Maj. Mark A. Clark USARAF G1, (far right) pose with retirees, from left: Col. Jay T. Allen; Maj. William L. Gettig; Maj. Noreen A. Mallory; Master Sgt. Richard L. Wasson III and Staff Sgt. Troy D. Davis. Find more photos at the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Flickr page, [www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza).

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



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# Army Europe G1 now accepting nominations for leadership award

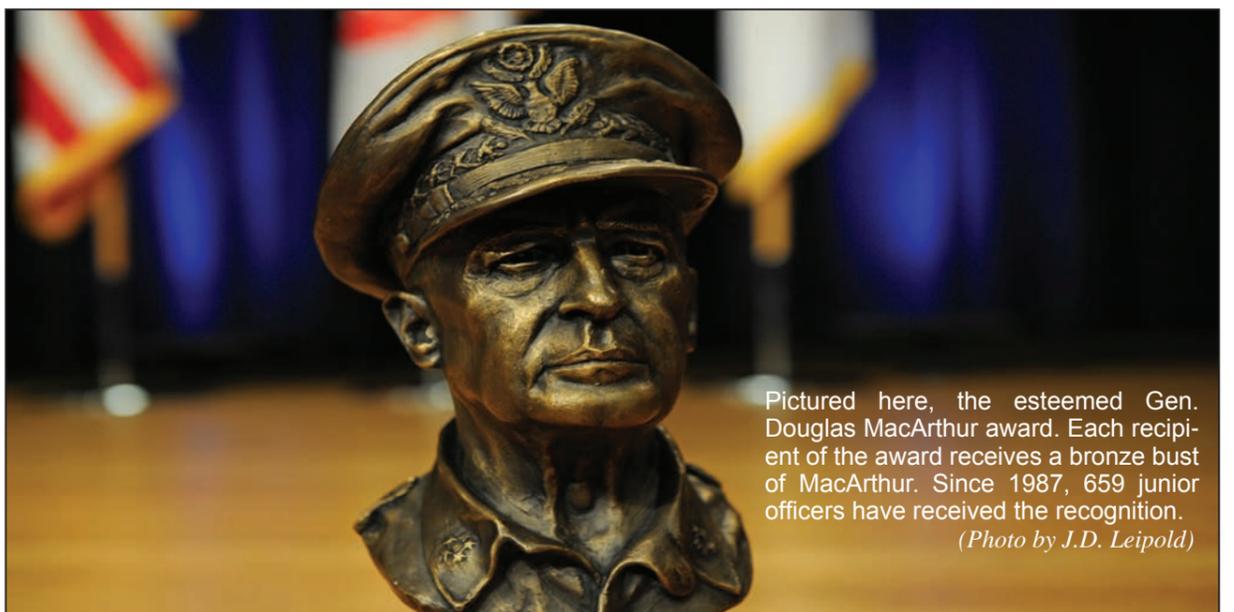
**WIESBADEN, Germany** -- The nomination window for the annual Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Awards competition is now open.

U.S. Army Europe G1 will accept packets until Nov. 4. All nominees will be evaluated on their overall leadership performance during 2016.

The GDMLA program was introduced in 1987 to recognize company-grade officers and junior warrant officers who demonstrate MacArthur’s ideals of “Duty, Honor, Country,” and have a proven record of extraordinary performance, leadership and achievement. It promotes and sustains effective junior officer leadership in the Army and is open to second lieutenants through captains and warrant officers through chief warrant officers 2. Packets must contain a variety of pieces and GDMLA program overseers are encouraging everyone to start the process as soon as possible.

The winners at the U.S. Army Europe level will move forward to compete against junior leaders from other major Army commands. Only a few select officers and warrant officers in the active, National Guard and Reserve components across the Army will receive the award.

General Douglas MacArthur Leadership awards are presented to 25 officers and 3 warrant officers annually. The Army Chief of Staff and a General Douglas MacArthur Foundation representative present the winners with



Pictured here, the esteemed Gen. Douglas MacArthur award. Each recipient of the award receives a bronze bust of MacArthur. Since 1987, 659 junior officers have received the recognition.

(Photo by J.D. Leipold)

an engraved 15-lb bronze bust of General MacArthur. The bust, sculpted by Zenos Frudakis, director, National Sculpture Society, is mounted on a walnut pedestal. The association of the U.S. Army presents each winner an engraved, commemorative watch. All winners receive a Commendation Memorandum from the Army Chief of

Staff. For more information on the eligibility and nomination requirements, contact your unit’s personnel office. For more information on the MacArthur Leadership Award Program, visit the Army G-1 website at <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/macarthur/default.asp>.

(U.S. Army Europe)

# DoD vows to bring home missing warriors, says Carter

By **Terri Moon Cronk**  
Defense Media Activity

**WASHINGTON --** The Defense Department re-committed itself to its solemn pledge to make every effort to bring home all of its missing men and women to their families, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said at the National Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Recognition Day ceremony on the Pentagon's River Terrace Parade Grounds Sept. 16.

"We're honored to be joined today by former POWs, individuals who endured captivity courageously and honorably during World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam," the secretary said.

"To the families attending today and around the world -- whether you've been reunited or are still waiting for your loved one -- thank you for your patriotism and courage in the face of uncertainty, and thank you for all you've given to this country."

## DoD's dedication

DoD works hard to meet its commitment to yesterday's personnel to honor their service and their families, Carter said.

"We know what it means to the men and women serving today. Those who will serve in the future and their families [should] see everything we're doing to provide the fullest possible accounting of those who served before," he told his audience. "They know we'll do the



National POW/MIA Recognition Day, observed on the third Friday of September, honors the sacrifices and service of Americans who were prisoners of war or are missing in action, and their families. (U.S. Army photo)

same for them."

Service members will stop at nothing to accomplish their missions -- whether they are called upon to stand with allies and stand up to Russia's aggression in Europe, manage change in the vital Asia-Pacific region, deter North Korea's provocations, counter Iran's malign activities, or defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and The Levant, Carter said.

## Saluting patriotism, courage, bravery

Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva, vice chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff, declared on behalf of Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and every service member, "We salute you for your patriotism, courage and bravery. Thank you for being here today.

"It is truly an honor to be here as we pay homage to often-unsung heroes," Selva said, noting that, "former POWs and their families have taught today's military the meaning of legacy of honor and duty [which] we strive to carry out every single day."

To the families of those still missing in action, Selva said their sacrifice is humbling: "... We thank you for your faith and perseverance. You are for us a beacon of hope."

## Family sacrifice

The vice chairman extolled the families of prisoners of war and service members missing in action for the sacrifices they have made in rebuilding their lives, enduring the hardship of not knowing, and living with the difficulty of holding out hope.

"The motto that flies on the POW and MIA flag is one that we've internalized to our very core," Selva said of the words, "You are not Forgotten" that appear on the flag.

"We will never forget. It is emblazoned on our hearts as is the memory of every member that we have lost in battle, and remains missing in action," the vice chairman said.



## Not your typical 'cat in tree' rescue

United States Army Garrison Italy firefighters Stefano Costa (kneeling), Federico Scapin and Marco Pranovi used the Jaws of Life on the morning of Sept. 13 to release a dog stuck in the turnstile on Caserma Ederle. The dog hesitated when entering and the arms continued to turn. As the gate is one way only, the dog ended up trapped and could not go forward or back. Once firefighters arrived on scene, they quickly released the entrapped canine in four minutes. It took nearly 6,000 pounds of pressure to move the bars and then realign them after the dog was released. (Courtesy photo)

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# Employee Spotlight

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

**Position:** Engineer in Master Planning Division, Directorate of Public Works

## Overview of job/duties:

"I worked in Livorno for five years, splitting my time between DPW Engineering and Master Planning divisions. I have been working here in Vicenza since (June 2015) in the DPW Master Planning Division. I work in the Space Planning section." Her main duties include supporting the master planner in space management within USAG Italy, finding spaces for new units, conceiving new facilities/new areas when necessary. Matteucci also provides assistance for mixed commission documentation for Livorno/Darby Military Community. She also serves as the garrison Installation Geospatial Information & Services (IGI&S) manager. As part of her duties as GIS manager, she provides garrison maps and floor plans to customers. The engineer has also been involved in Real Property audit readiness, a big initiative for the U.S. Army and Department of Defense.

## Major accomplishments or goals:

"My primary goal is to do my best and to help wherever I possibly can."

## What do you like best about your job?

"I like working in this office because I'm learning a lot of things and I've been challenged a lot. Planning is a dynamic job, always



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

'new' because we always have new and different requests. It's like playing chess: There are rules to follow (regulations and customers' requirements), and every move implies consequences (other moves, for example). It needs to be precise and analytical but also requires a flexible mind. It's not 'creativity,' we have numbers to balance ... Checkmate!"

# Advances could mean robotic teammates for Soldiers

By **David Vergun**  
Army News Service

**ADELPHI, Md.** -- Army researchers are developing new advances to enable autonomous robots to operate more like teammates and less like tools.

Key to reaching this goal of achieving an effective robot-Soldier team will be enabling the robot to better understand the Soldier's or the commander's intent, said Joseph Conroy, an electronics engineer with the Electronics for Sense and Control team at the Army Research Laboratory.

The current generation of unmanned aerial and ground vehicles employed by the Army require a human operator, but the job of interpreting the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance data is labor intensive, Conroy said, and that can result in a much longer than real-time analysis. Current generations of vehicles also rely excessively on GPS connectivity for positioning, he said. Similarly, information acquisition, particularly video, relies on high bandwidth wireless communications.

## MUM-T exercise

In late 2014, Army Research Laboratory personnel brought aerial robots to Fort Benning, Ga., to test with the infantry in a Manned/Unmanned Teaming (MUM-T) exercise sponsored by Army Training and Doctrine Command. The robots were representative of current commercially available capabilities and emerging capabilities developed through academic research.

The purpose of the exercise, Conroy said, was to determine how Soldiers could make use of autonomous systems in an operational setting. It confirmed that autonomous systems can be a battlefield asset, particularly maneuvering ahead of the Soldier, he said.

A robot could help a soldier by identifying disturbed ground, a sign of a buried improvised explosive device. It could also examine the interior of a building and look around a corner or over a berm. There is a sweet spot of autonomy, Conroy noted, where the robot is advanced

enough not to be a burden for a Soldier, but not so advanced that it exhibits what is generally thought of as artificial intelligence.

"We want to push the level of autonomy up just enough so that there's a specific suite of behaviors the robot can execute very efficiently and reliably based on the commander's intent, with as little guidance as possible," he said.

## Future generation

Army researchers envision a greater degree of on-board perception and processing to enable a wider variety of mission scenarios, enhanced robustness, and real-time intelligence, Conroy said.

Furthermore, a greater degree of intelligence could allow vehicles to work with the Soldier rather than being operated by the Soldier. However, he cautioned that care must be taken that the vehicle performs as the Soldier or commander expects. An autonomous system must be able to infer its operator's intent and desires for its behavior.

Enhanced localization capabilities in GPS-denied environments or during periods without constant communication with a base station could allow for environmental awareness and intelligence gathering even during periods of radio frequency outages, he added.

Being able to perform intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance onboard the platform when communications or GPS goes down would be a huge advantage, Conroy said. The mission could still be completed and once communications are restored, data could be dumped.

Writing the algorithms for such an intelligent military vehicle is even more challenging than designing a driverless car, according to Conroy, because military vehicles must be able to travel off-road in fog or brownout conditions with adversarial forces nearby and possible denial of wireless communications.

Once autonomous systems are capable of understanding their environment, rather than just relaying raw sensor information, typically in the form of video, to an operator, a wider range of mission support scenarios will be possible,



A Soldier of 25th Infantry Division remote controls a Kobra 710 during the Pacific Manned Unmanned - Initiative (PACMAN-I) at Marine Corps Training Area - Bellows, Hawaii, in July. (U.S. Army photo by Kimberly Bratic)

Conroy predicted.

The autonomous systems would process the information about its environment onboard, using analysis and perception algorithms, before sending or saving the data, he said. The data would be greatly reduced in size from the original, thus freeing up bandwidth for other operations.

## Focusing on Soldiers

Eventually, Army researchers' efforts to enable efficient human-robot teaming may involve actually instrumenting the Soldiers themselves, said William Nothwang, team leader for the Electronics for Sensing Control team.

Nothwang said the lab is moving towards an effort called "Continuous, Multifaceted Soldier Characterization for Adaptive Technologies," which will focus on methods to assess and predict moment-to-moment changes in individual Soldier states under real-world conditions such as fatigue or stress.

"We design tools to the lowest capability to enable the maximum usage, meaning we leave a lot of capability, human capability, on the table," he said. The robotic teammate would be capable not just of speech recognition, but also of understanding a Soldier's capability level

and factoring that into its response to the current situation and its mission.

Sensors on Soldiers like "next generation Fitbits" might provide the robot with some of the required information, he added, but to be effective on the battlefield, whatever solution is employed for a Soldier-robot team must be scalable to many teams of Soldier-robot teams.

Conroy admitted that "we've just scratched the surface," and it will take years, if not decades, for the technology to mature.

Key research initiatives to enable useful systems include the development of the following:

- Algorithms to enable obstacle avoidance for near-ground point-to-point navigation.
- Geolocation sensing and inference that can provide a position solution without GPS for up to days at a time.
- Target recognition and tracking algorithms that can reliably extract signals from data corrupted by noise.
- Speech recognition and physiological instrumentation that works in a real-world, tactical environment.

Conroy is part of a much larger multidisciplinary group of scientists and engineers interested in hitting the right balance of autonomy in robotics.

# News briefs

## Gas coupon expiration

POL coupons expire each year on Sept. 30, which will affect coupon purchases during this month and the next. Note the following:

- 2015-2016 POL coupons can be brought in for a refund starting Sept. 21.
- Maximum refund is for two month's allotment.
- The refund period ends Nov. 30. The only exception is customers who are deployed during the refund period. Orders must be presented in order to receive refund.
- The price of the refund will be price of purchase. If the price cannot be determined, the lowest purchase point of sale will be used.
- Coupons must be in fair condition--serial numbers and denominations must be legible.
- The new 2016-2017 POL coupons will be sold starting Sept. 26 but will be charged against the October 2016-2017 rations. These coupons can be used starting Oct. 1.
- Anyone unable to visit an Exchange in Italy between September and November 2016 must mail the 2015-2016 POL coupons to the address below. Include the address where you want the refund mailed.

AAFES Europe  
AVIANO Accounting Office  
Unit 6195  
APO AE 09603

## AAFES scholarship contest

Students who go above and beyond in making a difference in their community could reap a handsome reward for their service in the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Rewards of Caring Scholarship contest. To enter, authorized students in grades 6-12 with a 2.5 or higher GPA can submit an essay in English of 500 words or less explaining their involvement in the community and why their community is important to

them. Four winners worldwide will each be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. Entry forms can be obtained at the Exchange or at <http://www.OperationInTouch.com>. The essay and entry form must be postmarked by Sept. 29 and mailed to: AAFES Rewards of Caring Scholarship Contest; P.O. Box 7781; Melville, NY 11775-7871.

## VCC events

The Vicenza Community Club is hosting Polish Pottery Bunco Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. in Building 300A on Caserma Ederle. Go roll the dice to take a chance on some fabulous Polish pottery pieces. This event is open to all community members. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP at the VCC drop box outside the thrift shop or at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/polish-pottery-bunco-tickets-27672851243> by Oct. 2, but hurry! Seats are limited. The VCC would also like to announce a new fall/winter scholarship opportunity. Adults from Vicenza Military Community are welcome to apply for Emmi Fondi Continuing Education scholarships now. Please see website for further details and scholarship applications, [www.vccitaly.org](http://www.vccitaly.org). Deadline is Nov. 1.

## 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.; Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Find something for everyone on your Christmas 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.

## Registration for college

University of Maryland University College Europe announces registration for Fall 2016 Session 2. Onsite and online

courses start Oct. 24, with registration open until Oct. 19 for online classes, Oct. 23 for hybrid (a combination of onsite and online courses), and the day each onsite class begins. Learn more about the thousands of classes that will take place online, on military installations in Europe, and in the Middle East at [www.europe.umuc.edu](http://www.europe.umuc.edu). For more information on registration and scholarships, or to contact a local UMUC Europe program coordinator, visit the website, or call comm., +49-(0)631-534-800.

## Tech expo

Stay up to date on the ever-changing tech industry. Attend the annual Caserma Ederle Tech Expo, hosted by the Office of the Science Advisor, U.S. Army Africa. The expo will take place at the Golden Lion Conference Center, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's free and open to all Caserma Ederle and Del Din personnel.

## Ready ... Set ... Grow!

Grow! is a free program for parents of five- to eight-year-olds. Parents will learn strategies to encourage positive behaviors, how to help children eat healthy and be active, tips for teaching coping skills to children, how to discipline calmly and more. The program includes five weekly sessions with two start dates: Nov. 15 or Jan. 3, 2017. Sessions will take place at Villaggio School Age Center, Building 703, Villaggio. Register today because space is limited, [www.thrive.psu.edu](http://www.thrive.psu.edu) or [register4grow@psu.edu](mailto:register4grow@psu.edu).

## 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 [georgewashington585@gmail.com](mailto:georgewashington585@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.

## 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.abc.army.mil/FederalBenefitsOpenSeason.html>.

## 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](mailto:usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.usag-vicenza-pao@mail.mil).

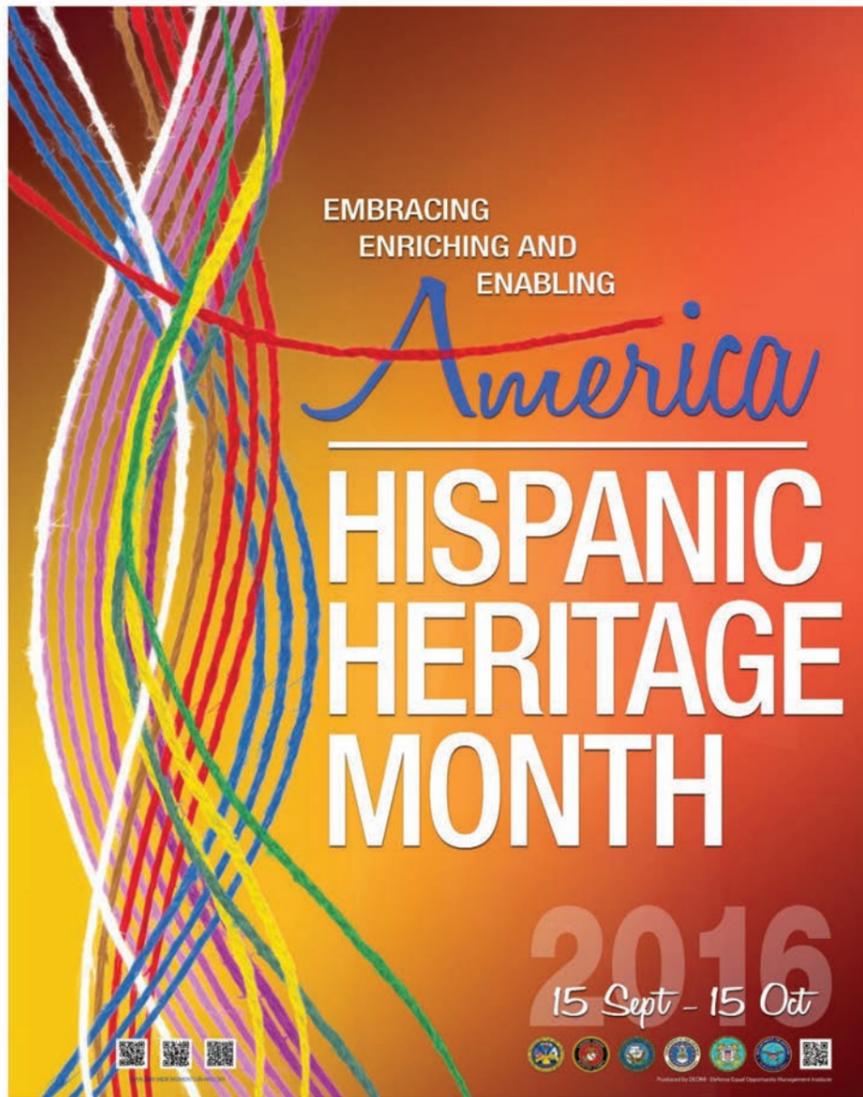


## Caldogno community cleanup

U.S. Army paratroopers from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Brigade stationed at Caserma Ederle, joined efforts with Italian volunteers from Caldogno to clean up around town Sept. 17. Soldiers partnered with members of the city council and fellow resident. Working in small Italian-American teams led by Capt. Andy Jenks, battalion chaplain, and deputy Mayor Monica Frigo, participants came together to remove graffiti paint, trim trees, tear down a damaged wooden fence from a playground and pick up trash. The project is part of USAG Italy's ongoing community neighborly initiative between the Vicenza Military Community and local Italian volunteers organizations. For more information on future events, please call DSN 637-8009.

(Photos by Anna Ciccotti, USAG Italy)

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE



Please come out and join us for this year's Observance!!!

Date: 4 October 2016

Time: 1530 - 1630 Hrs

Location: Golden Lion

## 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

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



**Chaplain Hotline**  
DSN 637-2273 (CARE),  
comm. 0444-61-2273

## At the movies



### Storks

Storks have moved on from delivering babies to packages. But when an order for a baby appears, the best delivery stork must scramble to fix the error by delivering the baby. (Rated PG)

Sept. 23	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	Storks (PG) The Magnificent Seven (PG-13)
Sept. 24	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Magnificent Seven (PG-13) Sully (PG-13)
Sept. 25	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	Storks in 3D (PG) Morgan (R)
Sept. 28	7 p.m.	Storks (PG)
Sept. 29	7 p.m.	Storks (PG)
Sept. 30	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13) Deep Water Horizon (PG-13)
Oct. 1	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13) War Dogs (R)
Oct. 2	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children in 3D (PG-13) Deep Water Horizon (PG-13)

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

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Grape Festival, Gambellara



Medieval Festival, Cittadella



Chocolate Festival, Vicenza

## VENETO & NEARBY

### Festa della Zucca Pumpkin Festival

Ghizzole (Montegaldella), about nine miles southeast of Vicenza. Pumpkin exhibit and sale; food booths open at 7 p.m.

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/>

### Festa dell'Uva e del Vin Recioto Grape and Recioto Wine Festival

Sept. 23-26, Gambellara, Piazza Papa Giovanni XXIII and Piazzale della Vittoria, about 16 miles southwest of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m.; live music and dancing start nightly at 9:30 p.m. *Recioto* is an intensely flavored, sweet red wine made from dried grapes typical of the Veneto region; Sept. 25, at 10:30 a.m., wine exhibit grand opening; 3:30 p.m. Gambellara musical band parade, floats and free wine, grapes and Bradasello (a local dessert) for everyone; 5:30 p.m. awards for the best grapes and best dessert.

<https://www.facebook.com/Pro-LoCo-Gambellara-119596181401506/>

### Voci dall'Evo di Mezzo: Rievocazioni Storiche Medioevali Voices from the Middle Ages: Medieval Historical Reenactments

Sept. 24-25, Cittadella (Padova), about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. This town's construction began in 1220 on the orders of Padova authorities, who wanted to use it as a military outpost during wars against Vicenza and Treviso. With walls and 32 towers protecting the town's center, this annual festival is just like a trip back to life in the Middle Ages. Squares and streets are transformed into a medieval town with armed men, archers, musicians, jesters, historical games, medieval markets, as well as special attractions like falconry with birds of prey and fire-eater shows. Free entry.

<http://www.armedamecavalieri.it>

### Festa del Baccalà alla Vicentina Dried Cod Fish Festival

Through Sept. 26, Sandrigo, about nine miles north of Vicenza. Local exhibit and sale of local products, Sept. 24, 5:30-10 p.m., and Sept. 25, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Food booths featuring *gnocchi* 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-bacala>

### Festa della Transumanza Transhumance Festival

Sept. 24-26 and Sept. 30-Oct. 3, Bressanvido, Pangiusco Farm, Via Chiesa, about 10 miles northeast of Vicenza. Transhumance is the seasonal movement of farmers with their livestock over relatively short distances, usually to higher pastures in summer and to lower valleys in winter. Food booths featuring many local specialties open at 7 p.m. and, on Sundays, also at noon. Local product exhibit and sale Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; live music and dancing starts at 9 p.m.

[http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat\\_detail/2016/09/24/14384/-/18a-festa-della-transumanza](http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat_detail/2016/09/24/14384/-/18a-festa-della-transumanza)

### Festa del Baccalà Cod Festival

Sept. 30 and Oct. 1-3, from 4 p.m., Montegaldella, Piazza Marconi, about 12 miles southwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring *gnocchi* with cod, cod with polenta and other local specialties open at 6 p.m.; live music and dancing nightly at 9 p.m.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi\\_Feste/2595\\_Festa+Del+Baccala.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Feste/2595_Festa+Del+Baccala.html)

### Fiera del Riso Rice Fair

Through Oct. 9, 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. This is 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>

### Fiori e Sapori di Autunno Autumn Flowers and Flavors

Oct. 9, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Badia Polesine (Rovigo), about 39 miles south of Vicenza. Local products and craft exhibit and sale; games and shows for children; face-painting and street artists. Stores will be open all day.

[http://www.solosagre.it/sagre\\_floreali/id/4264/bck/4%C2%B0\\_FIORI\\_E\\_SAPORI\\_D'AUTUNNO\\_Veneto\\_Rovigo\\_Badia\\_Polesine](http://www.solosagre.it/sagre_floreali/id/4264/bck/4%C2%B0_FIORI_E_SAPORI_D'AUTUNNO_Veneto_Rovigo_Badia_Polesine)

### La Terrazza di Vicenza - Basilica Palladiana City Roof Top - Palladian Basilica

Through Nov. 1, Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori. Visit the Palladian Basilica first floor, loggia and terrace, Piazza dei Signori; 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-liv>

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### David Bowie Is - Exhibition

Through Nov. 13, Bologna, Museum of Modern Art, Via Don Minzoni 14. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; closes at 11 p.m. Thursday. For more information and to buy tickets online: <http://davidbowieis.it/en/>.



## MARKETS VENETO

**Belluno:** Sept. 25, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza (about 50 vendors)

**Cerea:** Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

**Dolo (Venice):** Sept. 25, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

**Piazzola sul Brenta:** Sept. 25, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

**Spresiano (Treviso):** Sept. 25, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

**Treviso:** Sept. 25, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

**Thiene:** Oct. 1, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., downtown streets and squares (70 vendors)

**Marostica:** Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (135 vendors)

**Noventa Vicentina:** Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza (120 vendors)

**Vittorio Veneto:** Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (75 vendors)

Truffle and Mushroom Exhibit, San Miniato



## TUSCANY

### I Giorni di Bacco Bacchus Days

Sept. 23-24, from 7 p.m.; and from 4 p.m. Sept. 25, Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo), Piazza Matteotti. Food booths feature local specialties and wines; entertainment, live music and games for children.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=12&page=6&post=1370>

### Sagra del Tartufo Bianco e Fungo Porcino White Truffle and Porcino Mushroom

Sept. 23-25, from 8 p.m., 27, from 10 a.m.; Località La Serra, San Miniato (Pisa). Food booths feature many local specialties; white truffle exhibit and sale.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi\\_Sagre/21014216\\_Sagra+Del+Tartufo+Bianco+E+Del+Fungo.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sagre/21014216_Sagra+Del+Tartufo+Bianco+E+Del+Fungo.html)

### Settembre Crespinese September in Crespina

Sept. 24-25 and Sept. 29, Crespina Lorenzana (Pisa). Food booths feature local specialties; live music and dancing from 9 p.m.; Sept. 25, 8 p.m. falconers demonstration; 8:30 p.m. historical parade.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=12&page=6&post=2121>

### Fiera dei Fischi e delle Campanelle e del Bombolone Whistles, Little Bells and Doughnut Fair

Sept. 24-25, La Rotta (Pontedera, Pisa). Food booths featuring local products open at 7 p.m. and, on Sundays, also at noon. Free boat rides from La Rotta to Pontedera; local crafts exhibit and sale.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=12&page=6&post=832>

### Sagra della Bistecca e del Fungo Porcino Steak and Porcino Mushroom Festival

Sept. 24-25, Oct. 1-2, Oct. 8-9, Oct. 15-16 and Oct. 22-23, Certaldo (Florence), Viale Matteotti 201. Food booths featuring many local specialties open for dinner and, on Sundays, also for lunch.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi\\_Enogastronomici/21027933\\_Sagra+del+fungo+porcino+e+della+bistecca.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Enogastronomici/21027933_Sagra+del+fungo+porcino+e+della+bistecca.html)

### Corri la Vita Run for Life

Sept. 25 Florence, Piazza Duomo. 12.8 km competitive race and 4.6 km non-competitive walk for charity, held in collaboration with the Italian League for the fight



Run for Life, Florence

against cancer. The Arno River with *Ponte Vecchio* has been chosen as this year's graphic testimonial. Race t-shirts are fluorescent blue to commemorate the 1996 flood. Participants must be 18 years old by Sept. 25.

<http://www.corrilavita.it/en/>

### Oktoberfest Octoberfest

Sept. 29-Oct. 9, Thursdays-Fridays, 6:30 p.m.-1 a.m.; Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.-1 a.m., and Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-midnight, in Arezzo, Viale Amendola 13-15. Food booths grilled meat, \**Chianina* hamburgers, pork, other specialties and Bavarian and local beers; carnival rides, live music, and collector's items exhibit and sale. \*Well-known local meat with a particular tenderness and depth of flavor; its name comes from the Chiana Valley in Tuscany.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1874#>

### Sagra della Ficattola Fried Dough Fair

Oct. 2, Oct. 16, and Oct. 30, from 3:30 p.m., Vincenzo a Torri (Scandicci - Florence), Via San Niccolò 2. The Tuscan specialty *ficattola* is a kind of fried bread dough served with local cuts or with Nutella. Free visits to the local church and a mill from the 1600s.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=1682>

### Fiera dell'Electronica Electronics Fair

Oct. 8-9, 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Venturina Terme (Campiglia Marittima - Livorno), Viale della Fiera. Entrance fee is €6; free for children younger than six.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1564>

### Cusplay Light Video game and animation fair

Oct. 9, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Pisa, Palazzo dei Congressi. Comic books, video games, animation, cosplay and Japanese culture fair, live music and dance contest. Entrance fee: €5; free for children younger than 10.

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

## MARKETS

### TUSCANY

**Bientina (Pisa):** Sept. 24-25, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

**Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo):** Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza Del Municipio

**Cecina (Livorno):** Sept. 25, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

**Montevarchi (Arezzo):** Sept. 25, 9 a.m.-7 pm. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

**Prato:** Sept. 24-25, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

**Arezzo:** Oct. 1-2, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Grande Carmignano (Prato): Oct. 2, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti

**Cascina (Pisa):** Oct. 1-2, 9 a.m.-6p.m., Corso Matteotti

**Orbetello (Grosseto):** Oct. 1-2, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia

**Pietrasanta (Lucca):** Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Duomo

**San Giuliano Terme (Pisa):** Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia

**San Miniato(Pisa):** Oct. 2, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo

**Scarperia (Firenze):** Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., downtown squares and streets

## CONCERTS

**Passenger** – Sept. 28, Milan

**Steel Panther** – Sept. 28, Milan

**Tony Emmanuel** – Oct. 4, Florence; Oct. 5, Bologna; Oct. 11, Naples; Oct. 15, Varese

**Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals** – Oct. 7 in Assago (Milan)

**Michael Monroe** – Oct. 10, Milan

**The Veils** – Oct. 21, Milan; Oct. 22, Bologna

**Soja** – Oct. 25, Milan

**Selena Gomez** – Oct. 26, Assago (Milan)

**Matt Simons** – Oct. 26, Segrate (Milan)

**Brit Floyd** – Nov. 4 in Milan; Nov. 5 in Padova; Nov. 7 in Florence

**King Crimson** – Nov. 5-6, Milan; Nov. 8-9, Florence; Nov. 11-12, Rome; Nov. 14-15, Torino

**Ezra Furman** – Nov. 6, Segrate (Milan)

**Twenty One Pilots** – Nov. 7, Assago (Milan)

**Melanie Martinez** – Nov. 11, Milan

**White Lies** – Nov. 13, Ciampino; Nov. 14, Milan

**Redfoo and the Party Rock Crew Live** – Nov. 15, Milan

**Europe** – Nov. 19, Ciampino (Rome); Nov. 20, Milan

**Justin Bieber** – Nov. 19-20, Casalecchio Di Reno (Bologna)

**Trixie Whitley** – Dec. 1, Milan

**Lucky Chops** – Dec. 5, Milan; Dec. 6, Rome; Dec. 7, Bologna

### ITALIAN ARTISTS

**Emma** – Sept. 23-24, Rome; Oct. 12, Livorno; Oct. 14, Conegliano; Oct. 14, Padova

**Zuccherò** – Sept. 23-25, and Sept. 27-28, Verona

**Francesca Michielin** – Oct. 5, Brescia; Oct. 22, Parma; Oct. 25, Ciampino

**Alessandra Amoroso** – Oct. 29, Padova

**Paolo Conte** – Oct. 29, Brescia

**Modà** – Nov. 9, Rome; Nov. 18, Padova; Dec. 2, Florence; Dec. 6, Casalecchio di Reno

**Elisa** – Nov. 11, Florence; Nov. 24, Torino; Nov. 19, Rome; Nov. 22, Casalecchio di Reno; Nov. 25, Assago; Nov. 28, Padova

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>, [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).

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

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Fried Dough Fair, Florence

# Family & MWR Events

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

### English as a Second Language

Sept. 26 & Oct. 3, 2-4 p.m.

Sept. 30 & Oct. 7, 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.

### Financial Fitness

Sept. 27 & Oct. 4, 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.

### Interview Skills Workshop

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

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Gain some valuable insight into the interview process. Learn effective strategies that will help you to prepare for an interview, develop a 30 second elevator pitch, address common questions, and more. Registration is required. Stop by ACS or call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### CYSS Parents Advisory Group

Sept. 28, noon-1 p.m.

ACS large conference room

Caserma Ederle

The CYSS Parents Advisory Group is an opportunity for parents to learn more about and have a voice in the programs their children are involved in. Join with the CYSS management team and other parents in working to make a better program for all.

### Darby Tuscan Tots Playgroup

Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13 & 20 10-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 428, Camp Darby

Tuscan Tots includes play and craft activities for you and your child, resources to help you develop a healthy relationship with your child, and more. Call DSN 633-7084 for more information.

### Baby and Me Infant Playtime

Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 395, Caserma Ederle

Baby and Me Infant Playtime is a time to get together with other parents of infants to socialize and learn through play. Mothers and Fathers are encouraged to attend. For children ages 2 to 12 months and their parents.

### Get a Grip on Stress and Anger

Sept. 30, 10-11 a.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Understanding how stress, anger, and tension affects our bodies is just the beginning. Learn how stress affects you, how it affects the brain, why stress can turn to anger and more. For more information, call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### Romp-n-Stomp Playgroup

Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, & 19, 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.

### Darby Host Nation Orientation

Oct. 3 & 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 504, Camp Darby

Benvenuti means "welcome" in Italian.

This program is a two-day event that includes learning about Darby resources, visiting Pisa and the local hospitals, riding transportation, Italian language basics and local culture. Please come in comfortable clothing. Register with Darby ACS.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### SKIES Cooking

Session 1: Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 & 18

3:30-5 p.m., \$120

Sign up at Bldg. 308, Caserma Ederle

The cooking class is specifically planned for children ages 4 to 12. The course will provide the opportunity to experiment with Italian traditional recipes (homemade pasta, pizza, tiramisu, and many others) and discover local products. Classes take place at the Il Mondo di Bu Cooking School located in downtown Vicenza.

### Lego Club

Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 & 18, 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. 27 & 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bldg. 308, Caserma Ederle

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. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27

10:30-11:15 a.m., Ederle library

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.

### Fall Bazaar

Sept. 30, 4-8 p.m.; Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;

and Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Golden Lion Conference Center

Caserma Ederle

Vendors from north of the Alps and all over Italy show and sell their products. This shopping experience is popular throughout Europe. Credit cards, dollars and euro accepted.

### Family Resiliency Through Art

Oct. 8, 3-5 p.m., \$10 per family

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Have fun while working together and building communication as a family. Various mediums will be provided to allow for creativity. Tools and techniques will be provided by the facilitator to open up communication, work through problem solving, minimize stress, and enjoy the process.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### Darby Kick Back Night

Sept. 24, 5:45-11 p.m., \$5

Darby Youth Center, Bldg. 730

Teens and youth can kick back and relax with friends as they play glow-in-the-dark games and have dinner. A minimum of five participants is needed. Sign up at the Youth Center.

### Zumba®

Sept. 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.

### Power Pump

Sept. 26, 28 & 30, \$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.

### Sunrise Yoga

Sept. 27 & 29, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

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

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.

### Taekwondo

Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 27 & 29, 10 a.m.; Sept. 29, 6 p.m.

\$10 each/\$60 for monthly pass

Ederle Fitness Center

Self-defense class based upon the taekwondo techniques that will provide students the tools for self defense.

### Slow Flow Yoga

Sept. 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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

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

### Billiards Tournament

Sept. 23, 7 p.m.-2 a.m., \$20 buy in

Warrior Zone, Bldg. 41, Del Din

Show off your billiard playing skills for a chance to win some cold, hard cash! We will be using the Official UPA (United States Professional Poolplayers Association) Rulebook for Amateur 8-Ball. Prizes are: \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third. Use provided pool cue sticks or bring your own. Those who want to use hand chalk must bring their own. See the cashier at the bar to pay and sign up. Must be registered by 6 p.m. the day of the event. Call DSN 637-2715, comm. 0444-66-2715.

### Music Café

Sept. 23, 7:30-11 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle

Music Café nights are casual improv jam nights for music lovers by music lovers. It's free and performers can sign up at Soldiers' Theatre.

### Family Movie Night

Sept. 25 & 29, Oct. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16 & 20

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, 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: 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.

### Oktoberfest Express in Munich

Oct. 1, 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.

### Caving the Buso della Rana

Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., \$85

ODR, Caserma Ederle

You can expect to get down and dirty as we head underground to explore the dark tunnels of the Veneto's largest cave system, Buso della Rana, with more than 34 km of explored tunnels.

### Wine Trip: Soave and Castle

Oct. 5, 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., \$85

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Soave wines taste just like they sound: suave, smooth, supple, and elegant. Soave wine is produced from the native Garganega grape in the green hills northeast of Verona, a land of castles like the one we will visit: Soave Castle.

### Monteriggioni and San Gimignano

Oct. 8, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., \$85

ODR, Caserma Ederle

The tour will start in Monteriggioni. This is an intact, walled castle from the 13th century. A visit here is like traveling back in time. From there, the group will move to nearby San Gimignano to see medieval features including fountains, towers and a triangular city square. The *Duomo di San Gimignano* is known for its Ghirlandaio frescoes in the Santa Fina Chapel.

### Horseback Riding

Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$120

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Just outside the town of Brendola, experience the beauty of Italian wine country from the saddle. Upon arrival, the group will connect with guides and get matched with horses based on size and experience. All skill levels are welcome. After a short practice ride, participants will hit the trails for about two hours.

### Columbus House & Genova

Oct. 9, 6 a.m.-9 p.m., \$85

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Everyone knows that in 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue, but did you know he was born in 1451, in the town of Genova? Visit the birthplace of Columbus with a guided tour.

\*Editor's note: This list is not all-inclusive. To view a full list of activities, visit the FMWR webpage:

<http://italy.armymwr.com/europe/italy>