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## US Army to increase presence in Europe

*Allies make decision to strengthen deterrence and defense efforts, USAREUR prepares to support*

**WIESBADEN, Germany** — As U.S. Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced in Brussels, U.S. Army Europe is preparing for an increased presence across the European theater to contribute to and strengthen the alliance's deterrence and defense. In early November, the U.S. Department of the Army announced the first rotational units to deploy in support of those efforts.

"Everything we're about to do -- everything we've been planning here at U.S. Army Europe for these rotational units -- comes from the alliance's decisions at the Wales and Warsaw summits," said Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, U.S. Army Europe commander. "These activities are the embodiment of the United States' commitment to deterring aggression and defending our European allies and partners."

The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, from Fort Carson, Colo., will arrive in Europe in January. Their arrival will mark the be-

ginning of the heel-to-toe rotation of U.S.-based armored brigades to Europe; in other words, the continuous presence of an armored brigade combat team and back-to-back rotations of U.S. troops and equipment.

The full set of 3/4 ABCT equipment will arrive at the port in Bremerhaven, Germany, in January and then move by rail, commercial line haul and military convoy to Poland where the brigade will consolidate before distributing units across seven countries from Estonia to

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## Policing center conducts riot control awareness training

Story and photo by **Laura Kreider**  
VMC Public Affairs Office

**LONGARE** — How many times on television has one seen a demonstration, or protest with rioters throwing bricks, bottles and other objects against police, military or other security forces?

Being able to react to a crowd or riots with appropriate force and learning to manage a potential escalation of disorders are the topics of a course called Crowd and Riot Control Awareness in NATO Operations. The course recently took place here, coordinated by the NATO Stability Policing Center of Excellence (SPCOE).

"The CRC course is engineered to provide the basic knowledge and foundation skills for planning and organizing crowd and riot control operations to senior officers who may be assigned as commanders, advisers or planners in NATO or non-NATO operations," said Carabinieri Maj. Par. Emanuele Barbieri, NATO SPCOE Training Development and Delivery Section staff officer, who works at the Lt. Gen. Chinotto Compound in downtown Vicenza.

In his role, Barbieri contributes to the NATO SPCOE training course planning process, suggests improvements, and participates in the different stages of main NATO exercises.

Barbieri explained that the vision of their center is to operate as a prime mover to increase contribution to alliance stability and reconstruction efforts in crisis management scenarios; provide a unique capability to NATO and nations to fill the gaps in the area of Stability Policing (SP), be an internationally recognized

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Attendees of the second edition of the Crowd and Riot Control Awareness in NATO Operations, coordinated by NATO Stability Policing Center of Excellence perform the final practical exercise Oct. 27 at the Longare training area.

## Fun Facts

• **Umberto Eco (1932-2016)** was a professor at the University of Bologna and a novelist best known for his fictional work *The Name of the Rose* (1981). The book is a murder mystery set in a medieval monastery.

• **On Aug. 24, 79 A.D.**, the volcano Mount Vesuvius erupted, transforming the southern city of Pompeii from a vibrant, crowded city into a ghost town. Its inhabitants were frozen in place until excavations in the 17th century led to the discovery of the buried city.

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



## Garrison wins excellence award

**VICENZA** — USAG Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks congratulates directors and staff members of the garrison team for their part in winning the 2015 Army Deployment Excellence Award in the Army Installation Category (OCONUS) for superior performance— "deployment excellence resulting in improved combat readiness." Michael D. Formica, director of Installation Management Command-Europe, was on hand to present the award at a ceremony on Caserma Ederle Nov. 8. This is the fifth consecutive year USAG Italy has won the award.

(Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th ATC)

## Policy letter reminds community of off-post uniform, POV standards

**VICENZA** — United States Army Garrison Italy Commander Col. Steve Marks signed Policy Letter No. 13 on Nov. 2.

The policy identifies the enhanced force protection requirements for off-post wear of uniform and privately owned vehicle requirements for all military and civilian personnel assigned to or performing temporary duty within the USAG Italy area of responsibility.

According to the letter, these are mandatory Force Protection standards, and all tenant leaders must ensure that service members strictly adhere to the policy. The standards are below.

### Uniform standards

Commanders will prohibit the wear of military uniforms (including physical fitness and JROTC uniforms) when off U.S. or Host Nation installations with the following exceptions:

- Military uniform is authorized for direct travel between domicile and U.S. or HN installations only while traveling via an enclosed private, government or rental vehicle.
- Department of Defense personnel residing in hotels off the installation may wear uniforms when departing or arriving in an enclosed private, government or rental vehicle. However, uniform wear in public areas of hotels is prohibited.
- Uniform wear while conducting military operations, training events and exercises in the USAG Italy AOR is authorized. Tenant commands, however, must notify the Garrison Antiterrorism Office to ensure a risk assessment is conducted. Commanders should minimize uniform wear off U.S. or HN controlled areas when possible. Uniform wear when representing the U.S. military at an official HN function is authorized.
- Uniform wear is authorized at drive-thru fast-food establishments and gas stations as long as personnel in uniform remain inside an approved private, government or rental vehicle.

Wear of the military uniform is prohibited, not authorized or permitted outside of non-U.S. or HN controlled installations for the following:

•While traveling via motorcycle/scooter, bicycle or foot. Commanders will encourage personnel traveling on motorcycle/scooter, bicycle, or foot not to carry backpacks that readily convey DoD affiliation.

- While escorting children to/from or waiting at off-installation Department of Defense School bus stops.
- Military personnel in uniform are prohibited on any form of public transportation, including taxis.
- Wear of the physical fitness uniform to conduct off-installation training is prohibited.
- Uniform wear in public areas of hotels, such as breakfast or dining room, bar or fitness room, is prohibited.
- Uniform wear for convenience stops at public locations, such as gas stations, off installation childcare facilities, restaurants (including inside fast-food establishments), shopping areas or other public venues is not authorized except as provided in paragraph 4.e of the policy letter.

### Vehicles

Privately owned vehicle enhanced force protection requirements are also mentioned in the policy letter. POVs will adhere to criteria in SETAF Regulation 190-3 dated May 15, 2005.

Particularly emphasized is Page 35, Paragraph C under Paintings and Markings: “Decals that could be used to identify a vehicle as Armed Forces Italy, such as university stickers, state-side installations, etc. are prohibited.” Any stickers, decals, or markings that would identify the vehicle as part of the Military/DoD are forbidden. Vehicles will not be released from the Torri Vehicle Holding Area with affixed DoD stickers/decals. The vehicle owner will be required to remove all stickers prior to release.

Anyone with questions may contact Justin Sterling, Installation Antiterrorism Officer, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, USAG Italy, DSN 637-8084 or 0444-61-8084. Find policy letters at [www.italy.army.mil/policy\\_letters](http://www.italy.army.mil/policy_letters).

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*Photo in Table of Contents, p. 1: Directorate of Public Works contractor personnel sift through United States Army Garrison Italy waste to assess how well community members sort trash. (Courtesy photo)*

## Local national employees will be issued CAC cards

**VICENZA** — The U.S. Forces has received authorization from the Garante of Italy to issue Common Access Cards containing biometric data (fingerprints) to local national personnel of the U.S. Armed Forces in Italy.

A labor union agreement pursuant to article 4 of law 300/1970 concerning the

treatment of biometric data for the issuance of CAC was signed July 21 between the Joint Civilian Personnel Committee and National Unions. This agreement, as well as the Garante's authorization, requires that each employee consent to the use of biometric data.

United States Army Garrison Italy will

issue an operations order to implement this project. Directors will be asked to provide specific information related to the local national (LN) workforce. The Central Processing Facility will begin issuing CAC cards to LN employees in December. Employees will be contacted via email with further information, forms

for signature and appointment times.

“This is truly a step forward for our footprint. Issuance of CAC cards will provide employees access to online training and information portals, as well as other system access appropriate to their jobs,” said Michelle Mitchell, director, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center here.

## Speak Out

By Laura Kreider & Chiara Mattiolo

What is one thing that has happened in the past six months for which you are thankful?



**Maribel Ramos**  
Family member

“Good health, and our family is enjoying Vicenza.”



**Sgt. Terrence Andrews**  
173rd Airborne Brigade

“I am thankful that I have my family in Europe with me, and we can enjoy all the history and the great places to travel.”



**Grace Bello**  
Family member

“One thing in the past six months for which I am thankful for is getting to know the Italian culture more by meeting Italian friends.”



**1st Sgt. Jeremy Hopfe**  
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DMC, SEA

“Moving to Camp Darby and having such a wonderful community.”



**Cpt. Thomas Lopez**  
Provost Marshal

“The success of the Darby Ball.”



**Francesca Navarra**  
Darby Commissary

“The joy I share with my children: my daughter's first ballet recital and my son (age two) counting to 10 in Italian and English.”



### Team trots to Italy

**CASERMA EDERLE** — The Harlem Globetrotters were welcomed by a gym full of fans when they visited the fitness center at Caserma Ederle Nov. 15. The 90-year-old exhibition basketball team combines athleticism, theater and comedy into their routine and have played more than 26,000 games in 122 countries and territories. At left: No. 18 “TNT” Maddox shows a family member how to spin a basketball on her finger. Above: Much to the delight of the fans, No. 33 “Bull” Bullard signs autographs after the performance.

*(Photos by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)*

## Americans, Italians pay homage to fallen

Story and photo by **Mark Turney**  
VMC Public Affairs Office

**FLORENCE** — Echoes of drill and ceremony commands reverberated off marble walls on a rainy, cold, misty Nov. 11 somehow appropriate for the remembrance of our fallen countrymen.

More than 100 people gathered to commemorate Veterans Day 2016 in the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, a 70-acre site just seven miles from the center of Florence.

Nestled in the Tuscan hills, the site has the remains of over 4,400 fallen service members and commemorates another 1,409 MIA from World War II’s American military battles in Italy. Attendees to the ceremony included approximately 50 people from Vicenza on an MWR Outdoor Recreation outing, an assortment of other Americans and Italians, and two Air Force units stationed in Italy.

With the order to come to attention ringing through the hall, the consul general for the region of Florence, Abigail (Abby) Rupp, stepped to the podium to present President Barack Obama’s final Veterans Day Proclamation which read,

“America has long stood as a beacon of hope and opportunity, and few embody that spirit here at home and beyond our borders more than the members of our Armed Forces. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen are part of an unbroken chain of brave patriots who have served our country with honor and made tremendous sacrifices so that we may live free.

“On Veterans Day, we salute the women and men who have proudly worn the uniform of the United States of America and the families who have served alongside them, and we affirm our sacred duty as citizens to express our enduring gratitude, both in words and in actions, for their service.”

Following the reading and with those in attendance still standing, taps began to play as individuals stepped forward to officially post wreaths. This was immediately followed by a moment of silence, and a final closing by the Rev. Scott Murphy.

Afterwards, participants stepped out of the marble halls into a calm sky punctuated by sunlight racing across the tombstones knowing that the rains were coming again.



Consul General of the United States to Florence Italy Abby Rupp reads a Presidential Proclamation from President Barack Obama during the Veterans Day ceremony held Nov. 11 at Florence American Cemetery and Memorial.



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### Darby welcomes new manager

**CAMP DARBY** — Alfredo Tomassini, guest speaker at Camp Darby’s 64th anniversary ball, cuts the cake with newly appointed Deputy Garrison Manager, Yanna Rodriguez, Nov. 10. Darby Military Community celebrated the installation’s anniversary with the special event, the first of its kind in at least 30 years, held at the Hotel Regina del Mare in Tirrenia. Rodriguez comes to Camp Darby from Vicenza and is the first female manager to lead the DMC.

“I am very honored and happy to have been selected to accomplish this unique task as leader of such a great community,” Rodriguez said. “I am very excited and anxious to meet with the Italian civilian and military representatives of Pisa and Livorno and work together for a brilliant future.” *(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)*

# Weighing in on waste

## Contractor assesses installation garbage

VICENZA/LIVORNO — Digging through trash may not be for everyone, but it is how one contractor spent some time this past spring.

The Directorate of Public Works hired contractor AMEC Foster Wheeler to assess the efficiency of waste sorting at United States Army Garrison Italy, and both Vicenza and Darby military communities were included in the assessment.

“We want to find ways to prevent as much of our waste from reaching landfills as possible. This work will help us determine how to best spend our limited resources to reach that goal,” said Rodger Allison, DPW pollution prevention manager.

### Army’s 2018 goal

The garrison wants to divert waste from landfills by reducing, reusing and recycling. The current rate of waste diversion is 56 percent, which means 44 percent of this community’s waste reaches the landfill — close to the Army’s goal, which is to reach a 60 percent diversion rate by the end of 2018.

Non-hazardous waste leaving USAG Italy installations are separated into plastic, cans, glass, paper (including cardboard), organics and dry waste. Larger wastes collected include wood, metal, yard waste, electric/electronic and bulky wastes such as furniture.

Contractor employees pulled waste from waste bins at the silver waste bin stations and eco islands throughout the garrison.

After pulling waste from the bins, it was separated, weighed and volume estimated for the different types. Afterward, the waste was placed in proper receptacles for disposal.

The assessment shows there is more dry waste than any other type of waste leaving the garrison, although

65 percent of that waste sent to the landfill could easily be recycled, according to the assessment. Organics, plastics and paper are respectively the largest quantities of recyclables by weight followed by cans and glass.

Areas that generate waste are classified as residential, commercial and industrial.

### Two communities

In the Vicenza Military Community, commercial activities dispose the most organic waste into the dry waste stream by a wide margin as compared to plastics and paper. Industry disposes of more plastics and paper into the dry waste stream. Residential areas equally include all three of these items in the dry waste stream.

The Darby Military Community shows slightly different results from the survey. Industrial and commercial areas have high levels of organics with plastics and paper close behind, while residential areas show higher levels of recyclable paper disposed with dry waste.

### Results

The DPW will evaluate ways to increase the amount of recycled wastes while reducing the dry waste stream. A possible solution could be as simple as improving placement of waste bins or as complex as coordinating some operational changes with units and tenants.

The garrison generates more than five tons of waste each year at a cost of over \$2.75 million dollars. The cost of removing recyclables here is a small fraction of the cost to remove mixed dry waste. Therefore, not only is improved waste sorting better for the environment, it is also better for the taxpaying community.

For information on how best to sort waste, call the DPW Operations and Maintenance Division at DSN 637-8210.



Directorate of Public Works contractor personnel weigh some recyclable paper found in a dry waste bin headed for the landfill. The current rate of waste diversion is 56 percent, meaning that 44 percent of community waste reaches the landfill. (Courtesy photo)

## Tabletop exercise

**CAMP DARBY** — United States Army Garrison Italy conducted a one-hour tabletop exercise Dec. 7 at Camp Darby. The scenario focused on Darby Military Community’s ability to coordinate and implement prevention, preparedness, response-and-recovery plans, and capabilities pertaining to a significant cyber event or series of events. Twelve participants contributed to the exercise designed and conducted by Vincenzo Leto (standing), operations specialist, USAG Italy Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)



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focal point and a hub of expertise for a Community of Interest (COI) in the field of SP; and to contribute to the NATO strategic concept in such area.

For the second time here, the CRC took place Oct. 24-28 in Longare training area. Some 32 students from 11 nations including 11 from Italy, five from Poland, five from Czech Republic, two from Turkey, Spain and Hungary, one from Egypt, France, Germany, Norway, and one American attended the event. Lecturers came from six different nations including Holland, Poland, Romania, Spain, Turkey and Italy.

The NATO SPCOE created and conducts the course that was developed by CRC experts, approved by the SP-required authority and certified as ‘selected’ course by Allied Command

Transformation.

Additionally, Barbieri said the course is 70 percent theoretical and 30 percent practical.

“The course, which aims at making the attendees aware of the principal aspects of CRC, mainly targets an audience from the Army, the Navy and the Air Force rather than the gendarmerie-type Forces or the MPs,” he said.

He added that the last portion of the five-day course focuses on a realistic live exercise where officers are directly involved in every step of riot-control tactics.

“In the second iteration of this training we had the first participation of a U.S. attendee. However, it was not the first time we’ve had American attendees. In fact, in October, 11 U.S. students attended our ‘Preserving Crime Scene’ course,” he said.

One of June’s course attendees was Lt.

Col. Michele Testa, Italian Army, who works in operations for U.S. Army Africa and started the cooperation with NATO SPCOE staff directly after he attended the course.

“I attended their first course, and it confirmed my feeling that crowd and riot control capability should be part of the individual military background,” said Testa.

“The intent with SPCOE was to tailor their class and the practical training on NATO Stability and Policing Interoperability training be suitable for the Army operations as well, and not only dedicated to MPs: this was my contribution to the great comrades working at SPCOE, who made a successful job of it,” he added.

For the October course, Testa promoted Army participation, especially for U.S. service members.

“Soldiers can be involved in unex-

ploded ordnance, improvised explosive device or chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear event while patrolling, surveilling areas and escorting convoys; there is the same probability of being involved in a crowd/riots,” Testa said. He also pointed out that the course introduces fundamentals such as how to identify some individual and group behavior, aggregating reasons and type of crowds.

Italian Army Maj. Alfonso Minella, who works on Caserma Ederle as the Italian liaison officer, had the chance to participate in the October CRC awareness course and said, “It was very formative for my official preparation in NATO contests. The goal was to enhance the general knowledge about stability policing and to enable involved military and civil authorities to appropriate use of SP assets in different missions and scenarios.”

There will be two CRC courses in 2017.

## Employee Spotlight

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

### Organization/position:

Human Resources assistant,  
Military Personnel Division  
Directorate of Human Resources

### Overview of job/duties:

“I started working for Military Personnel Services about a year ago, but I’ve been working for the Military Personnel Division in DHR since 2008. I was previously assigned to the Central Processing Facility’s *Soggiorno* office and in-out processing section.

“In MPS my main duties are to process reassignment/PCS orders, command sponsorship, early return of dependents and to assist with a variety of personnel actions like awards, promotions, military records updates, overseas separations and extended logistical support. I also support families with the birth registration of their newborn babies at the *Comune di Vicenza*.”

### Major goals:

“To help and support the Soldiers and families of the Vicenza military community.”

### What do you like best about your job?

“I like to be able to help. I like the teamwork, and I like the fact that in this position I constantly learn new things.”



(Photo by Mark Turney, VMC Public Affairs Office)

## Soldiers’ Theatre prepares holiday show

**CASERMA EDERLE** — Buy tickets now for the local holiday show at Soldiers’ Theatre here.

“It’s Beginning to Look A lot Like Christmas” is a two-act joyous song and dance musical revue brimming with the music of the season.

The holiday musical features a talented cast performing beautiful renditions of holiday classics, entertaining arrangements of traditional music, rousing comedy numbers and contemporary music of the season guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit. Guests will leave the theatre uplifted and ready to celebrate the season— and probably singing or at least humming some favorite holiday tunes.

Showcasing the talents of local volunteers: Bruce Allin, Debbie Ashton, Jeremy Cates, Whitney Cates, Isabella Caudel, Valeria Caudel, John Cohen, Linda Dahlstrom, Luigi Dalla Vecchia, Lynn Dansereau, Nicole Darland, Avery Fletcher, Casey Fletcher, Conner Fletcher, Kristi Fletcher, Daniela Frigola, Brenna Holland, Griffin Holland, Denise McCollaum, Nicole McCollaum, Paul McCollaum, Rachel McCollaum, LaSandra McDonald, Carmella Neal, Donald Neal, Moira Neal, Payton Neal, Emily Newland, Darrin Olinger, Gabriella Patterson, Zaria Polk, Alex Ramirez, Hannah Ross, Jonas Ross, Brody Sampson, Robin Sampson, Amber Scharbo, Susan Swinehart, Aaron Talley, Zachary Tovar, Tonae Walker, Olivia Webber, Addie Wilson, Chance Wilson, Londyn Wilson, Pat Wilson and Laura Yob.

Musical direction by Ciriaco Colella, vocal direction by Aaron Talley, with musical accompaniment by Ciriaco Colella and Michelle Willis.

Performances are Dec. 2-11, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances that begin at 7 p.m. Also, Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults; \$12 for youth. Reserve by email: gerald.s.brees.naf@mail.mil, or phone DSN 634-7281, comm. 0444-71-7281.

Celebrate the holiday tradition, or create a new one. This show is great for the entire family. Don’t delay, and purchase your tickets today.

### Angel Tree

Bonnie Bunn (right) and Erin Fitzgibbon negotiate over which angel to grab from the Angel Tree located in the Army Community Service building on Caserma Ederle. The tree located at ACS is one of two on base, the other being located outside the entrance to the PX. The angels each carry wishes of children in need of help to have a merry Christmas. Each angel has a brief description of the child, to include his/her likes or needs. Anyone wishing to participate this year will need to move fast. Of the 122 angels on the tree, over 100 of them were claimed the first day. For more information contact Megan Landre, DSN 634-8582, comm. 0444-718582. Last day to turn in gifts is Dec. 2.



## INFO-X

The next monthly Vicenza Military Community Information Exchange takes place Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Arena.

All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to ask questions of members of the command.

Questions may also be submitted on the USAG Italy Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/vmcitaly](http://www.facebook.com/vmcitaly).

The event is streamed live at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com).

## Vicenza plays host to high school volleyball championships

**DEL DIN** — Vicenza hosted the Europe-South Boys' Volleyball Championships 2016 at the Fitness Center on Caserma Del Din Nov. 4-5. In addition to the Cougars, seven teams participated in the event including American Overseas School of Rome, Aviano, Bahrain, Black Forest Academy, Marymount, Naples and Sigonella.

The Cougars won the first game against BFA 3-2 (21-25; 19-25; 25-23; 26-24; 15-12) and lost against MMI and Sigonella. MMI and Sigonella played in the semifinals respectively against Bahrain and Naples.

MMI defeated Bahrain 3-0 (25-16; 25-12; 25-16) and played for the championship against the Wildcats from Naples that defeated Sigonella 3-1 (22-25; 25-23; 25-14; 25-21).

In the match for the third place, Sigonella defeated Bahrain 2-0 (25-22; 25-18), and MMI won the Championship defeating Naples 3-1.



Sigonella team player Alex Ogletree, No. 14, spikes and makes the last point of the match against Bahrain for third place at the fitness center on Caserma Del Din Nov. 5. Sigonella defeated Bahrain 2-0 (25-22; 25-18).



Vicenza High School Cougar Lander Dennison, No. 11, sends the ball over the net during the game against Black Forest Academy, Nov. 4. Vicenza won the game 3-2 (21-25; 19-25; 25-23; 26-24; 15-12). Find more photos from the tournament at [www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza). (Photos by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)



### Dancing with Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders

**CASERMA EDERLE** — Above: Melissa, a third-year Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader (DCC), leads a group of children during a recent stop to Caserma Ederle's fitness center. Melissa and 11 other DCC cheerleaders took part in the 81st USO-sponsored tour to visit troops stationed overseas. This year's tour had the team stopping at five locations, including the stop here, where they taught a fitness class for children and signed autographs for adults. Left: Jinelle, a member of the DCC squad, looks back at her students for the afternoon during a training session where the DCC crew spoke with children about nutrition and a healthy lifestyle at the fitness center Nov. 6. (Photos by Mark Turney, VMC Public Affairs Office)



Stephanie Shimerdla topped the competition in the digital arts category with “Ocy-pete,” which depicts a half-woman and half-bird creature from Greek mythology. (U.S. Army photo)

## MWR contest recognizes novices, accomplished artists

*IMCOM Family and MWR announces winners of annual Army arts, crafts contest that generated more than 400 entries from installations worldwide*

By **Jessica Ryan**  
U.S. Army IMCOM

**FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas** — More than 150 participants from 44 installations generated 414 entries for the 2016 Army Arts and Crafts Contest.

The contest, ran by U.S. Army Installation Management Command’s G9 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate, is an annual competition that recognizes the talent and originality of active-duty service members, family members, retirees and civilian employees in both novice and accomplished experience levels.

The competition included 10 categories: ceramic art, digital art, drawings, fiber art, glass art, metal art, 2D mixed media, 3D mixed media, paintings and wood art. Cash prizes of \$300 (first place), \$200 (second place) and \$100 (third place) were awarded in each category.

First Sgt. David Sayers, an Army reservist located in Salem, Va., competed in the last three Army Arts and Crafts contests. With more than 10 years of woodworking experience, he won first, second and third place in the wood art for accomplished artists category. His first-place piece is called “Convertible Walnut Crib,” which he built for his daughter Alexis. The crib was built out of walnut from his family farm.

“I wanted to build something that could be part of her life as she grew up and could be used as a crib and a bed,” he said. “No matter where she goes, a piece of our family will go with her.”

Another experienced artist entered the competition for the first time. Retired Master Sgt. Steven Opet found out about the contest after reading the garrison newspaper at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Opet’s Army career spanned over 32 years with two deployments in Iraq. In his free time, he drew black-and-white and color cartoons. Some cartoons depicted military life while others, such as his first-place winning piece entitled “Red Go Round” in the drawing for accomplished artists category, came from photographs he collected.

“I use old photographs as reference, and search for photographs of children, their pets and men and women at work and at play -- conventional subjects drawn in an

unconventional way,” he said in his artist’s statement.

Opet thought the contest is a great opportunity for the military community to interact through the arts and encourage new artists to submit their work.

“It [the contest] does not discourage someone who is just starting out,” he said. “It gives new artists a chance to enter their work and build their confidence.”

One novice who competed is Scarlett Ayres, a civilian scientist for the U.S. Army Research Laboratory’s Survivability/Lethality Analysis Directorate at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Her piece called “Flower Radiating” won first place in the 3D mixed media for novices category.

Ayres learned about the contest by chance. She found a truck radiator fan on the side of the road and envisioned the item becoming a flower statue. She went to the MWR Arts and Crafts shop at WSMR for help with trimming the damaged blades. Through the encouragement of Al Fuller, the shop manager, she entered the contest.

Ayres claimed that she didn’t have an artistic background, but she is an avid “DIY-er” and loves to upcycle items into art. She also said her artwork involves a form of artistic mediation.

“Creating a piece of art causes your attention to shift to a state that allows fresh perspectives and creative insights to flow. Hopefully, this transfers over to other aspects of life,” she said. “Artwork teaches problem-solving skills and how to learn from your mistakes. Most artists will try and work through or around the mistakes and usually end up with something really unique. You don’t just give up. You persevere.”

### Winners from Vicenza are as follows:

1st place Digital “Ocy-pete”  
Stephanie Shimerdla

2nd place Glass “The Gothic Glass”  
Nancy Hudson

3rd place Ceramics “The Fruit Thief”  
Jessica Sweatman

3rd place Digital “Daisy”  
Stephanie Shimerdla

3rd place Mixed Media  
“Down on the Farm”  
Charles Crivellaro

Honorable Mention Digital  
“Tranquil Dreams”  
Stephanie Shimerdla

## Survivor outreach program embraces, encourages resiliency through art

**VICENZA** — Providing outreach and support services to Surviving Families is the link that ensures they always feel welcome as part of the Army Family.

Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) offers a Resiliency through Art program for participants at the Arts and Crafts Center.

The six-week program is taught by Michelle Sterkowics, supervisory art specialist and certified art therapist. Resiliency through Art allows participants to engage in a stress-free environment that focuses on new activities and building relationships. Participants use art activities to creatively discover life challenges and how they can build resiliency.

The mission of the Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) Program is to build a unified program that embraces and reassures survivors that they will be continually linked to the Army Family for as long as they desire.

The Survivor Outreach Service Program is the official Army program designed to provide long-term support to surviving families of fallen Soldiers. SOS is a “one” Army program, which means regardless of the Army component, duty status, location or manner of death, SOS support coordinators and financial counselors are available to provide dedicated outreach and support when needed and for as long as desired.

The USAG Italy SOS office currently serves as the point of contact for resources, annual outreach, days of honor and recognition and special events for survivors located within Italy. Resiliency through Art is just one of the many innovative events in which SOS families are encouraged to participate.

Anyone with questions about the art program should call the Arts & Crafts Center on Caserma Ederle at DSN 634-7074; questions about survivor services, DSN 634-7972/7500.

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Bulgaria beginning in February. Over the course of their nine-month rotation, 3/4 ABCT will routinely move units across the region to participate in training events and exercises.

The armored brigade will initially consolidate in western Poland, centered on the training areas at Drawsko Pomorskie and Zagan. Following this initial consolidation, the brigade will establish itself at various operating locations through the region. Brigade headquarters; brigade engineering and support battalions; 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment; and 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, will operate from existing Polish military installations in Zagan, Swietoszow, Skwierzyna and Boleslawiec.

From the consolidation sites in Poland, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, will move to the Baltic nations and remain positioned there until NATO’s Enhanced Forward Presence, or eFP, battle groups are in place and then will rotate throughout Europe to participate in exercises as requested. First Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, will support Operation Atlantic Resolve activities primarily in Bulgaria and Romania. The 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, will move to the Grafenwöhr Training Area, Germany, where it will conduct training and maintenance to build and sustain readiness.

As part of the expansion of the rotational U.S. presence, the Army will continue to invest in the training and mission command capabilities at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria, and Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, to support a persistent and continuous armored presence in the Black Sea region.

In addition to the rotational armored brigade, the Army will provide a rotational combat aviation brigade to the European theater to support Operation Atlantic Resolve and other joint and multinational efforts. By the end of March, the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Drum, N.Y., will arrive in Europe for a nine-month rotation. The brigade will be headquartered in Illesheim, Germany, and will forward deploy aircraft in Latvia, Romania and Poland to enhance the alliance’s ability to deter aggression.

Armored and aviation brigade rotations are scheduled into the foreseeable future, though specific units have not yet been identified. Their presence enhances the deterrence capabilities available to the U.S. Army Europe and U.S. European Command commanders to respond to potential crises and assist in the defense of our allies and partners in the European community.

To oversee these rotational forces, the 4th Infantry Division headquarters, which has been the regionally aligned division headquarters for Europe since 2015, will continue to be the tactical headquarters for all U.S. land forces conducting activities in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Based in Baumholder, Germany, the 4th ID Mission Command Element is the forward deployed headquarters element that provides U.S. Army Europe a division-level command and control capability.

“The 4th Infantry Division Mission Command Element is integral to Army Europe’s ability to conduct Operation Atlantic Resolve missions,” Hodges said. “They’re a small element -- less than 100 Soldiers -- but they make a huge impact in the theater by controlling so many moving parts.”

It is important to note the expansion of rotational forces is separate and distinct from NATO’s eFP battle groups. The rotational forces will focus on strengthening capabilities and sustaining readiness through bilateral and multinational training and exercises. The United States, as the framework nation for the Poland-based NATO eFP unit, will deploy 2nd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment (2/2 CR), based in Vilseck, Germany, to Orzysz, Poland, in April 2017.

Starting September 2016, the Army began assembling additional Army Prepositioned Stocks for storage in Europe. The additional APS set will consist of equipment and ammunition required to support armored division-sized force. These capabilities reduce deployment timelines, improve our deterrence capabilities and provide additional combat power to U.S. European Command for use in contingency operations. The equipment can also be drawn for use in training and exercises.

## Hanging around

**VICENZA** — United States Army Garrison Italy firefighters practiced multiple rescue techniques during a 21-day rescue course. Right: USAG Italy firefighter Federico Concordia prepares to rescue Federico Scapin during a high angle rappel-and-extraction exercise, under the supervision of U.S. Air Force instructors from 435th Construction and Training Squadron out of Ramstein, Germany. Below: Firefighter Matteo Manfron readies his carabiner clip to conduct the same drill.

These exercises were part of more than 135 hours of training that each individual in the class received. Training started with low angle search-and-rescue techniques for individuals trapped at ground level that would have to navigate up and over dangerous structures. There was high-angle rappelling, which also included emergency basket retrieval. Students learned about helicopter communication skills for landing aircraft in rescue zones. And finally, they had to put all of their skills together to retrieve victims in confined spaces, with only 24 inches of room to conduct rescue operations.

USAG Italy Assistant Fire Chief Arthur Doss said this type of training is crucial, given recent catastrophic events in Italy. He added that he is proud of all the students for completing the training. "Hats off to Team USAG Italy firefighters for their dedication to the craft and in taking pride in providing a safe community," said Doss.

*(Photos by Aaron P. Talley, VMC Public Affairs Office)*



## News briefs

### Jewish service

Vicenza Military Community members are invited to celebrate the Jewish Shabbat, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m., at the Spiritual Fitness Center, Bldg. 395. RSVP to a.shulman@ymail.com or by calling 0444-61-7575.

### Post office needs volunteers

The postal service centers are in need of community volunteers for the holiday season. Register online at [www.army-onesource.com](http://www.army-onesource.com). Anyone with questions should contact the volunteer program office at Army Community Service, Building 108, DSN 634-7942, comm. 0444-71-7942.

### F2F Christmas

Community members are invited to attend the 4th annual Female 2 Female Home for the Holidays Dinner. The event will take place Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m., at the Golden Lion Conference Center on Caserma Ederle. Newcomers have priority. (Newcomers consist of any Soldier who is spending her first holiday in Italy.) Reserve a seat today by emailing [rsvpf2f@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpf2f@gmail.com). Please include name, rank, unit, email and phone number when sending in reservations.

### Yoga teacher training

YogaFit will host a series of trainings at the fitness center on Caserma Ederle Jan. 19-23. The introductory courses will have participants feeling confident about their own practice and arm them with the tools to teach a beginners level class. Registration is required in advance at [www.yogafit.com/yoga-teach](http://www.yogafit.com/yoga-teach)

er-trainings/international, or call 001-888-786-3111. Costs range from \$250-410 (discount codes available). Points of contact are Audrey Burrell McIntosh, [audrey.b.mcintosh@gmail.com](mailto:audrey.b.mcintosh@gmail.com), and Amber Morris, [morristravels@gmail.com](mailto:morristravels@gmail.com). The Facebook event page has more details, [www.facebook.com/events/574853132701972/](http://www.facebook.com/events/574853132701972/).

### Turkey Trot Fun Run

It's time to earn that Thanksgiving dinner at the Turkey Trot 5k run/walk. All members of the community are welcome. The event takes place Nov. 19, 8:30-11 a.m. at the Ederle Track & Field. Cost to participate is \$15. Run begins at 9 a.m. Pre-register at the Ederle and Del Din fitness centers, or register on the day of the event.

### Darby youth services needs tutors

Seeking interested tutors to assist with homework help in a variety of subjects. Those in the Darby community who would like to help should contact Jennifer Kandell, Child & Youth Services facility director and school liaison officer. Tutoring can be done on a volunteer basis or for pay, depending on what can be worked out with the student's family. Contact Kandell at DSN 633-8075/7629, comm. 050-54-8075/7629.

### National American Indian Heritage Month observance

Join the U.S. Army Garrison Italy heritage month celebration, Nov. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the Golden Lion. Congress and the President designate the month

of November as a time to reflect on the rich traditions and accomplishments, as well as the suffering and injustices, that mark the history of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

### School Advisory Committee seeks volunteers

The Vicenza High School SAC (School Advisory Committee) is looking for parents and educators to form an Awards Subcommittee to evaluate, improve and implement current high school awards and awards ceremonies. If interested, send name and contact information to [SAC.VHS@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:SAC.VHS@eu.dodea.edu). SAC is also looking for volunteers to create a BYOD (bring your own device) subcommittee to research and develop a program for VHS students to bring devices to school to be used in the classrooms for educational purposes. If interested, please send name and contact information to the email address above.

### WATCH D.O.G.S.® program starts at middle school

Students, fathers and father figures of Vicenza Middle School are invited to Dads and Kids' Pizza Night Nov. 30, 6 p.m., to kick off a new innovative father involvement program called WATCH D.O.G.S.®. The program is an initiative of the National Center For Fathering. The program was inspired by one father's desire to increase male involvement in his children's school. The event will take place at Vicenza Middle School on Villaggio. For more information on the program call 001-888-540-3647, e-mail [watchdogs@fathers.com](mailto:watchdogs@fathers.com) or visit

[www.fathers.com/watchdogs](http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs). Pizza Night information: Principal Stephanie M. El Sayed, DSN 637-8670.

### Olympic weightlifting

Join Female 2 Female for a weightlifting demonstration and safety clinic, Nov. 30, 5:30 p.m., at the Caserma Ederle Fitness Center. The event is free, and no experience is required. No equipment necessary. RSVP by Nov. 28 to [rsvpf2f@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpf2f@gmail.com).

### Pancakes & Pajamas with Santa

All are invited to the Pancakes & Pajamas holiday breakfast hosted by U.S. Army Africa Family Readiness Group, Dec. 10, 8:30-11:30 a.m. (Breakfast runs until 10:30 a.m.), at the Sigholtz Center on Caserma Del Din. Suggested donation is \$5 adults, \$3 children, and includes pancakes and drinks, photo with Santa and ornament decorating. Tickets are available through the US-ARAF FRG and directorate points of contact.

### Veteran affairs adviser

Active-duty service members, veterans, survivors, spouses and family members are eligible to meet with the Department of Veteran Affairs overseas military service coordinator. Receive assistance with enrollment, disability compensation and more. Sarah Keller, OMSC, will be on Caserma Ederle Dec. 12-14. Schedule an appointment today, DSN 637-8155/8156, comm. 0444-61-8155/8156.

# Chapel activities

**Chapel Services (VICENZA)**  
VMC Chapel, Building 29  
Phone: 637-7575

## Sunday schedule

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

## Protestant Women's Bible Studies

Post Chapel  
9:15 a.m.-noon Tuesdays (childcare available)  
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 available)

## 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

Sigholtz 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  
10:30 a.m. Protestant

## 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. 0444-66-2273

# At the movies



## Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

The year is 1926, and Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) has just completed a global excursion to find and document an extraordinary array of magical creatures. Arriving in New York for a brief stopover, he might have come and gone without incident, were it not for a No-Maj (American for Muggle) named Jacob, a misplaced magical case, and the escape of some of Newt's fantastic beasts, which could spell trouble for both the wizarding and No-Maj worlds. (Rated PG-13)

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|---------|---------|---|---------|
| Nov. 18 | 7 p.m.  | Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find them | (PG-13) |
|         | 10 p.m. | The Edge of Seventeen                   | (R)     |
| Nov. 19 | 3 p.m.  | Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find them | (PG-13) |
|         | 6 p.m.  | Trolls                                  | (PG)    |
| Nov. 20 | 3 p.m.  | Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find them | (PG-13) |
|         | 6 p.m.  | The Edge of Seventeen                   | (R)     |
| Nov. 23 | 7 p.m.  | The Edge of Seventeen                   | (R)     |
| Nov. 24 | 7 p.m.  | Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk         | (R)     |
| Nov. 25 | 7 p.m.  | Moana                                   | (PG)    |
|         | 10 p.m. | Rules Don't Apply                       | (PG-13) |
| Nov. 26 | 3 p.m.  | Allied                                  | (R)     |
|         | 6 p.m.  | Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk         | (R)     |
| Nov. 27 | 3 p.m.  | Moana in 3D                             | (PG)    |
|         | 6 p.m.  | The Edge of Seventeen                   | (R)     |
| Nov. 30 | 7 p.m.  | Rules Don't Apply                       | (PG-13) |
| Dec. 1  | 7 p.m.  | Allied                                  | (R)     |

Movie schedule is provided by AAFES. Check movie schedule online at <https://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Vicenza>.

### Admission

3D first run: Adult \$8.50, under 12 \$5.75

3D second run: Adult \$8, under 12 \$5.50

First run: Adult \$6.50, under 12, \$3.75

Second run: Adult \$6, under 12 \$3.50

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

Film ratings and reviews are available at [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com).

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

## USAG Italy Postal Service Centers Saturday Holiday Hours

### Caserma Ederle PSC

Nov. 26 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 3 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

(package pickup only)

### Caserma Del Din and Camp Darby PSCs

Dec. 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

(package pickup only)

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and on social media.

[www.facebook.com/VMCItaly](http://www.facebook.com/VMCItaly)

[www.twitter.com/USAGItaly](http://www.twitter.com/USAGItaly)

[www.pinterest.com/usagitaly](http://www.pinterest.com/usagitaly)

[www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza)



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Find the ICE link on the garrison webpage,  
[www.italy.army.mil](http://www.italy.army.mil).



Christmas market, Cison di Valmarino

orations and gift ideas.

<http://www.natale-mercantini.it/mercantini-di-natale-di-cortina-dampezzo/#>

## LAZISE (Verona)

**Dec. 3-4, Dec. 8-11, Dec. 17/18, Dec. 24, Dec. 26-Jan. 8,** 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele and Lungolago Marconi. More than 50 vendors; artistic nativity scene; food tasting and entertainment.  
<http://www.mercantini-natale.com/lazise-mercantini-natale/>

## MONTEVIALE

**Dec. 3,** 3-9 p.m., **Dec. 4,** 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Castello. Street food, sweets and vin brulé (mulled wine); nativity scene; “How to Create a Mosaic” children’s workshop; at 3 p.m. “How to Create a Christmas Decoration with Felt” adult workshop; Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. live music; Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. puppet show; at 5 p.m. visit with Santa Claus.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1146800138733169/>

## REVINE LAGO

**Dec. 5-8,** 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Revine Lago (Treviso), Piazza Paese Lago. Local craft exhibit and food booths featuring local specialties.  
<http://www.mercantini-natale.com/revine-lago-mercantini-di-natale/>

## VENETO & NEARBY

### Il Circo delle Pulci Flea Market

**Nov. 19 and Dec. 17,** 9 a.m., Vicenza, Piazzale Alcide de Gasperi. Vintage items and local crafts exhibit/sale.  
<http://www.vicenzae.org/eng/events/icalrepeat.detail/2016/11/19/14503/-il-circo-delle-pulci>

### Fiera di Santa Caterina Saint Catherine Fair

**Nov. 25,** 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Barbarano Vicentino; food booths feature local specialties; street artists, falconers, traditional games, local products and crafts exhibit and sale with more than 250 booths.  
<http://www.vicenzae.org/eng/events/icalrepeat.detail/2016/11/25/14518/-fiera-di-santa-caterina>

## CHRISTMAS MARKETS VENETO

### I Giardini di Natale

#### Christmas Gardens — ASIAGO

**Nov. 19, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17,** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; **Nov. 20, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 8-11, Dec. 18 and Dec. 23-Jan. 8,** 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; **Dec. 2, Dec. 16,** 3-7 p.m.; **Dec. 25,** 3:30-7 p.m. Wooden booths feature a large variety of Christmas items and gift ideas; food booths with local specialties and vin brulé (mulled wine).  
[http://www.asiago.it/en/events/art\\_gardens\\_of\\_christmas\\_christmas\\_markets\\_by\\_asiago/](http://www.asiago.it/en/events/art_gardens_of_christmas_christmas_markets_by_asiago/)

### BOLZANO

**Nov. 24-Jan. 6,** Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday and Italian holidays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed Dec. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and closed Dec. 25; Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Jan. 1, noon-7 p.m., Dec. 2-6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Walther. More than 80 stallholders offer traditional seasonal gifts (handmade wooden, glass and ceramic products along with Christmas tree decorations, delicious seasonal pastries and more). Food specialties available plus mulled wine; children’s Christmas market where children can take an active part baking Christmas cookies and small Christmas decorations and presents.

### BARDOLINO (Verona)

**Nov. 26-Jan. 8,** 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Piazza Umberto and surrounding streets. Ice-skating rink; heated igloo; New Year’s party on Dec. 31 with live music, dancing and fireworks.  
[http://www.eventiagre.it/Natale\\_Natale/13012\\_Natale+a+Bardolino.html](http://www.eventiagre.it/Natale_Natale/13012_Natale+a+Bardolino.html)

### BRUNICO (Bolzano)

**Nov. 11-Jan. 6,** 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 24 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dec. 25 closed; Via Bastioni. Christmas music; old trade demonstrations; food booths feature local specialties and holiday sweets; carnival rides and rides on a small train; pony rides and ice-skating rink.  
<http://www.mercantini-natale.com/brunico-mercantini-di-natale/>

### BUSSOLENGO

**Through Jan. 8,** 19 a.m.-7:30 p.m., closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Garden Flower, Via Pastrengo 16. Christmas Village where Santa Claus and his elves wait for children to play and offer them snacks. Every Monday from 4 to 6 p.m., free bread-making workshop for children. All children who give a letter to Santa Claus will receive a free “Magic Christmas key.” Entrance fee: €1,50 on weekends and Italian holidays; free on weekdays.  
<http://www.mercantini-natale.com/bussolengo-varese-villaggio-di-natale-flower/>

### CAMISANO

**Through Dec. 11,** 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Sundays 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:30-7:30 p.m.; Via Alpini 57. Christmas house decorations, lanterns, indoor and outdoor decorations.  
<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/sponsored/christmas-village-opening-at-de-antoni-garden-camisano-3125>

### CASTELFRANCO VENETO (Treviso)

**Nov. 27-Dec. 4,** 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; 24 wooden booths feature a wide variety of Christmas decorations and gift ideas. <http://www.natale-mercantini.it/mercantini-di-natale-del-veneto/#>

### CASTELLO DI GODEGO (Treviso)

**Dec. 8,** 9 a.m.-10 p.m., in Piazza XI Febbraio. Food booths, entertainment for children, pictures with Santa Claus, Christmas train.  
<http://www.mercantini-natale.com/castello-godego-mercantini-natale/>

### CISON DI VALMARINO (Treviso)

**Dec. 8-11 and Dec. 17-18,** 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Castelbrando, Via Brandolini Brando 29 and Piazza Roma.  
<http://www.natale-mercantini.it/mercantini-di-natale-del-veneto/#>

### CORTINA D’AMPEZZO

**Dec. 7-Jan. 8,** weekdays 2-8 p.m., Saturdays-Sundays and Italian holidays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; in Corso Italia. Wooden booths offer a great variety of Christmas dec-

## MARKETS VENETO

**Verona:** Nov. 19, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

**Creazzo:** Nov. 20, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Marco

**Cittadella (Padova):** Nov. 20, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown

**Este (Padova):** Nov. 20, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

**Godega di Sant’Urbano:** Nov. 20, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

**Montagnana:** Nov. 20, 8 a.m. to sunset, Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

**Padova:** Nov. 20, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

**Soave:** Nov. 20, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza (110 vendors)

**Cerea:** Nov. 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

**Dolo (Venice):** Nov. 27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

**Piazzola sul Brenta:** Nov. 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

**Spresiano (Treviso):** Nov. 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

**Treviso:** Nov. 27, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

Christmas market, Asiago



## TUSCANY

### Festa dell'Olio Oil Fair

Nov. 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., San Montemurlo (Prato). Local products exhibit/sale and antique market; medieval representations; jesters and traditional games. Beginning at 11 a.m., food booths with typical dishes; renaissance music and dances; historical parade accompanied by musicians and flag-throwers; wooden sculptures exhibit; 5 p.m. Black & White Ensemble Gospel Choir; 6:30 p.m. bonfire.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=12&page=4&post=353>

### Mostra Mercato del Tartufo Bianco White Truffle Exhibit and Sale

Nov. 19-20, San Giovanni d'Asso (Siena). Local products and craft exhibit and sale; visits to the Truffle Museum; cooking shows; free tasting of local products; best cheese contest.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&tag=&area=&city=&date=12&page=4&post=902>

### Mostra Mercato Nazionale del Tartufo Bianco National White Truffle Exhibit and Sale

Nov. 19-20 & 26-27, San Miniato (Pisa). White truffle and many other local specialties exhibit and sale; old trades exhibits. Slow food workshops, antique market in Piazza Dante. Prizes for the largest truffle and the oldest truffle hunter.

[http://www.truffleituscany.it/news\\_truffle\\_in\\_tuscany\\_mostra\\_mercato\\_tartufo\\_san\\_miniato.html](http://www.truffleituscany.it/news_truffle_in_tuscany_mostra_mercato_tartufo_san_miniato.html)

### Festa del Cinghiale Wild Boar Fair

Nov. 19, food booths open at 7 p.m. and live music at 9 p.m.; Nov. 20, 9 a.m., Riparbella (Pisa). Photo exhibit opens, food booths open at noon and again at 7 p.m. At 9 p.m. live music and dancing, local products and crafts exhibit and sale.

<http://www.visitcostadeglietruschi.com/it/eventi/eventi-enogastronomici/>

### DolceMente Pisa Sweetly Pisa

Nov. 19-20, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Pisa, Stazione Leopolda, Piazza Guerrazzi. Taste the best Italian pastries, cakes, tarts, ice creams, coffee, chocolate, wines, and liquors. Entrance fee: €4; free for children younger than 12. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1805540616384878/>

### Il Desco-Sapori e Saperi lucchesi Desco-Culture and products of Lucca province

Nov. 19-20 & 26-27, Dec. 3-4 & 8-11, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Lucca, Piazza del Collegio 1. Local products exhibit and sale; workshops for children and adults; free entrance. <http://www.ildesco.eu/il-desco-2016/>

### Vegan Days

Nov. 25-27, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Pontedera, Sete Centrum, Viale Rinaldo Piaggio 82. On Nov. 25, 8 p.m. \*vegan buffet; 9 p.m. magic show; Nov. 26, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., exhibit and sale of vegan products and tasting; sweets contest; 6 p.m. awards for the best desserts. Vegan Tattoo Circus, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., the best Tuscan tattoo artists available for low cost tattoos; 6:15 p.m. vegan desserts demonstration; 8:30 p.m. \*vegan buffet; 9:30 p.m. lyric concert; Nov. 27, 10 a.m., guided visit to Della Pace farm. To participate, send an email to [eventi@ippoasi.org](mailto:eventi@ippoasi.org). Exhibit and sale of vegan products, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Vegan Tattoo Circus; 3:30 p.m. ceramics workshop for children and parents; 5:30 p.m. games and entertainment for children; 8:30 p.m. \*vegan buffet; 9:30 p.m. live music. Free entrance.

\*Reserve a seat by sending an email to [vegandayspontedera@gmail.com](mailto:vegandayspontedera@gmail.com).

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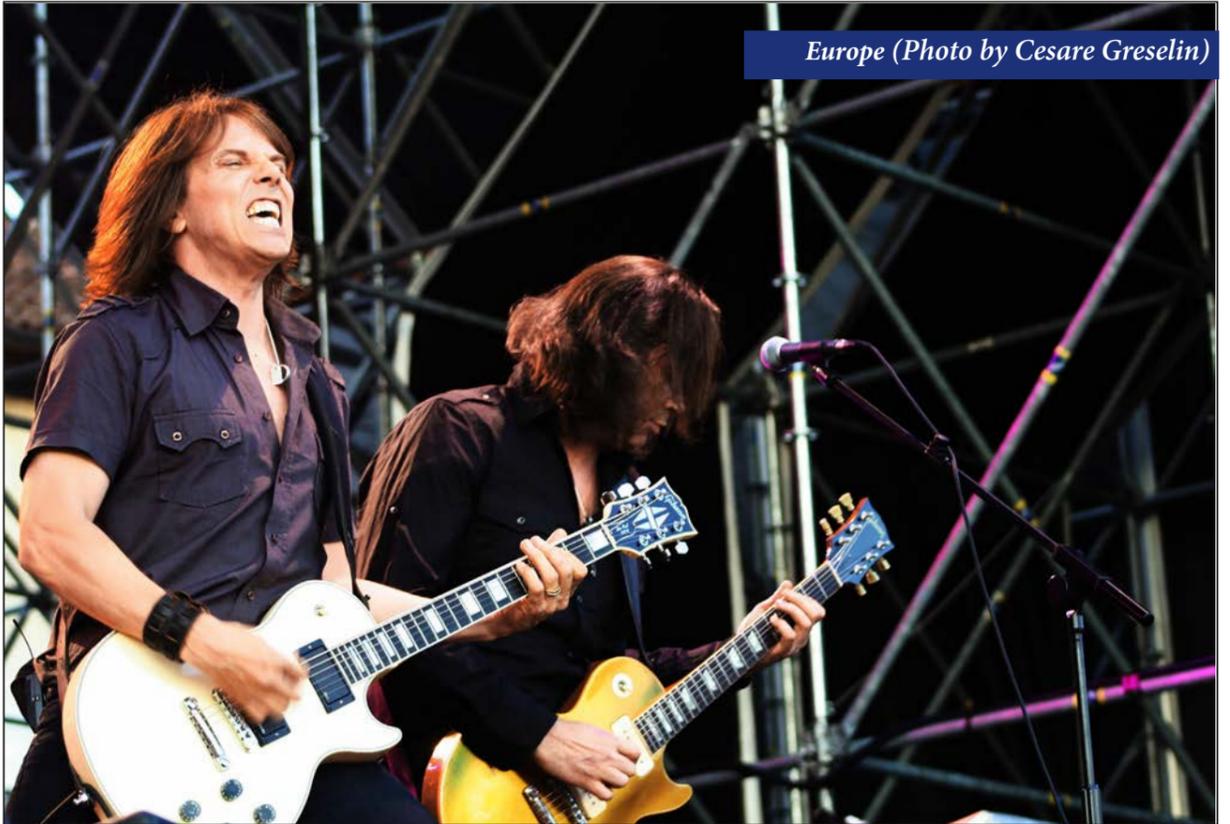
## CHRISTMAS MARKETS TUSCANY

### Villaggio Tirolese

#### Villaggio Tirolese — AREZZO

Through Dec. 26, Mondays-Thursdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Food booths on Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; in Piazza Grande. Typical Tyrolese food, beers and crafts. Free entrance.

<http://www.mercatini-natale.com/mercantini-di-natale-ad-arezzo-villaggio-tirolese-in-piazza-grande/>



Europe (Photo by Cesare Greselin)

### BARBERINO DEL MUGELLO (Florence)

Dec. 4, Dec. 8, Dec. 11, and Dec. 18, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; entertainment with street artists, shows, music and bingo. <http://www.natale-mercantini.it/mercantini-di-natale-della-toscana/>

### CAMPO BISENZIO (Florence)

Nov. 19-20, Nov. 26-27, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 8, Dec. 10-11 Dec. 17-18; 3-7 p.m., carnival rides, games and entertainment for children; magic Christmas park, workshops.

<http://www.natale-mercantini.it/mercantini-di-natale-della-toscana/>

### CHIANCIANO (Florence)

Through Dec. 26, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9, and Dec. 26, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 30-Jan. 8, 2-8 p.m.; in Chianciano (Florence). Entrance fee: €8; free for children younger than 3 and for disabled. Christmas market, bounce houses, workshops and entertainment for children.

<http://www.natale-mercantini.it/mercantini-di-natale-della-toscana/>

### FUCECCHIO (Florence)

Dec. 8, Dec. 10-11, Dec. 17-18, Dec. 26 and Jan. 6, 3:30-7:30 p.m., on Sundays. Opens at 10 a.m. and includes live Christmas music and carols, workshops with Santa Claus elves for children; magic shows.

<http://www.natale-mercantini.it/natalia-a-fucecchio/>

### LIVORNO

•Nov. 26-27, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 8-11, Dec. 16-24, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Villa Mimbelli, Via San Jacopo in Acquaviva 63. Santa Claus Village, workshops for children; ice-skating rink; holiday shows with elves and fairies.

•Dec. 7-11, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Piazza XX Settembre. Santa Claus house; workshop for children; face painting; live music. <http://www.natale-mercantini.it/mercantini-di-natale-della-toscana/>

### PRATO

Dec. 1-24, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Piazza Duomo. Wooden booths feature a variety of Christmas ornaments and gift ideas. Food booths with products from all over Europe; live music and entertainment.

<http://www.mercantini-natale.com/prato-mercantini-di-natale/>

## CONCERTS

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

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

Pink Floyd Legend Day - Nov. 19 Rome

Tinie Tempah – Nov. 21 Ciampino

The Lumineers – Nov. 25 Milan; Nov. 26 Bologna

Trixie Whitley – Dec. 1 Milan

Jake Bugg – Dec. 1 Bologna

Lucky Chops – Dec. 5 Milan; Dec. 6 Rome;

Dec. 7 Bologna

Crystal Castles – Dec. 12 Bologna

Glenn Miller Orchestra – Dec. 12 Turin; Dec. 13 Milan; Dec. 15 Rome; Dec. 16 Florence

The Harlem Gospel Choir – Dec. 13 Bologna; Dec. 22 Conegliano

Gospel Choir – Dec. 18 5 p.m. and 8:45 p.m., Vicenza, City Theatre

Green Day – Jan. 10 Torino

### ITALIAN ARTISTS

Modà – Nov. 18 Padova; Dec. 2 Florence; Dec. 6 Casalecchio di Reno

Marco Mengoni – Nov. 19 Conegliano (Treviso); Nov. 22 Padova

Elisa – Nov. 19-20 Rome; Nov. 22 Casalecchio sul Reno; Nov. 25-26 Assago; Nov. 28-29 Padova

I Nomadi – Nov. 20 Padova

Renato Zero – Nov. 24-25 Casalecchio di Reno; Dec. 6-14 Rome; Dec. 17-20 Florence; Dec. 22-23 Padova; Jan. 6-7 and Jan. 9, Assago

Tiromancino – Nov. 25 Bologna; Nov. 29 Milan

Fiorella Mannoia – Dec. 4 Florence; Dec. 5 Bologna; Dec. 12 Milan; Dec. 15 Padova; Dec. 22 Rome

Valerio Scanu – Dec. 17 Rome

IL Volo – May 19-20, 2017, Verona

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).

## MARKETS TUSCANY

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

**Certaldo (Florence):** Nov. 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno

**Florence:** Nov. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

**Lucca:** Nov. 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

**Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto):** Nov. 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio

**Ponte a Egola (Pisa):** Nov. 20, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

**Quarrata (Pistoia):** Nov. 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

**Bientina (Pisa):** Nov. 29-27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

**Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo):** Nov. 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza Del Municipio

**Cecina (Livorno):** Nov. 27, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

**Montevarchi (Arezzo):** Nov. 27, 9 a.m.-7 pm. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

**Prato:** Nov. 29-27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

# Family & MWR Events

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

### Italian as a Second Language Registration

Dec. 2, ACS, Bldg. 108  
Caserma Ederle

Step into this great introductory course in the Italian language. Learn the foundations of Italian and have a great opportunity to learn, meet others and understand more about communicating with our local Italian neighbors. Most days are spent in a classroom setting, however the instructor may take two field trips to intensify the learning of the language and culture. Class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from January 3 to February 28. Register early as it fills up quickly.

### Super Saturday - FRG Academy

Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Super Saturday is an alternative course to the two-day Family Readiness Group Academy: Basic Training and is meant for those unable to attend during the normal business week. Learn the basics of running an effective FRG with the most up-to-date rules and regulations while also improving professional development. This course will cover how to be an effective leader, Point of Contact training and treasurer training. Limited slots available. Sign up today.

### English as a Second Language

Mondays, 2-4 p.m.

Fridays, 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. For more information, call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

### 10 Steps to a Federal Job

Dec. 6, 9 a.m.-noon

Bldg. 126, SFL/TAP Computer Lab  
Caserma Ederle

This workshop is taught by a Certified Federal Job Search Trainer® and Certified Federal Career Coach® and will cover Kathryn Troutman's "10 Steps to a Federal Job" curriculum. Topics covered will include understanding federal job vacancy announcements, writing federal resumes and more. Registration is required. Stop by the Soldier for Life Center, Bldg. 126, to register.

### Super Saturday - FRG Academy

Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

The Advanced Individual Training

course is the second of a three-course concept of the Family Readiness Group Academy. This course provides more professional development for FRG leadership teams and an opportunity for networking. Topics include care team training, time management, heading towards leadership, and children and deployment. The is a two-day course and participants are required to attend both classes. Limited slots available.

### Breastfeeding Basics

Dec. 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

ACS conference room, Bldg. 108

Caserma Ederle

Learn all about the basics of breastfeeding with a lactation consultant. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500, for more information.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### Family Resiliency Through Art

Nov. 19, 3-5 p.m., \$10 per family

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Have fun while working together and building communication as a family. Various art mediums will be provided to allow for personal expression and creativity. Tools and techniques will be provided by the facilitator to open up communication, work through problem solving, minimize stress and enjoy the process. No art experience necessary or needed.

### Paint Your Own Pottery

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Just like in the states, the center has "Paint your own Pottery." Various bisque items are available for purchase such as plates, mugs, figurines, and the famous Italian chicken pitcher. No experience needed, just the desire to have fun. All glazes are food safe.

### Ornament Workshop

Dec. 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Post library, Caserma Ederle

Head to the library where we'll get your little one(s) ages 3-11 years ready for the season and into the holiday spirit. Event includes listening to holiday stories and making four different ornaments. All materials will be provided.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### Turkey Trot Fun Run 5k

Nov. 19, 8:30 - 11 a.m., \$15

Ederle Track & Field

It's time to earn that Thanksgiving dinner at the Turkey Trot 5k run/walk. Everyone is welcome to participate for a

chance to win a turkey while burning some calories. Price includes a chance to win a turkey and a t-shirt for the first 250 people to sign up. T-shirt and drawing ticket sales starts at 8 a.m. on the day of the event. Run begins at 9 a.m.

### Power Pump

Nov. 21, 23, 28 & 30

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

Ederle Fitness Center

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

### CYSS Cheerleading Enrollment

Enrollment runs through Dec. 9, \$40

Register Parent Central Services

Bldg. 108

This winter, children and youth ages 5-15 years can get active with cheer during the CYSS basketball season. Each group will cheer for their peer's games. Practices will start after Christmas and continue throughout basketball season, ending in late February or early March. Cheerleader groups: Peewee - Ages 5-6 years, Minors - Ages 7-9 years, Bantams & Juniors - Ages 10-15 years.

### Taekwondo

Nov. 21 & 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

\$12 each/\$70 for 8 sessions

Ederle Fitness Center

Class based upon taekwondo techniques will provide students the tools for self-defense. Call DSN 634-7616, comm. 0444-71-7616.

## TRIPS/ENTERTAINMENT

### Darby Laser Tag Kick Back Night

Nov. 18, 4-10 p.m., \$5

Youth Center, Camp Darby

Head off to play laser tag, then return to the Youth Center to eat, relax and chill with friends. Includes supervision, laser tag game, dinner and transportation. Register by Nov. 16 at the Youth Center.

### Music Café

Nov. 18, 7:30-11 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle

Music Café nights are casual improv jam nights for music lovers by music lovers. Sound, lights, amps, drums and guitars provided.

### Family Movie Night

Every Thursday & Sunday in November

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.

### Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Dec. 1, 4-7 p.m.

Ederle library parking lot

It's that time of year again! At the annual tree lighting ceremony, guests can enjoy singing and band performances from local talents as well as our middle and high school band and choirs. There will be refreshments, *vin brulé*, and a special guest to help light the tree. A true family event, one that children wait all year for.

### Darby Christmas Tree Lighting

Dec. 2, 5 p.m.

PX parking lot, Camp Darby

Come to this annual event when the Darby Military Community will light its Christmas tree. Guests will enjoy Christ-

mas carols, refreshments and a visit with Santa. Don't miss out on the celebration.

### Wine Down Wednesday: Prosecco

Dec. 7, 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., \$75

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Prosecco is the wine of the Veneto region. Join Outdoor Rec as we sample this sparkling white wine. North of Venice lies the wine region of Prosecco DOC di Conegliano-Valdobbiadene. The darling village of Conegliano is full of 15th to 18th century palaces, many of them with Venetian Gothic façades. Vineyards surround the town, mainly of the Prosecco grape, used to make the famed Italian bubbly. We will taste Prosecco in our selected winery and make a quick stop in front of Villa Barbaro of Palladio in Maser.

### Thanksgiving Lunch

Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$95

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Want a unique Thanksgiving experience? Enjoy Thanksgiving lunch in a castle. Participants will visit an authentic Italian Venetian castle, giving everyone a chance to relax and enjoy the day without the stress of cooking and cleaning. Step back in time in this gorgeous castle while we celebrate an American holiday. Location and menu will be announced before Thanksgiving. Dress is business casual.

### Matterhorn Ski and Snowboard Weekend

Nov. 24-27, 4:30 a.m., \$425

ODR, Caserma Ederle

What better way to start off ski and snowboard season than with a long weekend at one of Europe's most beautiful resorts? Guests will stay in the Italian mountain village of Cervinia, nestled at the foot of the spectacular Matterhorn. With good weather and a passport, skiers and snowboarders can travel over the ridge and drop into Switzerland for a day as well. Lodging will be a 3-star hotel with a restaurant and bar and our first night at the hotel is Thanksgiving.

### Rome and Pompeii Weekend

Nov. 24-27, 5 a.m., \$475

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Modern and old as well as past and present go side by side all the time in Rome. Rome is one of world's most photogenic cities-- not surprising when you remember what's here: the Vatican, Trevi Fountain, St. Peter's Square, Spanish Steps and the Colosseum. There will be a tour of the city followed by free time to go explore on your own. The next day we will travel down to Pompeii where you can explore the unearthed ruins of a Roman city. When Mount Vesuvius erupted in the year 79 A.D., it destroyed the city in such a way that much was preserved where it fell.

### The French Riviera Express

Dec. 3, 3 a.m., \$110

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Located on the southeast coast of France on the Mediterranean Sea, Nice is the second largest city in France. Nice experiences a Mediterranean climate and its summer holiday season lasts six months, making it the ideal vacation destination for summer enthusiasts. Suspended above the sea in Eze, on the Moyenne Corniche between Nice and Monaco, stands the Fragonard perfumery with its soaps and cosmetics factory equipped with the most modern laboratories and workshops. Participants will enjoy a tour of this famous French perfumery factory.

\*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>.



### Take a glance

**CAMP DARBY** — Monica Mechur (at the door), thrift shop manager, welcomes customers at the Camp Darby Second Glance Thrift shop grand opening ceremony in October. The shop was relocated to the building behind the laundromat and is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds from the thrift shop directly benefit the community. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)