VICENZA — Beginning Oct. 1, taxi drivers in Vicenza may enter Caserma Del Din and Caserma Ederle when called by customers.

The initiative is a new one, as taxis have not previously been allowed on the military installations here to pick up or drop off. Supported by the Italian Base Commander and U.S. military leadership, the policy authorizes several pickup locations that are marked with new taxi signs (see photo).

In addition to the already-established taxi pickup location on Viale Delta Pace outside Gate 2, taxi drivers will be allowed at the commissary parking lot and Ederle Inn on Caserma Ederle, and in front of the AAFES Express (shoppette) on Caserma Del Din.

Keeping safety in mind, only drivers who are members of the Vicenza Taxi Union and cleared for entrance will be authorized entrance onto the installations to pick up and drop off. Italian authorities, in partnership with the Directorate of Emergency Services, have provided background checks and issued badges for those drivers.

According to Lt. Col. Mike Parsons, director of Emergency Services, this initiative is a great stride for the Vicenza Military Community.

“Leadership has heard the voices of Soldiers who have asked for this service for awhile,” said Parsons. "The new policy provides access to safe, legal taxis for our community."

“To make it easy for those needing a ride, there is an app for Smartphones whereby customers can book the taxi with a simple tap. Download apptaxi.it/get for the app that includes not only Vicenza, but also 18 other cities such as Milan, Rome, Venice and Padova. Other app features include paying with credit card in the app, sending GPS position if you don’t know the address where you are, canceling or otherwise managing reservations.

Workshop fosters sustainable training

UDINE — “In Friuli Venezia Giulia, we have shown that we must and can find a positive synthesis between environmental interests and defense needs,” said the region’s councilor for Infrastructure and Urban Planning, Mariagrazia Santoro, in her opening remarks at the third annual U.S.-Italy Sustainable Training Management Areas held here Sept. 12.

Organized by the U.S. European Command, headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany, the one-day workshop brought together officials from the regional government, along with environmental experts and senior leaders from the U.S. and Italian armies operating in the northeast of Italy.

The topic of the workshop was to foster the ongoing partnership between military and civilians to find a balance between meeting training needs and the required safeguard of the environment.

Since some training sites host protected habitat, the challenge was to ensure that all stakeholders—Italian and U.S., military and civilians alike—remain proactively engaged and further sustain military readiness requirements.

Addressing the 70-person audience, Brig. Gen. Dwaine E. Drummond, Marine National Guard, said that: “Protecting our shared ability to train together requires deep respect for the biodiversity of the areas entrusted to us, and respect of the laws in force in the host country.”

Drummond, an expert on training and environmental protection, expressed appreciation for great work of dialogue with Italian authorities, emphasizing that the balance achieved in some areas of the region represents a model of effective partnership between civil and military, Italian and U.S. operators on the territory.

“Therefore,” he said, “it is our responsibility to keep earning that trust.”

Santoro said the close partnership has allowed implementation of integrated, strict monitoring that has resulted in background checks and issued badges for those drivers.

Additional information can be found at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention site at: www.cdc.gov/chikungunya or at the World Health Organization at http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs327/en/.

By Maj. Ruben I. Ortiz

Chikungunya fever cases appear in Italy

VICENZA — According to the Italian Ministry of Health, three locally acquired, laboratory-confirmed cases of chikungunya fever, with symptom onset in August 2017, have occurred 50 kilometers (about 31 miles) south of Rome in Anzio, Lazio Region.

Local authorities have begun vector control efforts and advised medical providers to be on alert for more possible cases. Local citizens are urged to seek medical care if they develop symptoms of chikungunya virus infection including high fever, joint pain and rash. The National Blood Center has halted donations from donors in the region.

These cases in Italy follow an outbreak in southern France that began Aug. 11 and have resulted in six confirmed and one probable locally acquired cases as of Sept. 6.

The chikungunya virus is transmitted to people by mosquitoes of the Aedes species that largely bite during daylight hours. The most common symptoms of chikungunya virus infection are fever and joint pain. Other symptoms may include headache, muscle pain, joint swelling or rash. Outbreaks have occurred in countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

There is no vaccine to prevent or med-
By Maj. Burke Lenz
Contributor

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — As a military social worker, there are many behavioral health issues that I address on a daily basis. Suicide ideation and whether or not a person has developed a suicide plan and if that person will actually follow through on their plan are a few I am far too familiar with.

Some may use the thought of suicide as way to avoid stressors in their life. Some use suicide as a way to communicate just how unhappy they are and some use suicide as way to control others.

Research shows there isn’t a “type” of person who ultimately commits suicide. To say that if we watch one gender, from one socio-economic background, from one particular cultural background, we’ll be able to significantly impact the rate of suicide would be a misnomer.

Suicide can affect anyone, from anywhere and at any time. Suicide affects those left behind to deal with the “why.” They attempt to comfort each other and are left wondering what they could have done differently.

The question we all ask when someone has committed suicide is “why.” This question causes a number of reactions such as anger, sadness or betrayal. The one person who could answer the “why” is no longer here so rumors and speculation begin. Speculation and rumor are used to fill in the gaps between what we know and what we think we know.

Research shows someone may consider suicide due to financial problems, relationship trouble, feeling bullied at school or work, or they may be someone who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. We don’t control over whether someone ultimately commits suicide. We do what we can to show care and concern. We do what we can to ensure our families, friends and co-workers know that we care and value their lives.

Don’t be afraid to ask the tough questions. There’s no evidence to support that by asking someone if they are thinking about or considering suicide it will cause them to start thinking about suicide or cause them to plan and commit suicide. If you take the time to recognize that someone is asking for help either by word or actions, you can provide that “stop gap” that will allow some to take a step back and reevaluate the thought of ending their life.

The best we can ask for is causing someone to reevaluate their suicidal thoughts, to reevaluate why they feel that death is a viable option. It is not our place to question the motive, only to recognize that someone is asking for help and to provide our family member, our friend, our coworker with a safe place to go, a safe person to talk to so that they can “reset” and plan for something better.

(Shell’s note: Maj. Burke Lenz is the former Chief of Social Work Service, at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital.)

Find laughter at community theater
VICENZA — John Valdespino (left) and Todd Lewis, two cast members of “Unexpected Laughter,” perform during a dress rehearsal at Soldiers’ Theatre Sept. 20. More than 20 actors perform in this production of short comedies where laughter is the prime ingredient.

Valdespino and Lewis performed “Who Doth Inhabit the Primary Position?” by David Doubert, Jason King Jones and Jay Leibowitz. This piece is an adaptation of the classic vaudeville routine, “Who’s on First?”

Community members are still able to see “Unexpected Laughter” by reserving seats today.

Performances are presented through Sunday: Sept. 29 and 30, 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 1 matinee at 2 p.m.

“Unexpected Laughter” contains adult situations and language not suitable for children.

To see more photos from the production, visit the USAG Italy Flickr site: https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157686351375181.

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Speak Out

Which book(s) did you read this summer?

Hillary Taylor
Family member

“I read books to my small children, such as fairy tales and ‘Go, Dog. Go!,’ by P.D. Eastman.”

Kacie Johnson
Outdoor Recreation

“I have been rereading the Outlander Series by Diana Gabaldon.”

Pvt. Marco Valenzuela

“I read a military-related book, Marine Sniper, by Charles Henderson.”

Cassie Tustall
Family member

“Cooking with Love by Carlo Hall.”

Trevis Dilley
839th Transportation Bn.

“Standard of Honor by Jack White.”

Vincenzo Leto
DMC DP/MTS

Staff ride focuses on Mount Grappa battlefields, fosters NATO alliance

Story and photo by Anna Ciccotti USAG Italy

VICENZA — Twenty U.S. Army service members assigned to the U.S. Army NATO Allied Forces Southern Battalion participated in a staff ride on and around Mount Grappa Aug. 24 to build team spirit and gain an on-site understanding of Italian mountain warfare during World War I.

The staff ride was the highlight of a four-day leaders summit that brought to Caserma Ederle all four company command teams from Norfolk, Va., to Izmir, Turkey and two co-located in Naples with the battalion staff.

“`The purpose of today’s battle staff ride is to study the campaign of the Italian Army fighting against Austria and Germany,” said John G. Misenheimer Jr., AFSOUTH battalion commander.

Lessons learned

“There are a lot of lessons learned that we can take from the first World War, especially on how mission command, communications and logistics play an important role on the front line. We can take those back and better support our NATO nation while building the mission of the battalion,” he said.

The ride featured a 12-mile hike around the Grappa massif, site to three of the bloodiest battles of the Italian front fought between November 1917 and October 1918, with mountain troops facing harsh combat conditions.

“Without Monte Grappa, the Italy we know today would (not exist),” said Capt. Jermaine A. Ashill, battalion operations officer. The terrain walk allowed the leaders to understand why, after Italian troops were defeated at Caporetto, the massif became one of the central points of the Italian lines of defense and resulted decisive to bring the Austrian of-

sensive to a halt.

The ride provided an opportunity to learn about the host nation’s history and, therefore, gain a deeper respect for our key ally and NATO partner,” At- hill said.

Underlining the strategic position of Grappa, Italian military history experts guided participants along the terrain walk and shared their knowledge of significant battlefields, memorial sites, trench lines, tunnels and artillery positions dug in solid rock.

Historical analysis

Professor Paolo Pozzato, military history historian and author, provided a detailed analysis of Italy’s involvement in WWI. He engaged the team by explaining how Italy entered the conflict in May 1915, turn-

ing on its former ally, Austria-Hungary.

The Italian-Austrian border became the Italian Front, theater of a series of battles fought until November 1918, when the Allied victory at Vittorio Veneto sealed the victory of Italy against the Aus-

tro-Hungarian army.

Pozzato emphasized that the front stretched over more than 400 miles across the Dolomites and Julian Alps, from Lake Garda to the Isonzo River in Slovenia. Although Italy had hoped to defeat the enemy with a surprise offen-

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e the Italians made in defending their country, Staff Sgt. Jason Tafoya, battalion noncommissioned officer, said, “As I was walking those trails I was thinking how did they do it back then, carrying hundreds of pounds of stuff and being shot at.

“When you put on the uniform, it means something because the people be-

fore you have made sacrifices. It doesn’t matter what military you are part of, you put on that uniform so that future gener-

ations can wear the same uniform and serve their country. This ride helped me put things in perspective.”

Taking part in the ride was also retired Italian Army Col. Edoardo Maggian, for-

mer Italian base commander at Ederle and Alpine troops officer. He provided context on key strategic and operation-

al aspects of the war, primarily from the Italian but also from the Austro-Hungar-

ian perspective. That formed the basis of subsequent discussion.

Sharing information

Along the ride, participants engaged in an informal dialogue sharing the prelimi-

nary information, and lessons learned on the various aspects of the campaign, to include warfare concepts, battle lead-

ership, decision-making process, com-

mand and control.

“Soldiers perform best when provided with good leadership, direction and moti-

vation. Knowing your leaders care about your well-being can help you endure the hardship and horror of war. Also, defense of the homeland played a significant role for both sides as a motivating factor,” added Maj. Michael A. Klobnak, battalion executive officer.

Reflecting on how AFSOUTH can draw any meaningful lessons from a conflict that took place 100 years ago, Misenheimer pointed out that, given the complexities of equipping and train-

ing Soldiers assigned to 16 NATO units dispersed across seven countries, those same mission-command principles di-

rectly apply to how effective they are at enabling the Alliance.

“We must first see ourselves at every level and location, understand both na-

tional support elements and NATO mis-

sion requirements, and strike the right balance of empowering and developing leaders with the insight to recognize and implement change when necessary,” he said.

“By maintaining clear communication and prioritization... we can further im-

prove morale, teamwork, and Soldier and unit resiliency.”

Sgt. Kyle Martin Rogers, an unmanned aircraft systems repairman from Company D, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, saved a woman’s life downtown Aug. 31.

Rogers’ platoon leader, 1st Lt. Carlos Omar Flores, said Rogers’ ability to react properly should come as no surprise.

“Soldiers are all trained, and when put in that sce-

nario, the training will kick in and their quick reaction will save lives,” Flores said.

Italian military history expert Edoardo Maggian (third from left) shows the network of trench lines to service members assigned to U.S. Army NATO Allied Forces Southern Battalion during a team-building staff ride on Mount Grappa Aug. 24.

This was not the first, second or even third time Rogers has helped to save someone’s life.

“I’ve helped with a couple motorcycle accidents back in Fayetteville [N.C.], so I’ve just been able to react to stuff before.”
VICENZA — Vigilance against fire is a 24/7/365 responsibility for everyone in the family and neighbors too.

This year the Fire Department reminds community members to always have a Plan B, as every second counts when there is a fire.

If your primary exit is blocked, you need an alternate way out. Staying inside a burning house, apartment, hotel, bus, train, office or campsite or ground area is NOT an option you want to try. If one option is to wait on a balcony for firefighters to rescue you, make sure the firefighters can reach you. Make sure you are safe on the balcony as fire from below can come up and kill with smoke.

If the balcony edge is 90 feet or less above the ground and a ladder truck can get within 70 feet of the balcony on a hard surface, you should be reachable. Also be sure to take into account car parking and other obstacles. Make sure to close doors behind you as you make your escape. This will help keep the fire at bay, at least for a little while, and not allow fire the easy freedom to extend into other rooms.

NEVER, ever, go back into a burning building. Tell firefighters where a loved one is (pets, too!) and let them go get them for you. Firefighters train to do this and have a much better success rate.

Every second counts — know two ways out. Be vigilant and prevent fires.

(Collage courtesy of DMC Public Affairs Office)

Darby pride

CAMP DARBY — The Livorno Retail Store broke the 1,000+ mark in June, according to Antonio Podhora, store manager, meaning the AAFES facility sold more than 1,000 pieces of their Camp Darby clothing. Customers from all parts of the world — from Alaska to California, Colorado, New York, Germany and Spain — showed their affiliation with the Darby community.

Podhora thanks all for their support and said community members “are much more than customers; they are family and friends. We are honored and privileged to serve you and to know you.”

(Collage courtesy of DMC Public Affairs Office)

Pool party

CASERMA EDERLE United States Army Garrison Italy hosted a pool party which took place here Aug. 25. The community-wide aquatics event was open to youth and adults within the Vicenza Military Community. The party, coordinated by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation with the support of American Red Cross volunteers, attracted approximately 200 VMC members who spent the day at the pool.

To view more photos of the 2017 Pool Party, visit the USAG Italy Flickr site: http://www.flickr.com/photos/usavgicenza/albums/721576883840658553.

(Photograph by Laura Kreider, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office)

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renewal of the legislation that regulates military exercises in protected sites.

“Many of these areas have a high naturalistic value exactly because they are military areas, a factor which has preserved them from other types of land speculation,” Santoro said.

Also in attendance at the conference were Milan Consul General Philip T. Reeker, representatives from the U.S. Embassy, and leaders of the U.S. Army Europe Training and Doctrine Command. Reeker thanked the Italian authorities, particularly those of Friuli Venezia Giulia, for collaboration shown in the shared commitment to protect the environment and guarantee conditions for continued training of Italian and American soldiers.

“I am gratified to see Italian and American environmental experts working together today in Udine for the achievement of these goals,” he said.

Brig. Gen. Bruno Morace, FVG Region Italian Army commander, underlined the importance of the workshop, saying it is "indispensable to get to know each other better and, ultimately, to operate together in a supportive environment based on constant and productive collaboration."

The workshop addressed other issues affecting the region, to include management of training infrastructure and management of Codroipo and Racchiuso’s former powder kilns. Participants also received a positive report on the latest environmental monitoring done to assess effects of training with heavy equipment launches, as well as that of all-terrain vehicles in the Dandolo range.

The activity in recent years has seen an increased collaboration between military and regional government. That collaboration is expected to grow in view of the increasing interest of the U.S. Army in training locations along the Tagliamento River and Cellina Meduna area.

Asked why training in FVG is important for the U.S. Army in Italy, and especially for the Vicenza-based 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, James V. Matheson, chief, Regional Training Support Division South, said, “Friuli is a critical training location for 173rd Brigade because it affords a wide variety of training options.”

He added that the military air bases at Aviano and Rivolto can be used to support all of these activities. Furthermore, the geographic diversity in FVG allows to train in mountain conditions, flat open areas, forests, and riverbeds in all kinds of weather from rain to snow to sun.

“A commander developing a training plan literally has a menu of options at his disposal all in one region of Italy,” Matheson said.

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Need assistance?
Don’t know whom to call?

Call the Chaplain Hotline.

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September 29, 2017
**Suicide prevention summit opens discussion**

**CASERMA DEL DIN** — Nearly 100 Soldiers and civilians of the Vicenza Military Community came together for the second annual Suicide Awareness Prevention Summit, hosted by the garrison here Sept. 20.

Many volunteers worked together at the event organized by the garrison’s Army Substance Abuse Program.

Participants were divided into four groups and each of them spent approximately a half hour on several topics about prevention and awareness.

Organizers emphasized that suicide is preventable — that many people contemplating suicide want to live, but are unable to see alternatives to their problems, viewing their situation as hopeless.

Suicide cuts across all ranks and ages as well as economical, social, religious and ethnic boundaries.

Recognizing warning signs can be the best way to help those in trouble. Warning signs include:

- Major life transitions
- Stress, prolonged or unmanageable stress
- History of abuse
- Feel sad, “blue” or in a depressed mood
- Experiencing relationship problems
- Family problems
- Financial concerns
- Have trouble eating or sleeping
- Losing interest in hobbies, work or school
- Lost interest in appearance
- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Significant weight gain or loss
- Can’t think clearly, make decisions or get control
- Withdrawing from friends, loved ones or social activities
- Can’t see things as worthwhile or a future without pain
- Recent or severe loss (job, death of friend, major illness, academic failure)
- Have family, marital or sexual problems
- Anyhow, try to make them feel loved.

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Employee Spotlight

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

Position/organization:
Contract Specialist Support
Department of Public Works

Overview of job/duties:
“[I] work within the Directorate of Public Works, Engineering Division Job Order Contracting (JOC) section. I currently serve in the role of Contracting Officer’s Representative, executing all aspects of JOC task orders to ensure successful and timely award of construction projects. JOC task order execution is key to ensuring successful execution of USAG Italy’s multimillion dollar Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (SRM) Annual Work Plan.

“I perform extensive coordination with garrison directorates and tenant commands throughout USAG Italy to ensure projects satisfy their requirements and customer mission needs are met.

“Coordination and scheduling of JOC contracts is performed to ensure services are provided on a timely basis, and project phases are evaluated to identify areas where procedural improvements can be made. I follow up on projects to include all the technical aspects to assure completion of maintenance work and construction projects in a quality and timely manner... I ensure that the USAG Italy JOC Program complies with Federal Acquisition Regulations and the highest ethical standards.”

Major accomplishments or goals:
“Spearheading a JOC program that has fully executed multimillion dollar SRM obligations plans for fiscal years 2007 through 2017. Executing project awards in accordance with prescribed U.S. Army timelines, thereby ensuring USAG Italy has continued to receive its full allotment of SRM funding. I take pride in accomplishing projects that have provided critical mission support to entities throughout USAG Italy, 173rd Airborne Brigade, U.S. Army Africa, Medical Command, AFSBn, etc. My goal is to keep working as a team with ethical and professional colleagues to keep up the DPW standards and continue to meet all customer requests and expectations.”

What do you like best about your job?
“I enjoy working with the different garrison directorates and tenant commands throughout USAG Italy — Caserma Ederle, Del Din, Darby and Longare — and satisfying our customers by meeting their expectations.”

Remembering 9/11
PADUA — On the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the United States, a mix of Italian and American dignitaries, service members and firefighters paid their respects at the “Memory and Light” memorial in Padova to all who lost their lives that day.

The memorial was inaugurated in 2005 and hosts a piece of a steel beam from the World Trade Center.

(Photo by Mark Turney, FMC Public Affairs)

Liberty anniversary

PIA — On the 73rd anniversary of Santa Croce (Pisa) liberation, a plaque was unveiled to remember an American Soldier, Frederick F. Olson who lost his life in the name of freedom. Olson rests at Florence American Cemetery and Memorial. Representing the U.S. military at the ceremony was Air Force Master Sgt. Jesus Canales.

( Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs)

At the movies

My Little Pony: The Movie
(Rated PG)

A dark force threatens Ponyville, and the Mane 6 embark on an unforgettable journey beyond Equestria where they meet new friends and exciting challenges on a quest to use the magic of friendship to save their home.

Sept. 29 7 p.m. Flatliners (PG-13)
10 p.m. American Made (R)

Sept. 30 3 p.m. The Lego Ninjago Movie (PG)
6 p.m. Flatliners (PG-13)

Oct. 1 7 p.m. Kingsman: The Golden Circle (R)
10 p.m. American Made (R)

Oct. 4 7 p.m. Flatliners (PG-13)

Oct. 5 7 p.m. American Made (R)

Oct. 6 7 p.m. My Little Pony: The Movie (PG)
10 p.m. Blade Runner 2049 (R)

Oct. 7 3 p.m. My Little Pony: The Movie (PG)
6 p.m. The Mountain Between Us (PG-13)

Oct. 8 3 p.m. My Little Pony: The Movie (PG)
6 p.m. Blade Runner 2049 (R)

Oct. 11 7 p.m. Blade Runner 2049 (R)

Oct. 12 7 p.m. The Mountain Between Us (PG-13)

Oct. 13 7 p.m. The Foreigner (R)
10 p.m. Happy Death Day (PG-13)

Movie schedule is provided by AAFES.

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
Schedule is subject to change without notice.

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Health & Wellness

Medical professionals hone skills at collaborative event

VICENZA — Army medical specialists and licensed practical nurses from U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza, 173rd Airborne Brigade and U.S. Army Africa joined efforts Aug. 24 at the first-ever collaborative Medical Skills Fair at the Health Center.

The collaborative opportunity, organized by Maj. Maria Bruton, U.S. Army Vicenza Health Center and Nursing Services, Capt. Jacqueline Hurtado, nursing officer in charge, and Capt. Adam Rich, 173rd Abn. Bde. nurse, was intended to provide useful, practical training for unit medical resources in preparation for real-life events.

Registered nurses and medical providers from the participating units manned 13 tables, educating and reviewing skills varying in difficulty from taking vital signs to performing life-saving invasive care such as chest tube insertion.

The opportunity provided not just didactic training, but also hands-on and interactive skills education and evaluation.

“These Soldiers have to be ready to forward deploy, and we have the joint responsibility to ensure they are ready,” said Bruton. “We had a very positive response to the training here today, and are looking forward to even more collaborative training initiatives.”

In all, 70 Soldiers and staff members from Caserma Del Din and Caserma Ederle received training on medical skills aligned with a forward-deployed setting’s needs. Facilitators indicated this initiative will take place every six months on this large scale, augmented with monthly, smaller training on focused topics.

Additionally, the medics will be attending “Sky Soldier” jumps to maintain and refresh their medical triage and first aid skills in the near future.

Health center puts spotlight on local Red Cross volunteer

by Tamara Passut
Contributor

VICENZA — She sits patiently, awaiting the next question, thinking to herself, “Everyone who comes in those doors represents my son and husband” and, because of that, she donates her time freely.

Her name is Francesca Gheller Dorritty, and she is a familiar face at the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza as a volunteer. Dorritty is a lifetime world traveler and speaks four languages but returned home to Vicenza, where she was born. She has given her time to assist newly arrived families, Soldiers, and the community of Vicenza since then.

Dorritty volunteers with the American Red Cross and though she does not have any specific medical background, she knows she is still greatly needed and appreciated at the health clinic to answer even simple questions and offer comforting support to those who may feel lost or lonely.

“I like to volunteer at the front desk the most. That way, I can help people with their questions, greet everyone entering and offer a warm welcome to the health clinic. It’s also where I can help the most people,” said Dorritty.

As she assists with each question or sees a person with a vague, jet-lagged look on their face, she eagerly steps in to offer assistance, remembering her son.

Dorritty’s son Paul served with 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) “Night Stalkers” and died serving his country in 2002. She keeps his memory close and commits herself to paying it forward while continuing his legacy to serve others.

Many volunteers choose to boost their resume, meet friends, and advance their visibility at the clinic so that when a position comes available they are the first to know. In Dorritty’s case, getting a permanent, paid position is not a goal.

When asked how many hours it takes to be a volunteer, Dorritty responded: “Oh, I don’t even count. Maybe on average, two hours a day, five days a week. Some days more, some days less.”

She emphasized it’s not the hours, but the motivation and the impact that is important. Dorritty encourages everyone to get out, just a few hours a day, and give back. Help others, perhaps, where once you were helped.

To register to be a volunteer, stop by the American Red Cross office located across from the fitness center on Caserma Ederle.

WHERE TO GET HELP IN CRISIS

Military Police 24/7 — (on post/local) 112/114/715, comm. 0444-71-7115 (VICENZA)
Military Police 24/7 — (on post/local) 115 comm. 051-54-7115 (DARBY)
Chaplains 24/7: 0444-66-2273 (CARE)
Behavioral Health: 0444-61-9140
MFTC: 333-499-8967/450-877-9476
Military Crisis Line: (in Europe) 00-800-1273-8225/DSN 118
Domestic violence hotline: 0444-71-5878 (JUST)
Sexual assault hotline: 0444-71-7272 (SARC)
American Red Cross: 0444-71-7089

U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza
PHARMACY HOURS
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Call DSN 636-9130, comm. 0444-61-9130

Annual cookout brings Americans, Italians together

by Tamara Passut
Contributor

VICENZA — The annual tradition of U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza staff sharing a little bit of America with Ospedale San Bortolo in downtown Vicenza took place for the 23rd consecutive year Sept. 14.

Staff from both organizations shared burgers, hot dogs, chips, cake and appreciation, as they honored the continued collaboration and quality care provided to American service members and their beneficiaries at the Italian Hospital.

Liason services for Americans stationed at Caserma Ederle began in 1994.

At the event, Director General Giovanni-Pavesi thanked Lt. Col. Kane Morgan, commander, USAHCV, and presented him with a placed for the clinic here.

“Thank you for the close relationship with our hospital. We are proud to serve the Americans who live in Vicenza as a part of our patient population,” said Pavesi.

Ospedale San Bortolo is the primary network provider serving the Vicenza Military Community, with approximate-ly 18 births each month and hundreds of surgical procedures a year.

The USAHC-V hosts 10 patient liaisons at the facility, whom facilitate not only translation between patients and Italian medical staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but also communicate important information back to the patient’s primary care manager and provide record translation services.

Strengthening the medical partnership between the host nation provider and the American health clinic improves Soldier readiness and enhances capability to provide consistent, positive experiences across the healthcare network.
Ederle plays host to fourth annual US Open with Italian community

CASERMA EDERLE — For the fourth year in a row, the Vicenza Military Community hosted the 2017 International US Open/Tennis We Can, an annual tennis tournament held on Caserma Ederle over a rainy Labor Day weekend Sept. 2-3.

This year’s tournament expanded to a two-day weekend format with two teams: one from Caserma Ederle including Soldiers, spouses, civilians and family members, and the Italian team with local tennis clubs’ members from Vicenza and San Felice sul Panaro, a town in the Emilia-Romagna region, which is a sister city with the Vicenza Club.

The open format featured nearly 50 competitors playing men’s and women’s singles, men’s and women’s doubles, and mixed doubles. Michele Battezzati, founder of local tennis organization “Tennis We Can,” created in 2009 and made official in 2014 as a European Union trademark, organizes the Italian squad and overall direction in concert with the MWR Sports and Fitness Office.

“This tournament always takes place in September during the US Open ATP World Tour,” said Battezzati. “Because we try the US Open/Tennis We Can, an annual tennis tournament held on Caserma Ederle Sept. 2. In 2015, Guilhir, who played for the American team, placed first in the Girls 18 & under Virginia State Championship. More photos may be found at https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157687134391024.
News briefs

Estate or indebtedness claims: Pfc. Andrew B. Young

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Pfc. Andrew B. Young, from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Brigade Combat Team, should contact the Summary Court-Martial Officers, 1st Lt. Andy Angrino, at DSN 637-4129 or via e-mail: andy.angrino.mil@mail.mil.

Water outage at Del Din

On Oct. 2, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., the Directorate of Public Works will turn off the water across Caserma Del Din to install a new water softener for the main water treatment base. This outage will impact domestic water sources (showers, toilets, water fountains, etc.) and water fire suppression system. If you have any questions regarding this outage, contact the DPW Supervisor, Mechanical Engineer at DSN 637-8866.

Onsite college classes start soon

The classes for the Fall 2 semester of University of Maryland will be offered onsite between Caserma Ederle and Caserma Del Din. The classes will offer a variety of topics and focal points and take place in the evenings to fit busy work schedules. To learn about scholarships and financial aid opportunities, drop by the UMUC office at the Vicenza Education Center, Bldg. 126, Room 16, or call DSN 314-637-8141. The office is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Soldier GT improvement classes

Soldiers who are interested may attend a FAST (Functional Academic Skills Training) class and work toward improving their GT scores. Classes take place Oct. 24-Nov. 14 at the Ederle Education Center. PreTABE takes place Oct. 18-19, with registration closing Oct. 9. Classes fill up quickly, so make sure to sign up today. Call DSN 637-8141, comm. 0444-61-8141. Or email vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil.

Retiree Appreciation Day

Garrisons throughout IMCOM-Europe are hosting Retiree Appreciation Days in October, and USAJ IT is no exception. The event at Caserma Ederle will take place as follows: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 26, at the U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza, Building 2310. Free health-related services include audiology, blood-pressure screening, diabetes information, family practice, immunizations, infection control, nutrition care, occupational therapy, orthopedics, optometry, pharmacy, TRICARE, and wellness advice. For more information, please call the Retirement Services Officer at DSN 637-7747, comm. 0444-71-7747 or email at tamelia.j.hushen.civ@mail.mil.

Prepare POV for PCS

Soldiers and civilians who are PCSing must prepare their privately owned vehicles for shipping. Required documents include: valid copy of PCS orders, SETAF registration, receipt, authorization letter, valid Power of Attorney, and all recall information on the POW. For details, visit www.italy.army.mil and click on the “Shipping a POV?” button.

Officer Candidate School reunion

Make plans now to attend the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School Alumni Association 2018 Reunion, March 25-29, 2018, in Columbus, Ga. The OCS Alumni Association represents all Army officers commissioned through any Officer Candidate School, regardless of previous locations or branch affiliation. The reunion will include a Hall of Fame induction ceremony, reception, and formal dinner that will include presentation of the Patterson Award. There will be demonstrations, briefings at Fort Benning and more. The reunion will be conducted at the Columbus Marriott Hotel, 800 Front Avenue, Columbus, phone: 1-706-324-1800. Refer to the OCS web site at https://www.ocsalumni.org for information updates, or contact Nancy Ionoff, (813) 917-4309, for more information.

Vicenza community club provides access to goods, community place to gather

Story and photo by Rose Roorda

CASERMA EDERLE — The Vicenza Community Club Thrift Store is more than just a store that offers opportunities to purchase used goods at reduced rates to the community. The store is a hub where many people dedicate their time as volunteers, as well as a place where goods and service are transformed into tangible benefit to the community.

Staffed and run by active and attentive individuals who care about contributing for the greater good, the store and its people are always working to make the community better.

Permanent Change of Station (PCS) season, from June to August, is the busiest time of year for the store. During this time, large donations are dropped off as families clear their homes in preparation for moving. Most people know that if you have useful items to get rid of, the Thrift Store is the place to take it. Donations will benefit the community through giving items to those who need it, and more directly, through the funds it provides through a sale. Often, the benefits are more than that because of the community-minded staff who work there.

The staff meet community needs by providing material support to organizations and their projects.

For example, when the store management heard that U.S. Army Garrison Italy Family Readiness Group planned to do up their barracks dayroom for single Soldiers, her response was, “That’s a great cause; we’d love to support it.” She immediately took action, compiling a list of needed items and preparing them for pickup.

“We’re extremely grateful to the VCC. Their contributions have directly improved our Soldiers’ living environment,” said Capt. Brennan Roseda, former company commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Italy. “We now have for our single MP soldiers a functional kitchen with pots, pans, cutlery and plates, and (other) useful items.”

The Thrift Store also provides items to organizations such as the Boy/Girl Scouts, and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, not to mention the on-post theatre.

The VCC provides employment opportunities to the VMC in the store, which is staffed by a handful of employees, a store manager, assistant manager and cashiers. The store opens from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The Vicenza Community Club itself gives back to the community to the tune of more than $100,000 per annum, which includes more than $30,000 annually in scholarships and $35,000 in community enrichment grants. To learn more about the VCC, visit http://vccitaly.org/about/.
Out & About

Festa del Baccalà
Cod Festival
Through Oct. 3, from 6 p.m., Montegaldina, Piazza Marconi, about 12 miles southwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring gnocchi with codfish, cod with polenta and other local specialties open at 6 p.m. Live music and dancing starts at 9 p.m. http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Feste/2595_Festa_del_Baccalà.html

Festa della Transumanza
Transhumance Festival

Sagra dell’Arma
Duck Festival

Festa del Riso
Rice Festival
Oct. 7-9, Isola della Scala (Verona), about 42 miles southwest of Vicenza. Open Monday-Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-1 a.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.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 feature their expertise 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 at noon. Local product exhibit and sale Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Via San Benedetto. Live music and dancing starts at 9 p.m. http://www.fieradelriso.it/

Chocolate Festival, Soave
International Chocolate Exhibit
Oct. 13-22, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Perugia, Piazza Italia, Piazza della Repubblica, Corso Vanucci, Via Mazzini, and Piazza IV Novembre. This is the best chocolate celebration in Europe. Enjoy chocolate tasting and chocolate workshops organized by the best chocolate manufacturers worldwide. The event includes a chocolate sculpture contest, where artists create sculptures out of huge chocolate blocks. Free cooking courses, all centered around the world of chocolate and sweets; free entrance. A €6 chococard will get you special discounts, offers and free samples from most of the booths; you can buy your chococard online at http://www.chocostore.it/shoponline/chococard2017.

Centocento — Mercato Artigianale e contadino
One-hundred percent: Craft and local products exhibit and sale
Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Vicenza, Piazza delle Erbe.
Free entrance. https://www.facebook.com/events/1510772273395597/?active_tab=about

Festa dello Spiedo
Meat on the Spit Festival
Oct. 15, noon-8 p.m., Isola Vicentina, Piazza Marconi, about 8 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring a variety of spit-roasted meats and vegetables, fresh mushrooms, and local desserts and wines. Open at noon and again at 5 p.m.; 3 p.m. live music and dancing. Free entrance. http://www.proslavacentina.it/

Abitare—Mostra Internazionale della Manodopera Creativa
International Bricolage and Manual Creativity Exhibition
Oct. 19-22, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Vicenza, Via dell’Oreficeria 16. Embroidery and patchwork workshops; creative sewing classes and T-shirt decoration; creative recycling and technique workshops. Admission fee: €12; reduced €10 (children ages 12-18 and senior citizens older than 60); free for children younger than 12, for disabled and their assistants. http://www.abitare.org/

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Chocolate Festival
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**Festa di San Michele**
St. Michael’s Fair
Sept. 29-Oct. 1, from 5 p.m. Carmignano (Prato), Every afternoon, see a historical parade followed by the traditional Palio dei Ciechi (Donkey Race); street artists and food booths. Entrance fee: €5. [http://www.festadisannimichele.it/](http://www.festadisannimichele.it/)

**Sagra della Bisteccia e del Fungo Porcino**
Steak and Porcino Mushroom Fair
Sept. 28-30, Oct. 1, Oct. 6-7, Oct. 13-15, and Oct. 20-22, Certaldo (Firenze), Viale Matteotti 201. Food booths featuring a great variety of steak and mushroom dishes, other local specialties, and red wines open at 7:30 p.m. and, on Sundays, also at 12:30 p.m. [http://www.sagretoscane.com/ceretaq+e+catego-ry+bistecca-+e+funghi+porcini+edin%3d9-page%3d16post%3d852](http://www.sagretoscane.com/ceretaq+e+categor%20y+bistecca%20+e+funghi%20porcini%20+edin%3d9-page%3d16post%3d852)

**I Giorni di Bacco**
Bacchus’ Days
Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 7 p.m.-midnight; Oct. 1, 4 p.m.-midnight, Castiglione Fiorentino (Arezzo), Piazza Matteotti. Food booth feature local specialties and wines; entertainment, live music and games for children. [https://www.umbriaweet.com/i_giorni_di_bacco_castiglionefiorentino_arezzo_eventi_toscana_12031.htm](https://www.umbriaweet.com/i_giorni_di_bacco_castiglionefiorentino_arezzo_eventi_toscana_12031.htm)

**BeeRiver**
Bee Festival
Sept. 28, 6 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Sept. 30, 4 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Oct. 1, 4-11 p.m., Pisa, Stazione Leopolda, Piazza Guerzrazzi. Beer-tasting glass e5; token for one sampling; e2, beer-tasting glass with three tokens: e10. [http://www.beeriver.it/](http://www.beeriver.it/)

**Festa del Vino**
Wine Festival
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, from 4 p.m., Montescudaio (Pisa), Piazzale del Castello and surrounding streets. Food booths featuring local specialties and street food open at 7 p.m. Local craft exhibit and sale; local wine sampling; live music. Fireworks on Oct. 1. [http://www.sagretoscane.com/ceretaq+e+categori%20y+bistecca%20+e+funghi+porcini+edin%3d9-page%3d16post%3d140](http://www.sagretoscane.com/ceretaq+e+categori%20y+bistecca%20+e+funghi%20porcini%20+edin%3d9-page%3d16post%3d140)

**Sagra della Lepre e del Cinghiale**
Hare and Wild Boar Fair
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, and Oct. 7-8, Selvatelle (Terricciola, Pisa). Food booths featuring local specialties and wines open at 7 p.m. Live music and dancing starts nightly at 9 p.m.; games and entertainment for children. [http://www.sagretoscane.com/ceretaq+e+categor%20y+bistecca%20+e+funghi%20porcini+edin%3d9-page%3d322](http://www.sagretoscane.com/ceretaq+e+categor%20y+bistecca%20+e+funghi%20porcini%20+edin%3d9-page%3d322)

**Carro e Festa della Vendemmia**
Crazy Cart and the Grape Harvest
Sept. 30, Florence, Piazza della Parte Guelfa. From 3:30 p.m., a crazy cart, pulled by a pair of white oxen and accompanied by a parade in historical costumes, drums, and flag throwers departs from Piazza Duomo continues on Via Roma and Via Calzaiuoli and arrives in Piazza della Signoria by 5 p.m. This event celebrates the centuries-old Tuscany tradition of wine-making, and it also shows how wine arrived into town. Since the 14th century, wine was bottled and conserved in glass bottles called fiasco. They are the round wine flasks covered with braided straw around the bottom half to protect the glass from breaking, as well as thermal isolation to maintain the quality of the wine. While the bottles were made in Florence, the wine was made in the countryside and the crazy cart shows how the bottles were weaved into a pyramid to safely transport them. [http://www.vistaflorence.com/florence-events/carro-matto-grape-harvest.html](http://www.vistaflorence.com/florence-events/carro-matto-grape-harvest.html)

**Sagra del Porcino e della Chianina**
Mushroom and Chianina Fair
Oct. 14-15, Oct. 21-22, Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5, Castelfranco di Sotto (Pisa), Via Enrico Fermi 1. Food booths featuring a great variety of local specialties open at 7:30 p.m. and, on Sundays, also at 12:30 p.m. [http://www.sagretoscane.com/ceretaq+e+categor%20y+bistecca-+e+funghi+porcini+edin%3d9-page%3d16post%3d882](http://www.sagretoscane.com/ceretaq+e+categor%20y+bistecca-+e+funghi%20porcini%20+edin%3d9-page%3d16post%3d882)

**CONCERTS/SPORTS**

**Tony Allen and Jeff Mills** – Oct. 1 Rome
**Cody Chesnutt** – Oct. 6 Milan
**Leroy Sanchez** – Oct. 10 Milan
**Machine Gun Kelly** – Oct. 11 Padova; Oct. 12 Rome
**Diana Kral** – Oct. 12; Milan
**Pat Metheny** – Oct. 14 Bergamo
**Red Bull Flying Bach** – Oct. 14, Milan; Oct. 15 Rome; Nov. 18 Padova; Nov. 19 Torino; Nov. 25 Bologna

**The Darkness** – Nov. 8 Milano; Nov. 9 Ciampino (Rome)
**Tokyo Hotel** – Nov. 9 Padova; Nov. 10 Napoli; Nov. 12 Venaria Reale; Nov. 13 Bologna
**Bryan Adams** – Nov. 10 Padova; Nov. 11 Assago; Nov. 14 Roma; Nov. 16 Bolzano
**Queen + Adam Lambert** – Nov. 10 Casalecchio di Reno
**James Blunt** – Nov. 12 Rome; Nov. 13 Florence; Nov. 14 Assago

**Little Big Town** – Nov. 15 Milan
**Helloween** – Nov. 18 Assago
**Marilyn Manson** – Nov. 22 Torino
**Alice Cooper** – Nov. 30 Milan
**Shakira** – Dec. 3 Assago


**SPORTS**

**Porsche Festival** – Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Scarperia
**Rally Legend** – Oct. 19-22 Serravalle (San Marino Republic)
**WWE – Wrestling Live** – Nov. 10 Assago; Nov. 11 Padova; Nov. 12 Florence

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at www.ticketone.it, www.vivaticket.it, and www.geticket.it.

**ANTEQUE MARKETS TUSCANY**

**Arzezo:** Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande (about 1000 vendors)
**Carmignano (Prato):** Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti
**Cascina (Pisa):** Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Corso Matteotti
**Livorno:** 1st Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

**Orbettolo (Grosseto):** Sept. 30-Oct. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia, Piazza Eroe dei Due Mondi, Piazza del Plebiscito

**Pietrasanta (Lucca):** Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Duomo
**San Miniato (Pisa):** Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo
**Scarpiera (Firenze):** Oct. 1, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Bolgheri (Livorno):** Oct. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets

**Firenze (Tuscany):** Oct. 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito and Borgo Tegolato (about 100 vendors)

**Forte dei Marmi (Lucca):** Oct. 7-8, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante

**Montepulciano (Siena):** Oct. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande

**Piombino (Livorno):** Oct. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappellello, Corso Italia, via Fuori, Piazza Gramsci
**Pisa:** Oct. 7-8, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

**Pistoia:** Oct. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Pertini

**Vicopisano (Pisa):** Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavela

**Out & About**

**Chocolate Festival, Perugia**

**Edoardo Bennato** – Nov. 11 Rome; Nov. 24 Turin
**Gianna Nannini** – Dec. 2 Rome; Dec. 4 Assago; Dec. 6 Florence

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

**Outlook**

September 29, 2017
Family & MWR Events

**Courses**

**S.T.O.M.P. Workshop**
Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Verona Room in the Arena

Caserna Ederle

Sign up for two-day workshop called S.T.O.M.P., specialized training of military parents, for parents of children with a disability. Learn what your child’s IEP/PEP goals are and how to work with them to reach those goals, 504 accommodations and modifications, your rights and more. Register online at the FMWR website, or call DSN 634-8902, comm. 0444-71-8802.

**Kids Craft Club**
Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10-11:30 a.m., $5 per child
Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

Head to the Arts & Crafts Center and enjoy creating your own artwork with an interesting supply of crafting materials! There will be three to four different activities available to encourage children to explore their inner creativity while having fun. Activities are set up for children ages three to five years old. All materials are washable, but some activities are messy. Sign up at the center or on Webtrac. Space is limited. For more information, call DSN 634-7846, comm. 0444-61-7846.

**Library Lego® Club**
Oct. 5, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 3:30-5 p.m.
Library, Caserma Ederle

Drop in to the Ederle Library on Tuesdays and let your children explore their creativity with the library’s Lego® collection. All Legos® are provided by the library. Open to ages four to 12 years old. Call DSN 634-7291, comm. 0444-71-7291 for more information.

**Romp-N-Stomp Playgroup**
Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 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. Parents and children with children ages birth to three years old are invited to this weekly playgroup. Working parents are encouraged to drop in and spend time with their families during lunch hour. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

**Vicenza Writer’s Group**
Oct. 5 & 19, noon-1 p.m.
Library, Caserma Ederle

All writers are welcome! The goal of this writing group is to have a safe place of collaboration and inspiration. From sharing work, receiving constructive criticism, or even just getting past that writer’s block with some brainstorming, this can be your group. Activities include free writing, biweekly writing topics and more.

**Beginner Photography Class**
Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26
Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Learn about using different lenses, focus and techniques for improvement, and practices to help you practice the skills you learned. No experience necessary. Feel free to bring a camera of your choice or that perfect gift, visitors are sure to find it at the bazaar. Products offered include wine, cheese, olive oil, chocolate, jewelry, ceramics and more.

**Fall Bazaar**
Sept. 29, 8-4 p.m.
Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Library, Caserma Ederle

Vendors from different parts of Europe will be here to sell their products. Whether looking for unique purchase or that perfect gift, visitors are sure to find it at the bazaar. Products offered include wine, cheese, olive oil, chocolate, jewelry, ceramics and more.

**Visit Lucerne, Switzerland Express**
Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25, noon-1 p.m.
Library, Caserma Ederle

Join this 60-minute class where participants work with free weights, barbells and aerobic steps.

**Warrior Yoga**
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
$5 per class/$35 for 10 classes
Fitness Center, Caserma Ederle

This class will most likely appeal to people who are already quite fit, enjoy exercise, want a minimal amount of chanting with their yoga. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Zumba®**
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 4-5 p.m.
$5 per class/$35 for 10 classes
Fitness Center, Caserma Ederle

Zumba® exercise classes are ‘fitness parties’ that blend upbeat rhythms with easy-to-follow choreography for a cardiovascular and total-body workout that feels like a circuit celebration. Open to all fitness levels.

**Upcoming Events**

**BOSS Veneto Walk/Hike/Run**
Oct. 7, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 250 euros
Warrior Zone, Caserma Del Din

Head to the Warrior Zone on Sunday nights and root for your favorite team. Kick back in the lounge area while enjoying free Wi-Fi. Activities include trivia, making a craft, and social time to meet new friends. Open to children five years and older. Limited to 20 participants. Register at the library front desk. Call DSN 634-7291, comm. 0444-71-7291.

**Volterra and San Gimignano**
Oct. 21, 5-11 a.m.
Outdoor Recreation, Caserma Ederle

Bring your own doll and learn about Julie and her friends! Activities will include trivia, making a craft, and social time to meet new friends. Open to children five years and older. Limited to 20 participants. Register at the library front desk. Call DSN 634-7291, comm. 0444-71-7291.

**Horseback Riding**
Oct. 21, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Warrior Zone, Caserma Del Din

Experience the beauty of Italian wine country from the saddle of a horse. The stables are located a short 20 minute drive away just outside the town of Brendola. Price includes riding time, equipment, transportation and guide.