

What's Inside

2

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month proclamation

3

509th pedals its way to healthy future

5

Project encourages middle-schoolers to pose as historical figures

7

Autism awareness

8

Are We There Yet? Visit Venice's Frari Church

9

Movie schedule

10

Out & About



Flower Festival, Padova

12

FMWR events, activities

Celebrate Month of the Military Child

April is Month of the Military Child, and this year's theme is **Brave Hearts, Resilient Souls**. Month of the Military Child was established in 1986 by then Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Its purpose is to recognize U.S. military children, 18 years and younger, who have one or both parents serving in the military.

Parents must prepare as early as possible for summer moves

VICENZA — As the summer approaches, more and more members from the Vicenza and Darby communities will permanently change station, or PCS.

Whether they will soon be receiving orders or will depart before summer break, some families will have to remove school-age children from Vicenza and Livorno schools earlier than the official end of the 2017-2018 school year.

This process — called accelerated withdrawal or early acceleration — generates questions and can seem like a complicated process. The school liaison officer, however, has compiled a list of the most frequently asked questions in order to help those families understand the early acceleration process and how they can prepare now for an upcoming PCS.

What is early acceleration?

Early acceleration is a unique Department of Defense Education Activity provision that, under specific circumstances, allows a student to withdraw from school up to 20 days in advance and still be granted full semester credit.

This can be significantly beneficial when the student moves to his or her new school, as they have completed all of the associated tests and assignments of their semester classes and will not be subject to repeating those classes at the new school.

This policy recognizes that due to military necessity, families are occasionally required to move before the first or second semester and that children should not be penalized for this.

How do my children get full credit?

Students who are scheduled to make a permanent change of station after May 17 (the earliest date that a student can withdraw from school and receive credit for the second semester) may request to "accelerate" and

See **SUMMER MOVES**, page 6



Pinwheels for prevention

CASERMA EDERLE — Erin K. Caula of Greensboro, North Carolina, victim advocate coordinator, Family Advocacy Program here, helped other members of the ACS team "plant" a pinwheel garden April 2 at Bldg. 108. The pinwheels serve as a visual reminder that all children deserve a healthy, happy and carefree childhood — free from abuse and neglect. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. See related article, Parent & Child, page 7.

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

Annual cleanup brings communities together

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
VMC Public Affairs Office

LONGARE — Pleasant weather conditions cooperated for the annual cleanup March 24 in Longare on Riviera Berica, about 10 miles south of Vicenza.

As a cyclical event, in its fifth consecutive year, some 15 members of the Vicenza Military Community grouped at the Longare *Municipio*, local town hall, where they met with Italian *Alpini* (a mountain infantry corps of the Italian Army that distinguished itself in combat during World War I and World War II), councilmen and Civil Protection Agency members.

Before heading out in the surroundings to pick up trash, clean trails and pull weeds, Gaetano Fontana, Mayor of Longare, addressed volunteers and thanked them for their continuous support, and posed for the annual picture in front of the town hall.

Then, donning gloves and holding big plastic bags, volunteers were divided in small teams with a mix of Italians and American Soldiers, civilians and family members.

Some of the volunteers live and work in Longare, one of whom was 207th Military Intelligence Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Timme. Timme was accompanied by his seven-year-old son, Easton.



From left: Giancarlo Trivellin, an *Alpini* member from Costozza, and Russell Allen and his wife Giuliana work together to collect trash in Costozza, near Longare March 24. This was the fifth annual town cleanup day. Russell Allen is a civilian employee with 207th Military Intelligence Brigade and works in Longare. Find more photos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157693068606091>.

"I wanted to thank our Soldiers and family members who came out to help us out this morning," he said during his remarks. "Longare has been welcoming to us, and we are looking forward to continuing our partnership between the community and the brigade."

Also, 207th MI Bde. Lt. Col. Bryan S. Mitchell, deputy commander, is familiar with Longare, as he lives nearby. He said he was happy to spend some time volunteering for the cleanup day.

"We work and live in this beautiful

See **CLEANUP**, page 8

Leaders vow to foster harasssment-free environment

Story and photo
by Mark Turney
VMC Public Affairs Office

VICENZA — Members of Vicenza Military Community met on Hoekstra Field here March 27 to have a candid conversation about sexual harassment prevention and to have community leaders sign two proclamations, one that will be located on Caserma Ederle and the other on Caserma Del Din.

In the chill of a late March afternoon, Master Sgt. Henry Arnold, United States Army Africa, stepped to the podium to officially begin the ceremony that kicked off April's Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

First on the agenda was an Army video entitled “Army SHARP Spoken Word,” which is from a series of videos featuring spoken word poetry.

“Two dudes saw me drag her, oops ... I mean ‘walk’ her in. Neither said a word,” said the man speaking in part of the video. “Their nonchalantness (sic) is the

reason I'm so accomplished, they may as well be my accomplice ... The only person with the power to stop me is a bystander willing to uphold the standard.”

Produced and narrated by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edward Wilson, the video’s core message reminded viewers that a predator could be in their formation right now — side by side with them and no one would know. It was a reminder that “letting things slide” just perpetuates the cycle of silence.

“We are all duty bound to intervene, act and motivate others to stop sexual harassment and sexual assault and help foster an environment free of these behaviors,” said Brig. Gen. Eugene J. LeBoeuf, USARAF acting commanding general, during his speech immediately following the video. “Every time a leader walks by a problem — and does not take action — we’ve just set a new and ‘lower’ standard.”

The official ceremony ended as LeBoeuf signed the two proclamations, followed by many of the VMC tenant unit’s senior leaders.



Brigadier Gen. Eugene J. LeBoeuf, acting commanding general of United States Army Africa, signs the SHARP proclamation March 27 in support of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

U.S. Army Europe Commander
**Lt. Gen.
Christopher G. Cavoli**

Acting U.S. Army Africa Commander
**Brig. Gen.
Eugene J. LeBoeuf**

USAG Italy Commander
and Publisher
Col. Erik M. Berdy

USAG Italy Public Affairs Director
James E. Brooks

Outlook Editor
Karin J. Martinez

Public Affairs Staff
**Anna Ciccotti
Laura Kreider
Chiara Mattirola
Anna Terracino
Mark Turney**

The *Outlook* is an authorized publication supporting the USAG Italy command information pro-gram as provided by AR 360-1. All editorial content of the *Outlook* is prepared, edited and approved by the USAG Italy Public Affairs Office, Unit 31401, Box 10, APO, AE 09630, located in Bldg. 10 on Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy.

Contents of the *Outlook* are not necessarily the official news of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Installation Management Command-Europe, U.S. Army Garrison Italy or U.S. Army Africa.

The *Outlook* accepts submissions. Call the editor with questions at DSN 637-8031, comm. 0444-61-8031, or submit via email at usarmy.vmc.pao@mail.mil. A submission does not guarantee publication. Submissions may be edited at the discretion of the Public Affairs staff.

Speak Out

By Laura Kreider
and Chiara Mattirola

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?

**Sgt. First Class
Thomas Wilson**
839th Transportation Bn.
“Growing up you must distinguish between associates and friends.”

Joey Orton
Family member
1st grade
“In hard times, I try to remember how grateful I am.”

**Chief Warrant Officer
Anita Williams**
USARAF G4 Food Service
“Never forget where you come from.”

Emanuele Zumbo
DES Firefighter
“If you do good actions, eventually they will come back.”

Antonella Calabrese
CID
“Mind your business and move on!”

Charles Egglestone
DMC Operations
“Never forget where you came from.”

**SEXUAL ASSAULT.
SEXUAL HARASSMENT.
NOT IN
OUR ARMY.**

Every Soldier, Civilian, and Family Member takes care of the Army Team, contributes to mission readiness and upholds our values by doing their part to eliminate sexual assault, sexual harassment, and retaliation from our Army.

TOGETHER, THIS WE'LL DEFEND.

Join Us: [USArmySHARP](https://www.army.mil/sharp)
WWW.PREVENTSEXUALASSAULT.ARMY.MIL
DOD SAFE HELPLINE: 1-877-995-5247
WWW.SAFEHELPLINE.ORG

Tax Day nears, file returns now

VICENZA — The deadline to file federal tax returns is right around the corner—April 17!

While taxpayers stationed overseas may be eligible for an automatic extension until June 15, it is important to note that it is an extension to file but not an extension to pay. That means that anyone who will owe money to the IRS for tax year 2017 must file your return by April 17 to avoid fees and penalties.

Those who would like to use the Vicenza Tax Center’s free tax preparation services, visit Building 166, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tax center staff members will review identification and all tax documentation during an intake interview.

Intake interviews are conducted on a walk-in basis only and are required before a preparer can begin any tax return. After the intake interview is complete, preparers will either complete an on-the-spot return, or schedule an appointment if the return requires additional time and research.

Make sure to bring Social Security numbers for everyone in your household and all documentation and receipts required to file the return.

While the main Tax Center at Caserma Ederle will not officially close until June 15, the satellite location on Caserma Del Din will close April 13. Also, beginning April 23, hours of operation at Caserma Ederle will change due to a reduction in staff. As of that date, the center will assist clients by appointment only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the center will accept clients on a walk-in basis until noon.

(VICENZA TAX CENTER)

**Need
assistance?
Don't know
whom to call?
Call the
Chaplain Hotline.**

**DSN
637-2273 (CARE),
comm.
0444-66-2273**

Adopt-a-school partnerships enrich lives of students, Soldiers

By **Beth Potter**
School Liaison Officer

VICENZA — During a school assembly, Vicenza High School students were asked to raise their hands to indicate how many times they had changed schools since Kindergarten. More than half of the student body indicated they had been enrolled in six or more different schools.

Although multiple transitions can create challenges, they can also build resilience. Partnerships in Education (PIE) is a program that brings units and schools together to create and build strong collaborative partnerships.

One of the many PIE volunteerism and resource-sharing initiatives is Adopt-a-School, whereby military units establish regular, direct contact and volunteer support with a specific school. These partnerships take a holistic approach to supporting students. Units work alongside teachers and students to promote wellness initiatives, provide powerful role models, and foster academic, social and physical growth of students in the community.

By harnessing a unit's unique assets and matching them with school needs, Soldiers have an opportunity to give back to their community.

"Army Strong is more than a care package or 'welcome home' banners. It's



Command Sgt. Maj. Phil Nicholson, U.S. Army Africa, and Allison Peltz, principal, Vicenza Elementary School, sign the Adopt-a-School partnership agreement in February. (Photo by Mark Turney, VMC Public Affairs Office)

creating a network of individual Soldier strengths and delivering these skills to our students," said Command Sergeant Maj. Phil Nicholson, U.S. Army Africa. "We find that the entire community, in particular the students, gain from the additional resources we're able to provide."

Through talent management and task analysis, the schools and units determine activities that are tailored to the school's and partner's needs and go beyond a one-time transactional experience.

Adopt-a-School is a critical program

that is nested within Army Strong Europe priorities. Unlike stateside schools, children attending local DoDEA schools are 100 percent military-connected, and all serve alongside their parents.

"I think it is fair to say that everyone in this room has a role in the education of our military children," said Allison Peltz, principal of Vicenza Elementary School, at the Adopt-a-School signing here in February. "And education is more than what happens in the classroom."

The success of the program is in its

name: partner units adopt a school and create a model of effective collaboration to support students and teachers. The stronger the alliance between units and schools, the more resilient the children will be. The greater the students' strengths and capabilities, the more secure their parents will feel.

Readiness is not only the assurance that married Soldiers know that "the village" is supporting their child when they are on missions, but also Adopt-a-School is a concrete way to empower and promote leadership development among junior leaders.

The Soldiers aren't doing lunch duty — they're inspiring children to eat healthy, to get out and be active, and to create habits that will last a lifetime. The program is integration, synchronization and resource optimization at its best. Through coaching and mentoring, senior leaders can manage talent and empower junior leaders to leverage their skills and share expertise. It also provides troops with "Soldier for life" competencies transferable to the civilian world.

Solid partnerships also enable Soldiers to build skills to help solve their own problems and become and remain capable of not only meeting the unique demands of Army life, but also passing that on to military youth and underwriting enduring unit/school relationships that will stand the test of time.

509th pedals its way to healthy future *New Italian pay system on horizon*

Story and photo by **Sgt. Kadja Manuel**
509th Signal Battalion

VICENZA — The 509th Signal Battalion just raised the bar above Army readiness standards when the battalion purchased bicycles for personnel to use during day-to-day operations across Caserma Ederle.

Recognizing the potential for improving the health and fitness of its workforce by encouraging the use of bicycles, the command team of Capt. Lovell Pendleton and Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Manglicmot realized the alternative mode of transportation could implement two initiatives: the Green Boot program and the Performance Triad, otherwise known as P3.

According to Pendleton, "The goal ... is to have fit and competent leaders who promote a holistically positive and healthy lifestyle."

The P3 initiative fits the goal perfectly, as it is a comprehensive program that promotes proper levels of sleep, activity and nutrition. The unit's objective is to improve the entire organization's health, to include civilians and family members should they choose to participate. With the purchase of the bicycles, members of 509th have the opportunity to add more physical activity into their workday.

Poor sleep, inadequate nutrition, and lack of physical activity are the top challenges that affect readiness and deployability. According to the official site for The Performance Triad, there are approximately 43,000 Soldiers who are non-deployable because of profiles, and an additional 78,000 active-duty Soldiers who are considered clinically obese. These numbers are alarming, but it can all be corrected with proper education followed through with an adequate amount of effort. Proper nutrition, an average of 7 hours of sleep within a 24-hour period, and high physical activity will help all unit members and family members reach positive results.

Another benefit of the bicycles is environmental, and the "Mighty 509th" is dedicated to reducing energy consumption as part of its Green Boot initiative. The battalion placed recycling bins in every facility and then took the program to the next level. Non-tactical vehicles are one of the battalion's largest expenditures and con-



Raffaele Fusco, a digital systems operator with 509th Signal Battalion, tries the new 509th bicycle as part of Performance Triad and Green Boot programs.

tributors to pollution. Instead of the NTV's, employees will use bicycles on Caserma Ederle while assisting customers. Consequently, the organization saves money on fuel and maintenance costs for its vehicles and reduces pollution. This unique approach to energy savings and environmental care benefits the entire community.

Long-term impacts of the initiatives have yet to be seen, but the purchase of bicycles has already yielded positive results. By trading non-tactical vehicles for bicycles, the 509th is setting a positive example for other organizations who want to promote healthy lifestyles and energy conservation.

Todd Hunt, 509th network infrastructure division chief, sums up the initiative's desired end state, "We've got to take care of our people because they're our most important asset."

By **James E. Brooks**
U.S. Army Garrison Italy PAO

VICENZA — A new system to replace the more than 30-year old Italian payroll service responsible for managing pay and benefits of the Italian workforce at United States Army Garrison Italy is on its way.

Studio Centro srl. was awarded a €156,000 contract March 7 to replace the system used by 266th Financial Management Command. The contract is for the current year, with an option for four additional years of service.

"The new system will be most welcomed," said Darryl McCoy, director of the 266th FMC Vicenza Office. "Our current system has experienced some failures that the new system will correct as well as take advantage of software upgrades that will greatly improve efficiency in managing the pay of our Italian workforce."

The aging Italian payroll system responsible for managing the pay account of more than 1,100 Italian employees showed its age last summer. A software glitch caused a backlog in performance awards and benefits for approximately 280 employees. Resolving the problem took several months.

"It took manual intervention in many cases and resolving the backlog was time consuming. The Local National Payroll Section performed beyond expectation, working many evenings and weekends to keep the system running. They are an absolutely wonderful team of professionals and go above and beyond for the finance office and Italian workforce every day. In the end, thanks to the strong team of professionals everyone was paid up to date by February," said McCoy.

Six new host nation employees will join the 266th FMC Vicenza Office this spring.

"The new employees will assist the current team in bringing the new system online and running it parallel with the system we have now in place. This allows us to get the new system up and running and gives us time to train our staff on how it works without any impact to the existing system," said McCoy.

The new employees are expected to begin working with the new system at the beginning of May.

According to McCoy, the 266th hopes to retire the current pay system March 31, 2019, and the new system will begin managing payroll services Jan. 1, 2019.

"There's a lot of work and training to be done before we switch to the new system. We want to do it quickly, but we also need to make sure we get it right," said McCoy.



Looking for information and resources?
U.S. Army MWR can connect you
with a network of resources
at **Army OneSource**, www.myarmyonesource.com.

Employee Spotlight

This week, *Outlook* puts the spotlight on **Patrick Quinn, Johnny Borden, Ed Furnish, Mark C. Bostic, Bill Murphy and Ron Reynolds**, all of whom are volunteers at the Retiree Service Center on Caserma Ederle.

All are retired from the U.S. Army, with total of more than 150 years of active-duty service between them. (This does not include years accumulated for second careers as Department of Defense civilians for some.)

According to Tamela Hushen, retirement services officer, the center's mission is "serving those who served," and the gentlemen who keep the office running give generously of their time and energy.

The center is located at Building 305 (near the laundromat, across from the post office).

Johnny Borden

Borden was a logistics officer, served on active duty from 1981 to 2012, and has volunteered at the center for five years. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

His role at the RSC: to help maintain the office and provide information to retirees, their spouses and military personnel about the Vicenza Military Community. Borden said he volunteers because it allows him to stay active in the community.

When asked what he likes best about volunteering, he said, "It's a chance to meet and work with other organizations on post with one goal in mind, and that's making the Vicenza Military Community the best place to live and work."

Mark C. Bostic

Bostic was a first sergeant in the airborne infantry, Long-Range Surveillance Company, served on active duty from 1972 to 1996, and has volunteered at the center for 13 years. He is a veteran of Gulf War Iraq and Kuwait.

Bostic is president of the Retiree Council and cites many responsibilities at the center.

"We assist active-duty Soldiers getting ready to retire,* and retired and annuitants with pay problems, Social Security, passport, disability, funeral arrangements, burial honors, disability claims and computer assistance when needed," he said. Bostic added that he likes being able to help people solve problems.

**Editor's note: The RSC should not be confused with the Soldier For Life-Transition Assistance Program. Those retiring from active duty must go to SFL-TAP for transition out of the military.*

Ed Furnish

Furnish was a logistics officer, served on active duty from 1959 to 1978, and has worked at the center since 2008. He is a Vietnam veteran, 1968/69 and 1970/71. His role at the RSC is as a Veterans Affairs-certified services officer. He assists veterans and family members in obtaining their VA benefits, but said he is willing to help anyone.

"You don't have to be a retiree to be assisted," he said. "If you come in the door, we'll try to get an answer to your question. We are able to help with a whole mix of issues."



The Caserma Ederle Retiree Service Center staff (from left) includes Patrick Quinn, Johnny Borden, Ed Furnish, Mark C. Bostic, Bill Murphy, Ron Reynolds and Tamela Hushen, retirement services officer, Directorate of Human Resources. Quinn, Borden, Bostic, Murphy and Reynolds are retirees who volunteer at least 20-40 hours each at the center per month; Furnish is compensated for his time as a Veterans Affairs-certified services officer, but also volunteers outside of his usual work hours. (Photo/interviews by Karin J. Martinez, VMC Public Affairs Office)

Bill Murphy

Murphy was a paratrooper and logistics officer, served on active duty from 1974 to 1995, and has worked at the center for two years.

His role at the RSC: retiree services officer, vice president of the Retiree Council and volunteer manager for the center.

When asked why he volunteers, Murphy said, "I want to continue serving and assist veterans and their families with questions and problems they have with disabilities, pay, benefits and whatever other issues they need help with." He added that he enjoys helping others by making a difference and giving back to the community that helped him during his time with U.S. Army Garrison Italy.

Patrick Quinn

Quinn was an area communications chief, served on active duty from 1956 to 1986, and has worked at the center for about five years.

His role at RSC: to provide area-specific information to retirees and their spouses, assist local national widows or family members with Italian/English document translation, direct retirees/families to appropriate community offices for specific assistance. He serves as a direct liaison with the Federal Benefits Unit at the Consulate in Rome for problems with Social Security, government check transfers to local banks, etc. Basically, Quinn said, he is there to be of any assistance possible to retirees.

Quinn added that he and his family received assistance from many volunteers during his military career, and he

is happy to be able to give back. "The satisfaction in resolving a problem for a retired Soldier or the widow of a former Soldier is tremendous," he said.

Quinn is a qualified Italian linguist with military-qualified native-born linguist skills. "I can help out many of the LN widows who do not have English-language skills or who have to deal with U.S. bureaucracy."

Ron Reynolds

Reynolds retired as a master sergeant after serving as a combat engineer, drill sergeant, recruiter and career counselor. He served for more than 22 years, 1962-1985, and has volunteered at the center for 10 years. He is a Vietnam veteran, 1966/67 (combat engineer-bridge construction) and worked in Washington, D.C., during the riots of the late 1960s.

His role with RSC: assists senior citizens (i.e. retirees and widows), explaining letters or changes to policies. He also stays in contact with the local hospital, visits retirees and offers assistance if someone is an inpatient, and helps to process service-connected disability claims.

Reynolds is dedicated to being of service to people. "I find pleasure in assisting others, and the cliché 'It is better to give rather than receive' stands true to me," he said. "I consider time volunteering to be time well spent."

The Retiree Service Center is open Tues-Fri, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone: DSN 634-6459, comm. 0444-71-6459.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

VICENZA

FIRE AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY
DSN 117; Comm. 0444-71-7117 24 hours

POLICE EMERGENCY
DSN 112 / 114 / 115; Comm. 0444-71-7115 24 hours

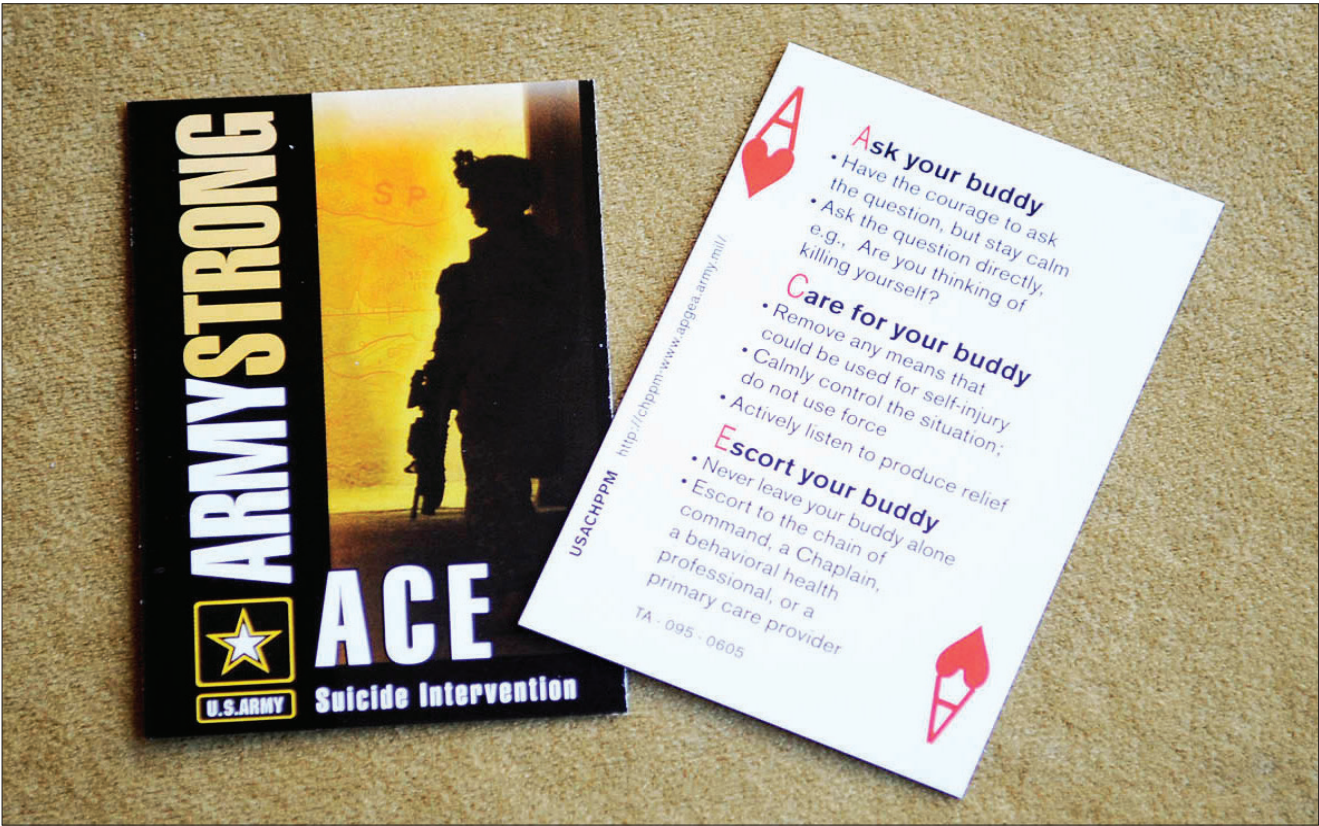
DARBY

FIRE AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY
DSN 117; Comm. 051-54-7117 24 hours

POLICE EMERGENCY
DSN 115; Comm. 051-54-7115 24 hours

Anywhere in Italy — Off Post

Fire 115
Ambulance 118
Carabinieri 112
Police (local) 113



History comes alive at Vicenza Elementary School

By Laura Kreider
VMC Public Affairs Office

VICENZA — Since the beginning of March, Vicenza Elementary School fifth-graders have been researching dozens of significant figures from past and present to create a sort of wax museum open to other classes as part of an annual project.

Once preparation was complete, approximately 110 students were dressed up and ready to present their “living biographies” during the event held at VES on Villaggio March 23.

Renowned figures such as writers, movie directors and sport players came alive.

One of them was astronaut Neil Armstrong, impersonated by Brayden Doran, who said, “He has a special place in my heart. Since he [Armstrong] loves space, it makes me happy to talk about him and be him.”

In addition to dressing up and presenting speeches about their figures, the presenters collected props and created posters and timelines.

“I saw it last year, and it looked like really fun,” said Georgia Hess, dressed up as Harry Potter. “I was looking forward to it. It is really hard, though, because there are many components that people don’t see when they walk through the booths. We had to prepare a poster, write a biography, and get ready to answer questions.”

Hess said she picked J. K. Rowling, the British novelist best known for writing the “Harry Potter” fantasy series, because her stories are inspiring.

“It made me happy to talk about her because I liked to do someone who made a difference that people don’t know about,” she continued.

Hess read the entire Harry Potter series and watched all of the movies.



Fifth-grader Georgia Hess, dressed up as Harry Potter, points her favorite book “Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets” by J. K. Rowling. Hess said she picked Rowling because her stories are inspiring. (Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

“My favorite is ‘Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets,’” she said while holding the book.

Jeshua Contreras Mora echoed Hess’s comment, “I learned about someone making changes in history.

Bob Marley helped to fight segregation through music. He was inspiring to so many people and has inspired me so much.”

The fifth-grade teachers who planned the “Living Biographies” this year were Beth Favor, Katrina Geylani, Candy Mancino, Jeff Sparling and Gretchen Zaldana. Sparling’s daughter, Avonlea



Avonlea Sparling, as scientist Marie Curie, poses in her classroom during dress rehearsal March 22. (Courtesy photo)

Sparling, now a fifth-grader, was excited to present a living biography this year, but had previously researched a historical figure while attending second grade. At that time, she selected Malala Yousafzai after talking with her mother about who she thought was an inspirational female.

“Avonlea was very involved in her research even at that young of an age,” said Sparling.

For this year’s project, Avonlea wanted to choose another strong female to research. She decided on Marie Curie, who won two Nobel Prizes.

When her father asked Avonlea why she chose Marie Curie, she told him she wasn’t sure who to choose at first, but decided to research famous scientists.

“She said, ‘I love science and Marie Curie was an amazing scientist, and I wanted to know more about her,’” explained Sparling.

When he asked parents how much as-

sistance they had to give with the process at home, the teacher said many responded that they only had to help with small details — that the majority of the research was done independently by their child.

“As a teacher, that is a sign of a good project,” said Sparling, “I used requirements of the project as an opportunity to teach students how to take a large task and break it into manageable pieces. I know students will be expected to conduct more research as they progress through school, and I wanted them to see how easy it is when you manage your time and information well.”

Sparling said this project was a great success.

“Our fifth-grade students did an outstanding job. Walking through our cafeteria was like walking through history. Many students wore such accurate costumes that you did not need to read their poster to know who they were representing. I saw many happy visitors visiting our students and learning from them.”

Army Earth Day: mission, environment, community

By Kurt Brownell
Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works

VICENZA — April 22 marks the 48th anniversary of Earth Day. Its purpose, is to encourage social and political action by drawing attention to the environment.

Earth Day was founded in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson. He built upon the American grassroots efforts of that era to bring awareness to environmental issues to a national level such as overuse of resources and pollution.

That year, an estimated 20 million Americans gathered in cities and on college campuses throughout the United States to focus on the degradation of the environment. This sparked a nationwide tidal wave of efforts and initiatives to clean up and protect our fragile environment.

Over the course of the next three years, the Environmental Protection Agency was formed under the Nixon Administration, and a significant expansion of bipartisan environmental legislation was enacted. Since then, legislation such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act has afforded legal protection to, and conservation of, many of the nation’s natural resources.

The original April 22 Earth Day was focused on the United States; however, an organization launched by Denis Hayes, the original national coordinator in 1970, took the observance international in 1990 and organized events in 141 nations.

In 1990, a small group of environmental stewards and I, after initiating a worldwide boycott of tuna, were successful in stopping the tuna industry from slaughtering dolphins. The documentary we produced — “Where Have All the Dolphins Gone?” — was shown that day throughout the English-speaking world. The documentary may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nY6NHyyqFJw>.

How does this apply to the Army mission? The three components of the theme — mission, environment and community — are known as the “triple bottom line.”

By reducing our environmental footprint through more sustainable practices, we strengthen Army Operations (mission) by minimizing impacts and total ownership costs. This ultimately provides more money for readiness. We enhance the well-being of the community through leadership in sustainability.

All of this helps make the Army a leader in sustainably managing the environment on the 11.4 million acres (excluding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) of Army-managed land.

The Army is always confronting new threats, and the Department of Defense recognizes the threat that climate change poses to readiness. Department of the Army is committed to sensible and measured steps to mitigate the risk on operations posed by such climate change effects as flooding, surging sea levels, severe weather and extreme temperatures.

For example, coastal installations face increasing flooding; extreme heat and dry weather affects such activity as live-fire training (fire risk); and extreme heat can lead to heat-related ailments during physical training. The Army actively works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through green building initiatives, installation of renewable energy, and working to reduce energy consumption, to name just a few.

As famous journalist Thomas Friedman said, “Pay attention: when the U.S. Army desegregated, the country really desegregated; when the Army goes green, the country could really go green; green is the new red, white and blue.”

Sustainability can be viewed as simply a mission enabler, allowing the military to enhance readiness; maximize operational capability; reduce total life cycle costs of Army systems, material, facilities and operations; enhance Soldier quality of life, as well as that for their families and the community.



VICENZA MILITARY COMMUNITY

•Tree-planting ceremony

Vicenza Middle School
April 19, 9-9:30 a.m.
Join elementary and middle school students and Garrison Commander Col. Erik M. Berdy as they plant for the planet to reduce pollution and provide a home for wildlife, and for people, in front of the middle school.

•Environmental informational booths

AAFES Main Exchange
April 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Stop by the Army Earth Day booth to meet local environmental subject-matter experts. Get information, ask questions, share comments, collect gizmos and learn how you can help sustain the mission and environment in our everyday lives.

DARBY MILITARY COMMUNITY

•Lesson about geology and threatened/endangered species

Post library
April 20, 9 a.m.
Stop by the library on Camp Darby to learn about geology of the DMC and threatened/endangered species located inside the Ammunition Storage Area wetlands.

Answering call of God and country

The road from infantry officer to chaplain

Story and photo by Spc. Charlton Pope
173rd Airborne Brigade Public Affairs Office

VICENZA — When envisioning a chaplain in the United States Army, more than likely what comes to mind is a man who leads Sunday services and Bible studies, and provides counsel for Soldiers. What isn't pictured is a man who wears a Ranger Tab, a 2nd Ranger Battalion deployment scroll, a Combat Infantryman Badge and combat jump wings.

However, that is exactly what one sees when looking at Chaplain (Capt.) John McDougall.

McDougall, born and raised just north of Seattle, graduated from high school in 1996 and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point (New York) to study mechanical engineering. While attending USMA, he played soccer and was in the bagpipe band. He graduated in 2000 and was commissioned as an infantry officer.

The officer's next stop was Fort Benning, Georgia, where he attended airborne school in summer 2000. He then completed the infantry officer basic course, mortar leader course and Ranger school. With the motivation of an assignment to 173rd Airborne Brigade, he said, he went straight through and completed all three phases on his first try. Upon his arrival to Italy in June 2001, he was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, and deployed with his platoon to Kosovo and Tunisia during his first year.

"Other than on the range, it was the first time my Soldiers and I had actually carried live bullets," he said. "We did border patrols on the Kosovo and Serbian border, watching for weapons' smugglers."

As 2002 came to an end, the new year brought many changes for McDougall.

"Sabers were rattling with the talk of war coming," McDougall said.

On March 26, 2003, McDougall took part in the only conventional combat jump during the Global War on Terror. He deployed as the executive officer, and his company was responsible for heavy equipment drops on Bashur Airfield, Iraq. After completing the drops, McDougall and the rest of Charlie Company jumped and recovered vehicles and equipment.

McDougall recalls, "I was jumper No. 14. The guy in front of me said, 'Great, just had to be 13 on a combat jump.' I told him I wasn't superstitious, I trust in God and not superstitions, and we switched. Turned out to be a really smooth jump for me."

Soldier or pastor?

In November, after being promoted to the rank of captain, McDougall said he heard God's call to the chaplain's seat. McDougall was pulled aside by 1st Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. (now Major General) Timothy McGuire, who had other plans. He told McDougall he had cancelled McDougall's maneuver captain's career course class date at Fort Benning because they needed him to stay.

"It was supposed to be our first Christmas together. I asked if I could call my wife and tell her," he said. He said he and his wife talked, cried and prayed together on the phone. "She said through her tears, 'Are you sure you're not supposed to be a pastor?'" Then I woke up the next morning and couldn't get that question out of my head. I looked myself in the mirror and told myself, 'You're supposed to be a Soldier, not a pastor'."



GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — U.S. Army Chaplain (Capt.) John McDougall, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade, observes training during exercise Eagle Strike Oct. 23, 2017.
(Photo by Staff Sgt. Alexander C. Henninger)

Recollecting with a smile, he said that was when God told him that a chaplain is both a Soldier and pastor.

"I was floored," he said. "I hadn't thought about that." He added that he still struggled with the idea of moving away from the infantry and "fought" with God for 10 days before finally saying, "Okay, if this is what you want, I'll do it." He then sent an email to his wife and she told him that it was about time he recognized the gifts God gave him.

Other plans

McDougall returned from Iraq in February 2004 with a plan to get out of the Army to attend seminary. At the same time, 173rd Airborne Brigade was already gearing up for another deployment, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VI, for the beginning of 2005. McDougall said he wanted to deploy with the 173rd Airborne one more time before getting out to study. However, as the brigade was prepping for deployment, the battalion commander appointed him as the rear detachment commander.

He said he told the commander, "Sir, I don't want to be the Rear D commander. I want to deploy. I want to go to Afghanistan."

But McGuire again had other plans for him. He told McDougall there was no one he would rather have watching over his family and the families of others

than a future Army chaplain. It ended up being a great year for McDougall, he said. As rear D commander, he learned a lot about caring for families, taking care of memorial services for fallen Soldiers, and arranging for families to visit their injured Soldiers in distant hospitals.

Portland, Oregon was McDougall's next destination. He attended three years at Multnomah Biblical Seminary. After finishing school, the Army wanted him to have more experience before returning to active duty: he taught at the University of Portland as an ROTC instructor for 40 freshman cadets. He said he viewed it as a great opportunity to put to use all he had learned, both as an infantryman and a pastor.

In 2010, McDougall returned to active duty and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with 82nd Airborne Division. After two years, he received an invitation to attend the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program.

Before he went to RASP, he was informed that if he passed, he would be assigned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. He said he was motivated to pass, as passing would mean moving back to Washington, near where he was from.

McDougall passed RASP and served in 2nd Ranger Battalion for a total of 38 months, deploying with them four times. He transferred to a civil affairs battalion afterwards and then attended the chaplain captain's career course to help progress his career.

Back to Italy

Upon completion, he received a phone call saying the 173rd had an opening and would love to see him back in Italy as a chaplain. McDougall said he called his wife to discuss the offer, and she told him he'd better call back right away and accept the offer. They packed up and were soon on their way back to Italy.

Another one of McDougall's accomplishments is that he has authored a book, entitled *Jesus was an Airborne Ranger*, during his time in service. He said it started as a side project for a Bible study. However, after expanding on ideas, he thought to himself, "Why not just make this a book?"

He started the book while on deployment in 2013, and sent it to an editor shortly after he returned. The editor showed a lot of interest in it and sent the chaplain a list of changes and corrections that needed to be made as he was getting ready to deploy again.

The book was published during his deployment with 2nd Ranger Battalion in 2014.

McDougall said with a grin, "It's pretty neat that this book was written, edited, and then published, all while on deployments."

He said he doesn't know how to really measure its success, but said that if it reached just one person and they understood the message he was trying to portray, that is success enough for him.

In January 2017, McDougall was assigned as chaplain of 2nd Bn. (Abn.), 503rd Inf. Rgt., and was moved to the brigade chaplain position about one year later. This is the position he holds today. He said he loves working with Soldiers and is actively involved with both training and physical events.

Being a former infantry officer, he said, helps him better relate to the men whom he ministers to. Moving forward, McDougall said he hopes to continue to serve both his country and God as a chaplain.

SUMMER MOVES

(Continued from page 1)

receive full credit for the second semester and/or school year depending upon the student's date of enrollment.

In order to do so, a sponsor must submit a request in writing to the school as soon as possible and preferably within 30 days of the proposed acceleration date. The student must attend school for a full day May 17, in order to receive credit for the first semester.

Upon receipt of a request for "acceleration," teachers will provide assignments and/or projects that must be completed prior to withdrawal from school.

A sponsor may request for their child or children to accelerate at any date be-

tween May 17 and June 13. This policy only applies to sponsors and students who are PCSing.

If parents or guardians have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, they must contact the Main Office at the school.

How soon can I take my children out of school?

Every state in America has mandated school attendance policies with the maximum allowed absences in a school year ranging from no more than five to 20 days per year.

When parents register their student at

the gaining school, they will be required to authorize the release of records from their student's previous school.

All school records — both within the continental U.S. and outside the continental U.S. — note the total number of days a student has been absent from school.

Because the gaining school will include the absent days from totals noted on the losing school's records, it is highly encouraged to keep students in school until the day before the family is scheduled to fly.

In some states, students who do not meet the minimum attendance days have

been prevented from matriculating (graduating) to the next grade.

What if I still have questions?

Front office school staff will walk parents through the process. If parents have a child at the Vicenza/Darby schools, visit or call the individual school.

Parents may also call the United States Army Garrison Italy school liaison officer, in Vicenza at DSN 654-8284, comm. 0444-71-8284 or the SLO at Camp Darby, DSN 633-8075, comm. 050-548075.

(USAG Italy SLO)

Autism: fastest-growing developmental disability

By Jennifer Cromer
EFMP Volunteer

VICENZA — Today, one in 68 children, and one in 42 boys, are identified as having autism spectrum disorder (ASD). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, 2017) it is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States.

Autism is identified as a lifelong developmental disability, characterized by social interaction difficulties, communication challenges, and a tendency to engage in repetitive behaviors.

Commonly seen signs for children or adults are trouble adapting to changes in routine, repetition of actions, avoiding eye contact or having trouble relating to others. Symptoms and severity vary from child to child but are present beginning in early childhood.

Diagnosing ASD can be very difficult, as there is no medical test (e.g. blood test) to determine if a person has ASD. Presently, detection occurs using developmental screenings and comprehensive diagnostic evaluation, with diagnoses typically not occurring before the age of two.

Autism awareness

In April 1970, the Autism Society announced the first National Autism Awareness Month, a national campaign to help increase the public’s awareness of autism. Since its inception, awareness has grown to a global level.

Now, every year in April, individuals and organizations around the globe celebrate Autism Awareness Month with events to educate local communities and raise public awareness about autism. As awareness has grown, so have the goals of the Autism Society. Today, their goals include promoting inclusion and determination to ensure all those with ASD can achieve the high-

est possible quality of life.

Furthermore, they are encouraging friends and collaborators to become part of the movement towards acceptance and appreciation.



Promote “See Me for Me”: March was Developmental Disability Awareness month, and this year’s theme was See Me for Me. Look beyond any disability and see the person, not just a person with a disability. Remember a disability does not define who an individual is; use person first language (i.e. “he has autism” as opposed to “he’s autistic”).

Share your story: If you or someone you know is on the autism spectrum, share your story. Sharing real life-stories helps add to the positive dialogue about autism and helps stop the spread of misinformation.

Resources

If you are concerned about your child’s development or think there could be a problem with the way your child plays, learns, speaks or acts, contact your primary care provider at the U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza to discuss concerns.

For support services and information, contact the local Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program office.

U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza
DSN 636-9000, comm. 0444-61-9000

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services
For ages 0-3; DSN 636-9230, comm. 0444-61-9230

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Manager
Building 108, Room 22
DSN 634-8582, comm. 0444-71-8582

EFMP Systems Navigator
Building 108, Room 24
DSN 634-7912, comm. 0444-71-7912

Parent & Child

Focus on children, healthy activities during Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Mieke VanderBorght
Contributor

VICENZA — The sun is out and your friendly Family Advocacy Program is gearing up again for April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Blue is back as the official color to bring happiness, encourage positive parenting practices, and raise awareness of this truly important issue. Wear blue every Wednesday in April (4, 11, 18 and 25), and come take a look at the blue pinwheel gardens at various locations on post.

Everyone has a responsibility to help protect children and ensure they can grow and thrive in a safe, nurturing environment. And anyone can end up being the one to make a difference for a child in need. Take a look at the calendar of community events at www.italy.armymwr.com for fun family activities to participate in, or look to the family bonding calendar here for ideas for spending positive time together with your children.

Finally, for more information on how to be an advocate for children, take a look at this toolkit: <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/-/2018-child-abuse-prevention-month>.

(VanderBorght is a Child Development Specialist/ Media Educator and Family Advocacy Program Parent-Child Educator and Emergency Placement Coordinator for U.S. Army Garrison Italy.)

PREVENT

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Read a book with a child.	2 Hug, cuddle and hold your child often.	3 Involve your child in creating a special meal.	4 Volunteer at your child's school.	5 Bake and decorate a cake or make cookies together.	6 Go to a playground or park together.	7 Tell your child that you love him or her.
8 Watch a movie together.	9 Do a puzzle or color together.	10 Tell your child a funny story about when you were a child.	11 Create a new tradition with a child.	12 Look for figures in the clouds.	13 Plan an outing to a free outdoor concert or exhibit.	14 Give a new responsibility and a new privilege to your child.
15 Have a picnic in the yard or the park.	16 Fly a kite together.	17 Acknowledge your child for doing something good.	18 Work on an art project together.	19 Donate old toys, clothes or household items to charity together.	20 Have a family dinner night and then play family games.	21 Visit neighborhoods together, particularly if they have children.
22 Plant a flower or some herbs together.	23 Leave a love note in your child's lunch bag.	24 Coordinate a scavenger hunt around your house.	25 Ask for your child's opinion or ask him or her to tell you a favorite story.	26 Practice crossing the street safely.	27 Go to a ball game together.	28 Help a child write a letter to his or her favorite TV character.
29 Talk with a child about what to do in an emergency.	30 Take a walk and play "I Spy" or count items.					

Don't Forget

You and your family can come plant a pinwheel in our Pinwheel for Prevention garden, located in front of ACS (Bldg. 108) and elsewhere on post!

For more information, call 0444-71-7500. | Facebook: [USAG Italy ACS](#) | www.italy.armymwr.com

Celebrating Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child!

Listen to
AFN Vicenza
Radio online
at afneurope.net
or download the AFN Europe app

Outlook

The Outlook accepts submissions and wants to hear what readers want in your community newspaper!

Email content for consideration: karin.j.martinez.civ@mail.mil; call for deadline.

Anyone with questions about submissions or comments should contact the Outlook Editor at the USAG Italy Public Affairs Office, DSN 637-8031, comm. 0444-61-8031.

Make your way to remarkable 14th century Gothic Frari Church

Story and photo
by Karin J. Martinez
VMC Public Affairs Office

VENICE — If you’re a frequent visitor to Venice but seem to be in a rut of always heading to the Piazza San Marco (Saint Mark’s Square) to spend your afternoon with the pigeons and a Bellini, I recommend breaking the cycle.

We who live in Vicenza are lucky to be a quick train ride away, and it’s easy for us to get to know the “City of Canals” on a deeper level than the average tourist.

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

What makes the Frari special is its art. Travel writer Rick Steves said it best in his guidebook: “This church offers the best art-appreciation experience in Venice, because so much of its great art is in situ – right where it was designed to be seen, rather than hanging in museums.”

Although the church is plain on the outside, there is nothing ordinary about the interior and the priceless Renaissance art that awaits. Indeed, the brochure boasts, “The contemplation of so much beauty



The *Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari*, Church of Saint Mary of the Friars, was approved to be built by the Franciscan order in 1250, but the building wasn't completed until 1338. Work almost immediately began on its much larger replacement, the current church, which took more than a century to build.

... accompanied by the silence of this holy place can fill one with a sense of peace and serenity.” And it lives up to its promise. Beautiful wooden crossbeams adorn the 110-yard-long church, and the wooden choir area (circa 1480) draws you to its center.

However, don’t be drawn to that without stopping, or you will miss some vital pieces of art along the way. All of the art is worth perusing, but a few are definite must-sees.

The biggest, and possibly most famous, work is “The Assumption of the Virgin” by Titian (in Italian, *Tiziano Vecellio*).

Titian was a leading artist of the Italian Renaissance and is considered to have been the greatest painter of 16th century Venice. The painting that catapulted him into that category was this one, created in 1518 specifically for the altar in the Frari Church where it hangs today. Don’t miss it: The rich, bright colors and twisting human forms changed typical, contemplative church art into something else entirely.

Titian’s tomb is also inside the church and is a marble masterpiece that depicts some of his life’s work in the reliefs.

While Titian was a great painter, the

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

Donatello’s “Statue of the John the Baptist” (c. 1438) awaits guests in the center of the altarpiece in the south choir chapel. The sculpture is the first documented work by Donatello in Venice and the only known statue by him left in the city.

These are just some highlights of the magnificent pieces of art inside the Frari. Discover your favorite on your next trip.

The church isn’t too difficult to find; take the *vaporetto* to San Tomà, and from the dock, look for the *Scuola San Rocco* signs.

The church is open daily, but check their website for hours as they vary according to liturgical celebrations. Adults pay three euro at the door, or it’s 1,50 for students up to 29 years old, and free for children up to 11; audio guides are available in five languages and cost an extra 2 euro.

Allow at least an hour to wander and soak in the masterpieces of eight centuries. Make sure to ask about photography— the brochure says it is prohibited, but when I asked, I was told I could take photos as long as I didn’t use a flash.

Find Frari Church online at www.basilicadeifrari.it, or like the church on Facebook.

CID: Beware of drugs hidden 'in plain sight'

Story and photos
by Karin J. Martinez
VMC Public Affairs Office

CASERMA EDERLE — In an effort to educate parents and adults who work with children and teens, United States Army Garrison Italy brought a subject-matter expert here March 26 to present the interactive program, “Hidden in Plain Sight.”

A Criminal Investigation Command investigator presented the program, which included a presentation about laws and policies and a hands-on activity wherein participants could try finding drugs and drug paraphernalia in a mock bedroom.

“Armywide, the trend (of abuse) is prescription drug use in teens and adolescents,” said CID Investigator Reinaldo A. Mora-Torres of the Drug Suppression Team out of Kaiserslautern, Germany. “In the European theater, it is marijuana and cocaine use.”

Some common and unsuspecting hiding areas for alcohol and other drugs are often in plain sight, said Mora-Torres. It’s easier to find these items if one knows what he or she is looking for.

Some hiding places are: water and thermos bottles that might conceal alcohol; empty cold medicine boxes; eyeglass cases; small glass pipes or figurines; snowglobes; prescription medicine bottles; and small baggies, to name a few. Items may be hidden in the bedroom trash can, in shoeboxes or game consoles, under mattresses, inside books, movable ceiling tiles, old backpacks and purses, and removable coat racks.

No matter what you find, however, CID



United States Army Criminal Investigation Command Investigator Reinaldo A. Mora-Torres, Drug Suppression Team, visited Caserma Ederle March 26 to present “Hidden in Plain Sight,” a substance abuse awareness program. Inset: Mora-Torres showed participants that pipes can be made out of a variety of everyday materials.

and counselors suggest parents remain calm and engage children to gather more facts about what is going on.

“There are a variety of ways to engage your teen, and asking for help from ASACS (Adolescent Support Service) counselors, the chaplain, or even MEDCOM (Medical Command) is encouraged if you need assistance,” said Mora-Torres.

In the meantime, a few things to consider when engaging your teen in such a discussion are as follows: have the conversation in a place with minimum distractions, remain calm, verbalize how possession of illegal substances can impact the child and parent(s), and establish

clear steps of how you will deal with the situation. It is important that children are aware that, although punishment varies, juvenile dependents on military installations are subject to being kicked off the installation if they are caught with illegal drugs. Policy states that they could also possibly be sent back to the United States *without the sponsor*.

The USAG Italy Army Substance Abuse Program intends to bring a variation of this training back to the community on a more regular basis, said Sandra Class, program director. Anyone who would like more information should call ASAP at DSN 637-7245, comm. 0444-61-7245.

CLEANUP

(Continued from page 1)

country. We interact with city members, we dine and shop in the local area, and this event gives the opportunity to maintain the longtime relationship we have with community, help promote to be good neighbors and give back to the community,” said Mitchell.

While working shoulder to shoulder with Alpini from Costozza and Lumignano, Russell Allen, a civilian who also works in Longare, said he and his wife Giuliana participated in this event for the first time.

“I found out about the event because we had a point of contact within the 207th Military Intelligence Brigade and it was also promoted by the garrison,” said Allen.

Both were happily surprised to see how the area they were assigned didn’t have much to collect.

They agreed on saying, “It is still a way to encourage everybody to keep the environment nice.”

“We are here to make ‘beautiful Costozza’ even more beautiful,” added Russell.

Toward noon, after completing the 12 sections, participants gathered at the local Alpini seat of Lumignano where some chapter members prepared a traditional lunch as a way to show their appreciation and thank volunteers for their support of this civic engagement.



News briefs

Scheduled power outages

The Directorate of Public Works announces scheduled power outages for April. Outages will take place as follows:

April 13, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Buildings 111, 112, 168, 169, 170, 320, 387 on Caserma Ederle;

April 14, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., all buildings on Longare;

April 27, 6-11 p.m., Buildings 301-309, 327, 343, 350, 352-359, 367, 373, 382-385, 391, 395, 398 on Caserma Ederle; and

April 28, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Buildings 101-109, 112, 117, 125, 126, 128, 161-165, 167, 171, 173, 300, 333, 371, 372, 2309 on Caserma Ederle.

Call for scholarship applications

The Vicenza Sergeants Major Association is pleased to offer scholarships to graduating high school students in the Vicenza community whose sponsor is an active, guard, reserve, or retired enlisted service member. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership abilities and school/community service.

Deadline for applications is April 16. To request an application, please email Nicola.m.felder.mil@mail.mil; Subject: VSMA application request.

Federal resumé workshop

Learn how to complete the "outline format" federal resumé. Identify the purpose and components of a federal resumé. Learn how to create an effective resumé by evaluating job announcements and using keywords for a targeted resumé. Open to all transitioning service members, family members, Department of Defense civilian employees, retirees and veterans.

The workshop takes place April 16, June 25, July 23, Aug. 28 and Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Center, Building 126, Room K. Please bring your own writing supplies to the workshop. Seating is limited, so you must be registered to attend. Contact the SFL-TAP Center at DSN 314-637-8151/8152/8154/8153, or email usarmy.usag-italy.imcom-europe.mbx.sfl-tap@mail.mil to register.

Family and MWR job fair

Family and MWR has a variety of job and career opportunities, so stop by the job fair at the Ederle Teen Center Gym, Building 373, on Caserma Ederle, April 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The fair will include on-the-spot interviews, so come prepared with resumé, supporting documents (passports, transcripts) and two references. Active USAJobs account preferred. For more information, call 0444-71-7349.

No application fee at UMUC

University of Maryland University College (UMUC) is waving the \$50 application fee. For anyone who attends the hourlong webinar April 18 and applies for admission between now and 30 days after the webinar, the application fee will be waived. Call or stop by the Vicenza Education Center, Building 126 on Caserma Ederle. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call for more information, DSN 314-637-8147, comm. 0444-61-8147; or email vicenza-europe@umuc.edu.

Garrison ONE briefing

The U.S. Army Garrison Italy Orientation for New Employees (ONE) briefing will take place April 18, 8:30

a.m.-noon, in the IOC, Building 109, on Caserma Ederle. All new employees are required to attend.

Army Emergency Relief campaign

The Army Emergency Relief campaign runs through May 15. Anyone who would like to donate to the fundraising campaign should see their unit representative or contact AER at DSN 634-8524, comm. 0444-71-8524. In its 76th year, the theme this year is "There for those who Serve."

Denim Day

The SHARP team invites the community to join them in wearing denim and participating in the International Denim Day Walk April 25 in support of dispelling sexual assault myths. The walk starts at Hoekstra Field on Caserma Ederle at 3 p.m. and lasts one hour.

OU on Ederle

The University of Oklahoma is now at Vicenza. An OU representative will be available every Wednesday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. in the Ederle Education Center, Building 126. OU offers three graduate programs: Master of Human Relations, Master of International Relations, and Master of Education. Additionally, the Human Relations program offers two graduate certificates: Human Relations Diversity and Development, and Helping Skills in Human Relations.

Stop by the education center or send an email to Autumn.L.Paul-1@ou.edu for more information about the programs.

Education center graduation

Every year, the Army Education Center plays host to a Graduation Recognition Ceremony to celebrate and honor the academic achievements of the military community. The ceremony will take place May 24 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Golden Lion. Anyone who has graduated in the past year or is within 12 semester hours from graduation are invited to participate.

If interested, please stop by the Army Education Center, Bldg. 126 on Caserma Ederle, or contact by phone or email: DSN 637-8141, comm. 0444-61-8141; vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil to pick up an application.

Applications for the ceremony are due no later than May 1.

Sponsorship Rodeo

Mark your calendars for May 23. The Total Army Sponsorship Program of U.S. Army Garrison Italy will conduct a Sponsorship Rodeo, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Sigholtz Center on Caserma Del Din. The rodeo is taking place to ensure sponsors have the knowledge and tools necessary to provide effective sponsorship within their units/organizations.

Register for Relay Health

Patrons of the U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza are encouraged to sign up with Relay Health. Being part of this program allows patients to message their provider/nurse directly with questions and for advice. This is a benefit you'll want to use. Get your questions answered. Register now at https://mil.relayhealth.com.

Ongoing events at USO Vicenza

Stop by USO Vicenza on Tuesdays each week at 5:30 p.m. to participate in Taco Tuesday. In April, Taco Tuesday takes place at Caserma Del Din April 10, and on Caserma Ederle, April 17 & 24. Don't forget about Wake-up Wednesday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Caserma Ederle.

At the movies



Rampage (Rated PG-13)

Primatologist Davis Okoye shares an unshakable bond with an extraordinarily intelligent gorilla who has been in his care since birth. But a rogue genetic experiment gone awry transforms the gentle ape into a raging monster. Okoye teams with a discredited genetic engineer to secure an antidote, fighting his way through an ever-changing battlefield, not only to halt a global catastrophe but to save the fearsome creature that was once his friend.

April 6	7 p.m.	A Quiet Place	(R)
	10 p.m.	Blockers	(R)
April 7	3 p.m.	A Wrinkle in Time	(PG)
	6 p.m.	Tomb Raider	(PG-13)
April 8	3 p.m.	Pacific Rim	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Blockers	(R)
April 11	7 p.m.	A Quiet Place	(R)
April 12	7 p.m.	Blockers	(R)
April 13	7 p.m.	Rampage in 3D	(PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Acrimony	(R)
April 14	3 p.m.	Blumhouse's Truth or Dare	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Rampage	(PG-13)
April 15	3 p.m.	Blumhouse's Truth or Dare	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Rampage	(PG-13)
April 18	7 p.m.	Rampage	(PG-13)
April 19	7 p.m.	Blumhouse's Truth or Dare	(PG-13)
April 20	7 p.m.	I Feel Pretty	(PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Tully	(R)
April 21	3 p.m.	Super Troopers 2	(R)
	6 p.m.	I Feel Pretty	(PG-13)
April 22	3 p.m.	Ready Player One	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Super Troopers 2	(R)

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.

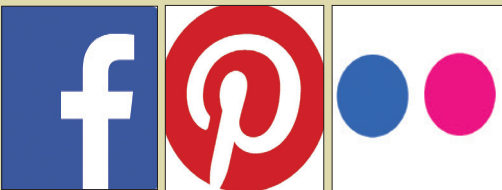


Saturday, April 14th
0900 @ Hoekstra Field



You WILL get messy so
dress appropriately!

Follow us
on our website,
www.italy.army.mil,
and on social media.



www.facebook.com/VMCItaly
www.pinterest.com/usagitaly
www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza

VENETO & NEARBY

Sagra dell’Ottava /Easter Week Festival
April 6-7 and April 13-15, weekdays 7-10 p.m.; Sundays, noon-10 p.m., Monteviale (Vicenza). *Ottava* defines the week that follows Ester Sunday. Food booths feature a wide variety of local specialties; live music and dancing start at 8:30 p.m.

Primavera in Castello/Spring at the Castle
April 7, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., April 8, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Roncade (Treviso), at the Roncade Castle, via Roma 141. Flowers, plants and craft exhibit and sale; workshops for children and adults; food booths. Entrance fee: April 7, €5; April 2, €7.50, which includes a bottle of wine; reduced €0.50 for visitors younger than 18; free for children younger than 6.

Noale in Fiore/Noale with Flowers
April 8, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Noale (Venice), Piazza Castello, Piazza XX Settembre. Hundreds of businesses from all over Italy display flowers, plants, trees, patio furniture and garden tools.

La Corte Fiorita/Flower and Plant Festival
April 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Badia Polesine (Rovigo). Flower and plant exhibit and sale; garden and patio furniture; local crafts and products; street artists; entertainment for children and face-painting.

Sagra del Gnocco/Gnocco Festival
April 8 and April 15, noon–10 p.m., Teolo Alto (Padova), Via Chiesa Teolo 1. Food booths feature *gnocchi* and local specialties and wines. Live music and entertainment.

International Craft Beer Meeting
April 13-14, 4-11:35 p.m., Bolzano, Castel Mareccio, Via Claudia de Medici 12. The €20 entrance fee includes a beer glass and tokens to taste seven different beers; more tokens available for purchase. Guided tours and workshops.

Fiori, colori e.../Flowers, colors and ...
April 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Vicenza, Piazza Castello and downtown and streets. Flowers and plant exhibit and sale; art exhibits. Free event.

Natura e Benessere
Natural products and Wellness Fair
April 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Montagnana (Padova). Natural products and wellness items exhibit and sale.

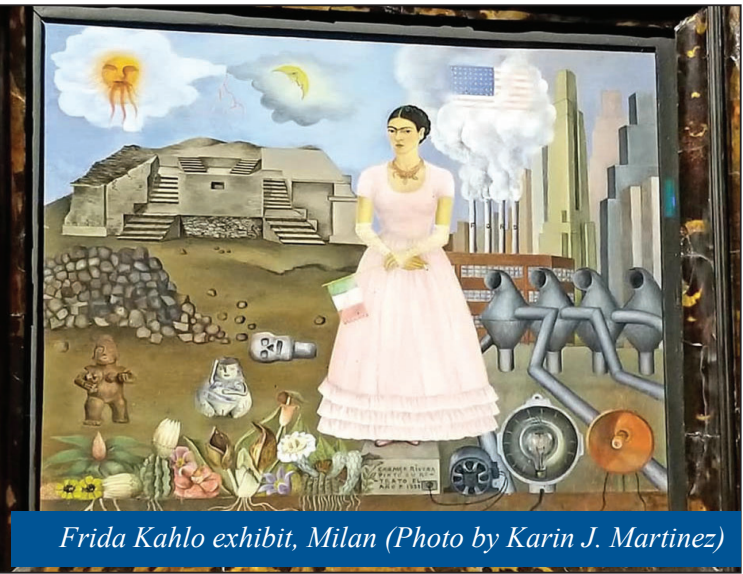
Non-Competitive walk
April 15, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lonigo, Parco Ippodromo. This 6-12-21 km non-competitive walk is open to everyone (families, fans, athletes). The €2.50 registration fee includes refreshments.

Festa delle Rose di Carta/Paper Roses Festival
April 15, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vigardolo di Monticello Conte Otto, about four miles north of Vicenza. Handmade products exhibit and sale; workshops for children; puppet shows; 11 a.m. aperitif and live music. At 5 p.m., piano and violin classic music concert Villa Valmarana Bressan.

Tulipanomania/Tulipmania
Through April 29, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Valeggio sul Mincio (Verona), Parco Giardino Sigurtà, Via Cavour 1. Three hundred varieties of tulips, hyacinths, narcissus allium, anemones, and other plants from Holland and Turkey. Entrance fee: €12,50; discount €10 for children age 5-14 and for senior citizens older than 65; free for children under 5.

Giardinità/Flower Festival
Through April 25, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vescovana (Padova), Villa Pisani Bolognesi Sabrin, Via Roma 25. More than 70,000 Dutch tulips; flower and craft exhibit and sale; live music; workshops; cooking courses with flowers and herbs; flower arrangement courses. Entrance fee: €8; €6 for children age 6-10 and senior citizens over 65; free for children younger than 6.

40a Su e Zo Per i Ponti
40th Up and Down over the Bridges
April 14-15, Venice, 12 km non-competitive walk which crosses 43 bridges, with departure and arrival



in Piazza San Marco; it is a spring event that involves thousands of people in a walk of solidarity around Venice alleys;
April 14: 9 p.m. a special evening as a tribute to Venice and to the march, through choral singing and surprise events; “*Su e Zo Night Live*” at the Hard Rock Café;
April 15: 9 a.m. Holy Mass in San Marco Basilica; 10:30 a.m. the march departs from Piazza San Marco; 12:30 p.m. folk group parade in Piazza San Marco with award ceremony for the largest groups and best folk groups; 1 p.m., parade and awards to the best folk group; there are four official refreshment points.
The event will take place regardless of weather conditions. Registration fee: €6,50 (pre-booked at www.suezo.it or appointed ticket points <http://www.suezo.it/en/punti-vendita>) or €8 (sold at the ticket booths on the day of the event at the ticket booths in San Marco square, at the railway station and at the Tronchetto parking lot).

Festa del Bruscardolo/Bruscardolo Festival
April 19-25, in San Marco di Resana (Treviso), about 26 miles northeast of Vicenza. *Bruscardolo* is the end tip of hop plants, which can be easily found in the Veneto countryside. Food booths open at 7 p.m. Live music and dancing start nightly at 9 p.m.
April 22, bird fair and local products and craft exhibit and sale; food booths open at noon; 2:30 p.m. shows and games for children
April 25, from 9 a.m. local products and craft exhibit and sale; old trades demonstrations; military re-enactments; folk dances; 11 a.m. horse parade.

Van Gogh – Tra il Grano e il Cielo
Van Gogh Exhibit – Between Wheat and Sky
Through April 8, Vicenza, Palladian Basilica, Piazza dei Signori, Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Main works by Van Gogh are on display for a major monographic exhibition dedicated to the artist, featuring over 120 works among paintings and drawings. Entrance fee: €14; reduced €11 (for students younger than 26 and senior citizens older than 65); €8 (children aged 6-17); free for children younger than six.

I Love Lego Exhibit
Through April 22, Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Monday 2:30-7:30 p.m., Verona, AMO Palazzo Forti, Via Abramo Massalongo 7. Five different "worlds in miniature" cover dozens of square meters of exhibition space: from the ideal contemporary city

to the adventures of pirates, from medieval landscapes to the Ancient Rome, up to the conquest of space in the not-too-distant future. Entrance fee: €8; reduced €4 (children ages 6-12). Special discounts for combination tickets with Botero exhibit.

Botero Exhibit
Through April 22, Verona, Palazzo Forti, Via Achille Forti 1; Mondays, 2:30-7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays-Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. The exhibition is divided into sections devoted to the different themes. The first section focuses on sculpture, passing on to versions by ancient masters, works in which Botero combines Latin American and western culture. Other sections are dedicated to religion, politics, and Latin American life. Entrance fee: €14 (includes audio guide).

Rivoluzione Galileo. L'arte incontra la scienza
Galileo Revolution. Art Meets Science
Through April 22, Padova, Monte di Pietà Palace, Piazza Duomo. Weekdays 9 a.m.- 7 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays and Italian holidays, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. This exhibit aims to investigate the influence of Galileo's discoveries on art history and on people's perception of the universe. Entrance fee: €12; reduced: €10.

Venice Secrets –Crime & Justice Exhibit
Through May 1, open daily, 10 a.m.-10 p.m, Venice, Palazzo Zaguri, Campo San Maurizio. In a Venetian palace, through a five-story route divided into 36 rooms, visitors will be able to explore the secret side of the city. On display are a wide variety of original finds, instruments of death and torture, and judicial acts that tell how Venice applied justice. The display is divided in four sections: justice and torture; prisons and prisoners; capital executions; Inquisition and Holy Office. Entrance fee: €16; reduced €12, for senior citizens older than 65 and children ages 6-14.

Andy Warhol Exhibit
Through May 1, Treviso, Casa dei Carraresi, Via Palestro 33/38. Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. This exhibit is focused on the concept of Superstars. Also, with the help of video contributions, visitors can experiment the New York climate of the 1960s and 1970s and understand the pursuit of pop icons. Entrance fee: €12; reduced €10 (students younger than 26); €8 (children aged 6-18); free for children younger than 6.

Frida Kahlo – Oltre il mito
Frida Kahlo – Beyond the myth
Through June 3, in Milan, MUDEC, *Museo delle Culture*, Via Tortona 56. An exhibit dedicated to Frida Kahlo. The works are divided into five sections: politics, women, violence, nature and death. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Entrance fee; €13; reduced €11.

Egitto. Dei, Faraoni e Uomini
Egypt. God, Pharaohs, and Men
Through Sept. 18, Fridays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Jesolo, Via Aquileia 123. This exhibit offer a great display of Egyptian artifacts coming from the most important collections of Italian and foreign museums. Visitors not only have a chance to see, know and

analyze the Egyptian world, they can also feel it, thanks to many interactive supports. Entrance fee: €16; reduced: €12 (senior citizens older than 65; students and people with disabilities); €8 (children aged 6-12); free for children younger than 6. Tickets include audio guide.

La Partita a Scacchi a personaggi viventi
Live Chess Game

Sept. 7-9, in Marostica, Piazza degli Scacchi, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Grand opening Sept. 7 at 9 p.m., Sept. 8-9, 9 p.m. This chess match commemorates the historic chess match of 1454. The game is a re-enactment of the match that Lord Taddeo Parisio held to determine the marriage of this daughter. Purchase your ticket well in advance online at <http://www.marosticascacchi.it/it/partitaascacchi/ticket.html#1>.

VENETO MARKETS

Lonigo (Vicenza): April 8, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene (about 100 vendors)
Montegrotto (Padova): April 8, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza 1° Maggio (about 70 vendors)
Portobuffolè (Treviso): April 8, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Beccaro (about 250 vendors)
Vicenza: April 8, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)
Villafranca (Verona): April 8, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Castello (90 vendors)
Abano Terme (Padova): April 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Caduti 1 (about 80 vendors)
Bassano del Grappa (Vicenza): April 15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Terraglio
Cittadella (Padova): April 15, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., downtown squares and streets (about 100 vendors)
Este (Padova): April 15, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti (about 60 vendors)
Godega di Sant’Urbano (Treviso): April 15, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma (about 250 vendors)
Montagnana (Padova): April 15, 8 a.m. to sunset, Piazza Maggiore 150 (about 60 vendors)
Padova: April 15, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle and Via Umberto I (about 180 vendors)
Soave (Verona): April 15, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele (about 110 vendors)
Verona: April 14, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Piazza S. Zeno (about 100 vendors)

TUSCANY

Streetfood 4wheels

April 6-8, 5-11 p.m., Arezzo, Parco Pertini. Italian and international street food; cooking shows; street artists; entertainment for children. Free entrance.

Sagra del Cacciatore/Hunter Fair

April 6-8, April 13-15, April 20-22, and April 25, Certaldo (Florence), Viale Matteotti 201. Food booths featuring hare, wild boar and other specialties and local wines. Open at 8 p.m., and on Sundays and April 25 at noon.

Sagra delle Frittelle Dolci/Sweet Fried Dough Fair
April 8, 3-8 p.m., Maliana (Pistoia). *Frittelle* are traditional deep-fried pastries. Local products and craft exhibit and sale; live music.

Sagra del Neccio/Neccio Fair

April 8 and April 15, from 2 p.m., San Quirico di Valleriana (Pescia, Pistoia), Piazza Garibaldi. *Necci* are thin Tuscan chestnut pancakes made with chestnut flour and water and filled with ricotta or Nutella. In the morning, guided visits to the local medieval town of San Quirico.

Festival Irlandese/Irish Festival

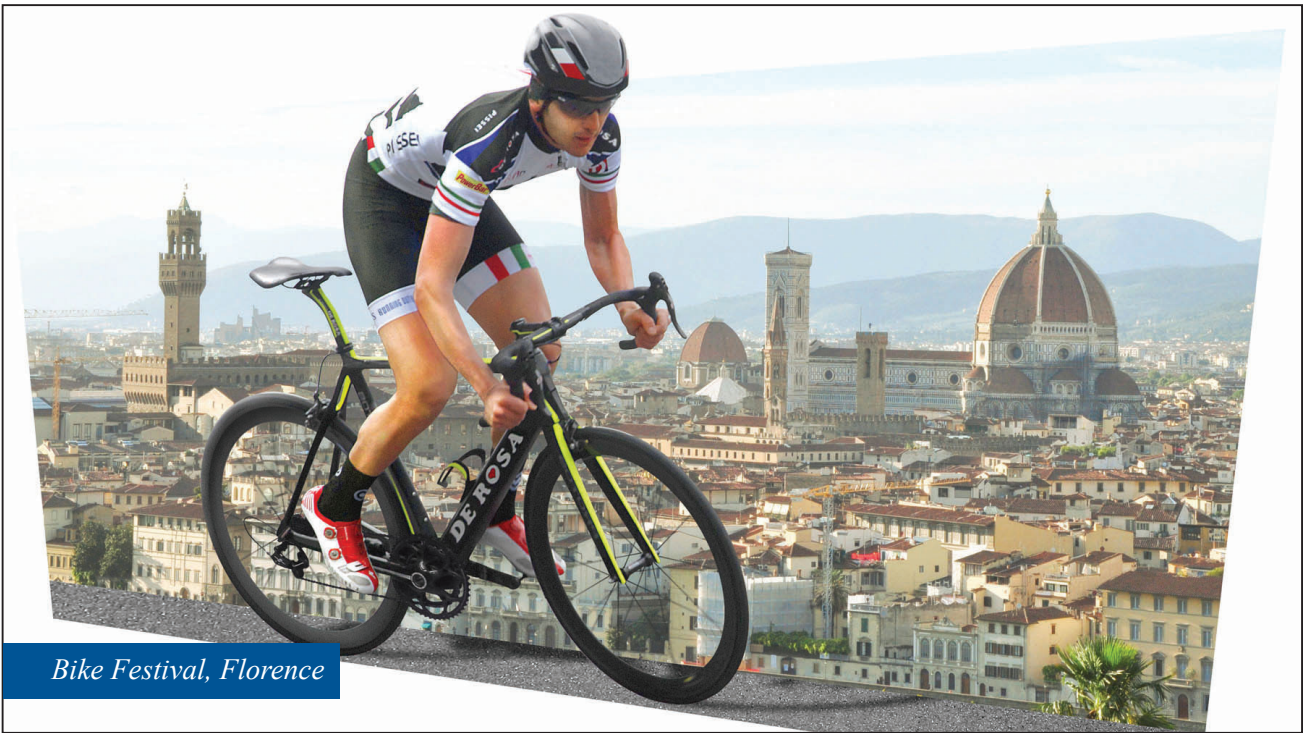
April 13-14, 6 p.m.-1 a.m., April 15, noon to midnight, in Carrara, Via Maestri del Marmo. Live Celtic music and Irish dance; traditional dance workshops; Celtic village; games and workshop for children; Celtic wedding ceremonies; food booths. Entrance fee: €10; reduced €5 for children ages 5-10;

Bicifi/Florence Bike Festival

April 13-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Florence, Parco delle Cascine, Viale delle Cascine. Latest in bike technology, bike accessories and clothing; food stands. Free entry.

Sagra del Daino/Fallow Deer Fair

April 14-15, Pelago (Florence), Via Vallombrosa 4.



Bike Festival, Florence

Food booths open at 7 p.m. April 14 and 12:30 p.m. April 15.

Sapori di Primavera/Spring Fair

April 15, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Cerreto Guidi (Florence). Local products, wines, and craft exhibit and sale.

Gelato Festival

April 20-22, noon to 10 p.m., in Florence, Piazzale Michelangelo. The festival brings together the best gelato makers and industry leaders from Italy and abroad. Buy a gelato card at the festival for five samples of gelato, a gelato cocktail, entry to cooking demonstrations and workshops, and much more.

FiorInFiera/Flower Festival

April 20-22, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Borgo San Lorenzo (Florence), Piazza Dante and Via Bandini. Flowers, plants, garden furniture and outdoor equipment exhibit and sale. Free entry.

Monet Experience e gli Impressionisti
Monet Experience and the Impressionists

Through May 1, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Florence, Piazza Santo Stefano 5. In this multimedia exhibit, Monet's masterpieces expand to 360 degrees on giant display screens, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in his universe and in the beauty of the nature he painted. Entrance fee: €13; reduced: €10 for students and senior citizens older than 65; €8 (children aged 6-12); free for children younger than 6.

TUSCANY MARKETS

Bolgheri (Livorno): April 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets
Firenze (Tuscany): April 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito and Borgo Tegolaio (about 100 vendors)
Forte dei Marmi (Lucca): April 7-8, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante
Montepulciano (Siena): April 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande
Piombino (Livorno): April 7- 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci
Pisa: April 7-8, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri
Pistoia: April 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Cavour and Via Bozzi
Vicopisano (Pisa): April 8, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca
Certaldo (Florence): April 15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio and Via Cavour
Florence: April 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Gardens, Viale Filippo Strozzi (about 130 vendors)
Lucca: April 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini (about 230 vendors)
Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): April 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio and Via Cadorna
Pontedera (Pisa): April 14, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown
Ponte a Egola (Pisa): April 15, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Garibaldi and Via XXV Aprile
Quarrata (Pistoia): April 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento
Siena: April 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza del Mercato

CONCERTS/SPORTS

Bob Dylan – April 7 Florence; April 8 Mantova; April 9 Milan; April 26 Jesolo; April 27 Verona
Norah Jones – April 8 Milan; April 9 Torino; July 24 Gardone Riviera (Brescia); July 26 Lucca (with Marcus Miller)
Afterhours – April 10 Assago (Milan)
Roger Waters – April 17-18 Assago (Milan); April 21-22 and April 24-25 Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna); July 11 Lucca; July 17-18 Assago
Phil Rudd – May 5 Bologna; May 13 Rome
Anastacia – May 6 Brescia; May 7 Rome; May 9 Bologna; May 10 Milan; July 5 Pordenone; July 14 Genoa
Martin Barre (Jethro Tull’s guitarist) – May 9 Lugagnano di Sona (Verona)
The Vamp – May 22 Milan
Patti Smith – June 9 Venice; June 10 Rome
Gun ‘N’ Roses – June 15 Florence
Iron Maiden – June 16 Florence; July 9 Milan; July 17 Trieste
Ozzy Osbourne – June 17 Florence
Marilyn Manson – June 19 Milan
Shakira – June 21 Assago (Milan)
Liam Gallagher – June 21 Milan
Pearl Jam – June 24 Padova
Sons of Apollo – June 24 Milan
Billy Idol – June 28 Padova
Santana – June 29 Padova
Simple Minds – July 5 Marostica
Ringo Starr – July 8 Lucca; July 9 Marostica; July 11 Rome
Deep Purple – July 9 Verona
Lenny Kravitz – July 16 Verona; July 17 Lucca
Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds – July 17 Lucca
James Taylor – July 20 Lucca; July 22 (Pompei, Naples); July 23 Terme di Caracalla (Rome)
King Crimson – July 22-23 Rome; July 25 Lucca; July 27-28 Venice
Scorpions – July 23 Verona
Marcus Miller –July 25 Gardone Riviera (Brescia)
Sting – July 28 Rome; July 29 Verona; July 30 Naples
Eminem – Sept. 7 Milan
U2 – Oct. 15 Assago (Milan)
David Garrett and his band – Oct. 17 Rome; Oct. 19 Florence; Oct. 20 Assago (Milan)
Elton John – May 29-30, 2019, Verona

ITALIAN ARTISTS

Gianna Nannini – April 7 Padova; April 11 Livorno; April 13 Assago (Milan)
Angelo Branduardi – April 10 Milan; April 20 Torino
Lorenzo Live – May 15-16, May 18-19, May 21-22 Verona; June 9 and June 12 Padova
Vasco Rossi – June 6-7 Padova
Ennio Morricone – June 16-17 Rome

SPORTING EVENTS

FIM Superbike World Championship – May 5, July 6-8 Misano Adriatico (Rimini)
MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship – May 11-13 Imola (Bologna)
Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at www.ticketone.it and www.geticket.it.

ENTERTAINMENT & TRIPS

Yellow Pin Bowling
Friday & Saturdays, 8-11 p.m.
The Arena, Caserma Ederle
Bowl a strike on your first ball with the yellow pin in the No. 1 position and receive a free game. Or enjoy some great food from the Strike Zone Snack Bar while enjoying free Wi-Fi. Each game costs \$3; \$2.50 shoe rental.

Darby Family Breakfast
April 10, 8-8:45 a.m.
Darby Childcare, Camp Darby
April is the Month of the Military Child. In honor of this special month, families are invited to enjoy a free, authentic American breakfast with their child. No registration required.

Wine Down Wednesday: Vineyard & Wine Tasting
April 11, 8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m., \$65
ODR, Caserma Ederle
Wine production has always been an art, blessed by the characteristics of the local vines and a favorable climate. Tasting wine properly means being able to identify the main flavor, scent components and basic characteristics. Join Outdoor Recreation for a visit to a local winery. For 18 years old and older.

Neuschwanstein Castle
April 14, 3 a.m., return approx. 3 a.m. April 15, \$115/\$85/\$63
ODR, Caserma Ederle
Don't leave Europe without visiting Neuschwanstein Castle. Considered by many to be one of the most beautiful castles in the world, Neuschwanstein Castle served as the inspiration for Disney's *Cinderella*. The castle was built in an older German style beginning in 1869 and was not completed until 1892. Bring passport.

American Girl® Social Hour
April 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Library, Caserma Ederle
Bring your own doll with you to learn about Josefina and meet some new friends. Activities include trivia; learning about Josefina and her story; making a craft; and social time to meet new friends. Open to children five years and older. Bring your own doll (any doll). The event is limited to 20 participants; register at the front desk.

Family Movie Night
April 15, 22 & 29, 6-8 p.m.
The Arena, Caserma Ederle
Every Sunday, the Arena dims the lights, switches on the screens and tunes into the latest family-friendly movies. Don't miss your chance to enjoy some quality time with the ones you love. For \$35, enjoy two hours of bowling for up to six people, one large cheese pizza, six bottled beverages of your choice and free shoe rental.

Music Café
April 20, 6 p.m.-11 p.m.
Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle
Music Café nights are casual improv jam nights. Great music and amazing community talent await; this night will be extra special as SKIESUnlimited joins in and youth bring their performances to the community. It's free and performers



Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany (File photo)

can sign up at Soldiers' Theatre. Youth performances will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Children/youth must sign up with SKIES by April 17. Adults sign up at the theater.

Skocjan Caves Tour, Slovenia
April 21, 5 a.m.-8 p.m., \$95/\$58
ODR, Caserma Ederle
The Škocjan Cave system is one of the most significant in the world and is an absolute must-see for anyone interested in archeology or history. The cave system has magnificent caverns, spectacular waterfalls, lakes and deep chasms, and there is evidence of humans inhabiting the cave system for thousands of years. In 1986, the 6 km cave system became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the caves on a 3 km guided tour and spend time in the town of Škocjan. Bring your passport.

Spring Flea Market
April 21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$10 per space, \$10 table rental (optional)
Library, Caserma Ederle
It's time to clean the house and get rid of those items you've been holding onto for years. This is an opportunity to make some cash while making room for your newly bought items from Italy and the rest of Europe. Not interested in selling? Get out of the house and search the sales. See <https://italy.armymwr.com/calendar/event/spring-flea-market/2002599/23680> for seller information and tips.

Family Day in Asiago
April 22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$50/\$35
ODR, Caserma Ederle
Head to Asiago for a day of Asiago cheese, starting with a visit to a cheese factory — known as a *malga* — where you'll go on a guided tour showing how authentic Asiago cheese is made and aged. At the end

of the tour, participants will taste the cheese made in the factory and have the opportunity to purchase Asiago cheese straight from the factory
**Authentic Asiago cheese is only produced in the area.*

Let's Move!

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

April 10 & 24, 10-11 a.m.
SKIESUnlimited, Caserma Ederle
Families with children ages 2-4 years are invited to attend our fun and energetic gross motor skills class! Classes will take place every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Registration not required.

National Library Week Open House
April 10, 3-5 p.m., Ederle library
April 11, noon-2 p.m., Caserma Del Din
"Libraries Lead" is this year's theme for National Library Week. Head into the USAG Italy libraries to enjoy refreshments and giveaways to help celebrate.

Preschool Story Time
April 12, 19 & 26, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Library, Caserma Ederle
Join the library staff for weekly storytime, with a different theme each week. This event is geared toward children ages 3 to 5 years. Activities include making a craft, listening to stories and meeting new friends.

Altered Book Workshop
April 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m
Library, Caserma Ederle
In collaboration with the Art Center, the Ederle Library's Makerspace will be hosting this workshop. Take

any book and transform it into a decorative mixed media journal, secret box, or simply an art piece. Sign up at the library front desk or Art Center.

Darby Laser Kick Back Night
April 12, 1-6 p.m., 25 euros
Youth Center, Camp Darby
Head into the Youth Center immediately after school to enjoy pizza followed by two hours of laser tag. Fill out permission slip and sign up at the Youth Center.

Creative Expressions for Teens
April 12, 1:30-3 p.m.
Library teen loft, Caserma Ederle
This youth version of the Art Center's popular Resiliency Through Art program is a great way for youth to be provided with an artistic outlet. No set projects, no expectations, no registration required.

Interviewing Skills
April 17, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
Learn effective strategies so that you will be prepared to make a great first impression, answer questions effectively and land your next position. Sign up no later than two days before the class. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500, for more information.

iDevice Photo Workshop
April 19, 11:30 a.m., \$18
Art Center, Caserma Ederle
Bring iPhone, iPad or iPod (any iDevice with a camera function), and learn some great tips and tricks on how to take better photos.

Emergency Placement Care Provider Info Session
April 23, 10-11 a.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
The Family Advocacy Program is seeking individuals interested in learning how to become an Emergency Placement Care Provider. This is a one-hour information session. You can assist children in their development, provide a family-oriented home during a time of crisis, and even help an Army family reunite. For information, contact the EPC coordinator at DSN 634-6264, comm. 0444-71-6264.

FITNESS & SPORTS

BOSS Morning Bike Rides
April 13, 20 & 27, 6-7:30 a.m.
ODR, Caserma Ederle
New and experienced riders alike are invited to join, and no registration is required for the weekly morning bike rides. Bring road bicycle, helmet, spare inner tube, and water and snacks as needed.

Variety of fitness classes
Dates & time vary
\$5 per class/\$35 for 10 classes
Fitness Center, Caserma Ederle
Zumba®, Yoga, Cycling, Pilates, Power Pump, Kettlebell Strength & Conditioning, and HIT Fit. Stop by the fitness center to learn more. Purchase tickets for all fitness classes at the front desk and present to instructor.

For more events and information, see the FMWR calendar on the USAG Italy website: www.italy.army.mil.