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- The highest peak in Europe is in Italy. **Monte Bianco (White Mountain)** is 15,771 feet high and is part of the Alps.
- **Leonardo da Vinci** was the illegitimate son of a Florentine notary and a peasant girl. He was born in 1452 near the town of Vinci, close to Pisa. Leonardo epitomized the ideal Renaissance man and is best known as a painter. But he also excelled as an artist, sculptor, architect, musician, engineer, inventor, scientist and writer.
- Explorer **Marco Polo** was from Venice, and **Christopher Columbus (Cristoforo Colombo)** was from Genova.

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



A role-playing "casualty" lies on the ground at Caserma Del Din during the U.S. Army Garrison Italy full-scale exercise that took place May 9 in Vicenza and at Camp Darby. The exercise tested systems the garrison and Italian authorities would use in the event of a crisis. (Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

Full-scale exercise tests ability to project power

By **James E. Brooks**

U.S. Army Garrison Italy PAO

VICENZA — An international situation in Europe triggers the deployment of 173rd Airborne Brigade to the global hot spot. But a small terrorist organization is intent on attacking U.S. Soldiers during their deployment from Italy. What are the repercussions of an attack on U.S. Army Garrison Italy whose primary mission is to get 173rd Airborne Brigade where it needs to go when ordered?

That was the scenario of a full-scale exercise held May 9 at USAG Italy facilities at Caserma Ederle, Caserma Del Din and Camp Darby. Though the deploy-

ment of 173rd was notional — meaning paratroopers were not actually readying gear for combat — garrison directorates were going through the typical processes and procedures to get the brigade where it needed to go, on time. That's when a simulated terrorist attack struck.

"The exercise scenario was very well developed with greater complexity by including a notional deployment of 173rd Airborne Brigade. The requirement to activate the garrison's emergency operations center and respond to a terrorist attack while actively managing a timed deployment cycle provided unique learning opportunities and greatly enhanced the

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Camp Darby aids schools in Albania, Armenia

Story and photo

by **Chiara Mattiolo**

DMC Public Affairs Office

CAMP DARBY — Schools in Albania and Armenia are receiving a valuable shipment of new furniture and other classroom supplies thanks to the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) Humanitarian Assistance Program-Excess Property (HAP-EP) located at Camp Darby.

Fifteen container trucks of school furniture destined for Albania were loaded May 11 and will reach their final destination approximately May 23.

"This project supports the Mons Lucjan Avgustini combined elementary and high school located in the Vau Dejes, Albania," said Janine Wick, HAP manager for Livorno. "HAP-EP Livorno is sending donated equipment as a complementary package to another Department of Defense project that renovated the school facility."

The request for support came from the U.S. Embassy in Albania to the Washington-based DSCA that manages HAP-EP. The final request for support was assigned to Camp Darby.

The purpose of the HAP-EP program is to acquire non-lethal

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Army BOSS reveals top honor for Vicenza program

By **Karin J. Martinez**

Outlook Editor

VICENZA — A "watch party" at the Warrior Zone on Caserma Del Din was the setting in which to announce the Vicenza BOSS Strong team as winners of the Armywide BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Strong competition that took place in late 2017.

About 250 Soldiers and other community supporters gathered May 4 to participate in festivities created to honor BOSS Vicenza and "Team Able," a team of six Soldiers who competed against the other four top teams in fitness and life skills challenges. That final portion of the competition took place in San Antonio. Each team's progress there was recorded and pulled together over eight episodes that look like a reality television show — the first episode premiering at the party.

The highly anticipated announcement came when Command Sgt. Maj. Melissa Judkins, command sergeant major for Installation Management Command — on hand for the party all the way from IMCOM Headquarters in Texas — made the announcement after the episode played.

The team not only won a trophy that will be displayed at the U.S. Army Garrison Italy headquarters, they also earned \$25,000 for the Vicenza BOSS program, money that will go directly into the program here.

Garrison Commander Col. Erik M. Berdy accepted the trophy from the team, for the garrison.

"There is a lot more to this award than the physical piece," said Berdy. "It's about physical readiness, nutrition, health, taking care of yourself and more. They lived it and they learned a lot; they should be an example to all of you."

According to Sgt. Maj. Daniel Denison, G-9 sergeant major, IMCOM,



From left: Command Sgt. Maj. Melissa Judkins, Installation Management Command; Spc. Avelardo Martinez, Spc. Joey Biggers and Pfc. Christopher Ortiz, of Team Able; Col. Erik M. Berdy, commander, USAG Italy; Spc. Patricia Samples, president, BOSS Vicenza; and Staff Sgt. James Turner, Army BOSS representative, pose with the trophy and check for \$25,000 from the BOSS Strong competition. The money will go into the local BOSS program. (Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

and previously the U.S. Army Garrison Italy command sergeant major, BOSS Strong is different from other Army competitions.

"The concept for BOSS Strong is to provide a holistic multi-discipline

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Caution: For some, working in Italy violates SOFA

VICENZA — You are now living in Italy and looking for ways to earn some extra cash and keep your business skills sharp. Before you take that job on the economy or start your own business, you need to know that doing so may be illegal in Italy.

Following are some questions and answers about working here.

Can I accept an off-post job working for an Italian or American business?

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

To be employed in Italy by someone other than the U.S. Forces (this includes GS, NAF, and government contracted positions) requires an Italian work visa and work permit. This is true for both Italian businesses and American-based corporations. If a person chooses to obtain these documents, he or she is declaring to the Italian government that they desire to be considered an

ordinary resident of Italy. One cannot have both ordinary resident and “SOFA protected” status at the same time, no matter his position here. Those who get a job on the Italian economy as an ordinary resident are not entitled to any “SOFA protected” privileges, including shopping in the post exchange and commissary, sending mail through the Military Postal System, driving SE-TAF-registered vehicles, and purchasing gas coupons. You are also responsible for all additional expenses that ordinary Italian residents incur, such as paying Italian income tax and making contributions into the Italian social security system.

I am an EU citizen married to a service member. Where can I work?

If you are command sponsored and listed on your service member spouse’s orders, you are here under “SOFA protected status.” As such, you must follow the guidance above for becoming an ordinary resident and give up “SOFA protected” status. Working as an ordinary resident, however, may disqualify a person from future U.S. government jobs in Italy.

Can I maintain skills by providing my service for free but be reimbursed for supplies — such as baking cakes or coloring hair?

Activities such as baking cakes or coloring hair would not be considered a “profitable enterprise” so long as any reimbursement is limited to the cost of supplies.

It is important to note, though, that any “donations” or other payments for your time, labor or expertise would be considered profit and would require a valid Italian work visa and permit.

Am I allowed to operate a home-based business (e.g., Mary Kay, Scentsy)?

If you are generating profit by work performed while living in Italy, Italian law mandates that you have a valid work visa and permit. Furthermore, using the American post office for home-based businesses is not allowed. Those who choose to obtain an Italian work visa and permit are declaring to the Italian government that you desire to be considered an ordinary resident of Italy. One cannot have both ordinary resident and “SOFA protected” status at the same time.

Can I telework for my previous employer in the United States?

Unfortunately, SOFA employment restrictions apply equally to Italian-based businesses and American-based businesses. Thus, if you are generating profit by work performed while living in Italy, even on your computer for a U.S.-based corporation, Italian law mandates that you have a valid work visa and permit.

For more information or for specific advice, contact the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office in Building 166 on Caserma Ederle. Or call at DSN 637-8834, comm. 0444-61-8834. (*Client Services, OSJA*)



Youth perform 'Honk! Jr.' at Soldiers' Theatre

CASERMA EDERLE — More than 50 Vicenza Military Community youth took part in the musical "Honk! JR.," based on the story “The Ugly Duckling” by Hans Christian Andersen and adapted from the Olivier Award-winning London West End production and subsequent Broadway musical. Above left: Cast members Irene Ramirez, playing Penny, and Josh Galvin, playing Ugly, perform during the May 3 dress rehearsal at Soldiers' Theatre on Caserma Ederle. At right: Bethany Williams (left), portraying Ida, and Ducklings, Addie Wilson and Zachary Tovar perform during the dress rehearsal. Performances were held for two weekends May 4-13. For more photos, visit <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157690926487000>.

(Photos by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

Questions about AC heat up with warmer weather

By Lyman Parkhurst
USAG Italy Energy Manager

VICENZA — Utilities are a large annual expense for the United States Army, and U.S. Army Garrison Italy — at more than \$16 million per year, and electricity, at more than \$9 million — costs more than all other utilities combined.

So it makes sense when the garrison works to conserve energy and try to reduce its impact on the environment, that there is a focus on electricity consumption and air conditioning.

Because of the sudden onset of some hot weather here in Italy, there have been many questions about the air conditioning policy for USAG Italy – a policy written especially because this is the only garrison in Europe that is authorized general air conditioning.

Air conditioning is turned on in accordance with Army regulations and com-

pliance with Italian energy codes. The USAG Italy heating and air conditioning policy states that AC systems will be activated no earlier than May 15 and only after three consecutive days with temperatures greater than 26.5 C (80 F).

The policy also follows a priority system, beginning with health and dental care facilities, child development centers, Child & Youth Services, schools, and operational or mission facilities.

In reality, some operational facilities have year-round cooling for computer data centers and high heat computer simulation or military intelligence centers.

Comfort cooling of standard offices and community facilities generally follow the barracks. Plus, family housing at Villaggio has heat pump systems controlled by independent thermostats. What may confuse occupants is the limiter on the thermostats. The AC will not cool the house below 23 C no matter what temperature is selected on the thermostat, and this is

similar for the heating season.

This limit was put in place because of excessive energy consumption and equipment damage from occupants who abused the systems. Keep in mind that Italian energy codes design the buildings to provide only 10 C degrees of cooling below the outside temperature, so if it’s 38 C outside, the indoor temperature would rise to 28 C.

The weather forecast has much milder temperatures until after May 15, at which point all general air conditioning will be prepared for summer.

In offices, when you do turn on air conditioners, remember to set the thermostat no lower than 24 C, open windows at night or in the cooler morning for ventilation instead of during hot afternoons. Make sure to shut off all AC split units at night and weekends to save energy, since it only takes a few minutes to cool off an office in the morning. (*DPW*)

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Teams finalize plans for United Accord 2018



Major Garrett Barr, operations officer, 36th Engineer Brigade (center), visits the Ghana Armed Forces' Bundase Training Center during United Accord 2018's final planning event in Accra, Ghana, to pinpoint needs for the structural projects scheduled in June.

Story and photo
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ACCRA, Ghana — Fourteen African partner countries, three western allies and United States Army representatives met April 30–May 4 at the Kofi Annan International Peace Keeping Training Center to round out the 2018 United Accord exercise plan.

The combined planning team reviewed

every sustainment and mission requirement necessary for U.S. Army Africa's largest combined, joint exercise of the year. Co-hosted by the Ghana Armed Forces, United Accord will include four major components: a computer-programmed exercise, field training exercise, jungle warfare school and medical readiness training exercise.

"What are we missing?" asked Lt. Col. Justin Sisak, USARAF exercise planner, during his in-brief to the combined planning team. "We need to ask ourselves if

we are doing things right, if we are designing the right exercise, and, most important, what are we not doing that we should be?"

The 60-person planning team broke into two sections. The command post exercise section walked through the 16-day scenario, working on providing maximum training value for each participant. The field exercise, medical readiness exercise and joint weapons teams focused on food, water, fuel, ammunition and placing every one of the more than 600

participants on flights coming in from across the globe.

"This is no small mission," said Scott McWhorter, United Accord's lead sustainment planner, about the sustainment challenges introduced by the international exercise. "Shipping in almost 600 personnel and tons of equipment takes careful planning, long in advance. However, it's a great opportunity to rehearse our efforts in case we ever needed to respond to a contingency or crisis here on the continent."

Ghana, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo and the United States all sent at least one representative to the final planning event.

United Accord will conclude with a regional leaders seminar. The RLS provides an opportunity for land force chiefs from West Africa to sit in a closed-door, off-the-record environment and candidly discuss challenges and threats facing their countries. The chiefs will also discuss lessons learned, ultimately agreeing on solutions and tangible ways forward to accomplish mutual goals.

"Anyone who's worked in an international environment knows it's easier to move the ball forward if (distinguished visitors) have made some personal ties," said Gary Myers, USARAF's regional leader seminar planner for United Accord, in reference to the importance of social events and dinners during the exercise.

On the last day of the weeklong planning event, participants traveled back to their home duty stations to relay pertinent information to their respective units.

173rd paratroopers take flight during joint exercise

Story and photo
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HOHENFELS, Germany — Concealed by the blackness of night, U.S. Army paratroopers took flight – out of sight — with a goal to seize, secure and protect.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade participated in Joint Warfighting Assessment (JWA) 18 from April 20 to May 9 in Germany. The assessment enabled use of realistic live, virtual and constructive vignettes for training and assessment of concepts, capabilities and structures.

The brigade was tasked with the scenario to conduct joint forcible entry to seize the "island" of Hohenfels and defeat an anti-access/area denial exclusion zone, also known as a "bubble," that was preventing the larger coalition force from projecting combat power.

In support of the overall mission, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Abn.) was tasked to conduct an air assault onto multiple airfields to clear enemy forces, secure the perimeter, and prepare the runway for the rest of the battalion to land safely.

U.S. Army Maj. Andrew Smith, serving as senior observer coach, paid close attention to how the battalion operated. Smith, who will be the incoming battalion commander, explained that his brigade's mission statement entails being able to conduct joint forcible entry within 18 hours of notification. The Army's



Pfc. Jean Padro, medical specialist, camouflages his face in preparation for a night air assault with 173rd Airborne Brigade in Hohenfels, Germany, April 23. The assault, part of the Joint Warfighting Assessment 2018, was the initiation of a training mission to last from 72 to 96 hours.

most demanding challenge is the ability to deter or defeat the threat posed by nation states.

According to Smith, the paratroopers were externally evaluated on four mission-essential tasks including air assault, attack, area security and movement to contact. Working in evening hours presented several advantages and challenges for the paratroopers. He said they prefer to operate in the evening because it provides additional cover and concealment, but it also makes the mission more dangerous because of low visibility and re-

duced communication capabilities.

"An air assault inherently is a risky mission," said Smith.

The JWA helps train Soldiers for future battles that will be more deadly and complex, where enemies will likely challenge U.S. forces in all domains, requiring operating under degraded communication conditions. According to Smith, while brigade elements devote significant time to mitigating safety risks, safety falls on the troops who have boots on the ground during the actual mission.

"That's where our junior noncommis-

sioned officers and young leadership come in – keeping everybody together and where they are supposed to be, gaining accountability and perimeter security before we move out," Smith added.

This mission, in connection with the overall mission of JWA 18, is the Army Chief of Staff's capstone event, providing a venue to achieve training readiness, future force development and interoperability with NATO allies in a resource-constrained environment.

Medical specialist Pfc. Jean Padro participated in the air assault. He explained that when exiting a bird there is a lot of down-pressure, and all Soldiers can hear are the rotors.

Despite the challenge, he said he has become accustomed to moving casualties under these strenuous acoustic conditions.

"Either you lose your voice or the flight medic can't hear you," said Padro.

Following the air assault, the paratroopers moved to a designated point where they mounted a simulated Ground Mobility Vehicle 1.1 (GMV), a tactical concept being tested during JWA. The GMV is a lightweight, all-terrain, high-mobility Special Forces vehicle that can be transported via C-17 Globemaster III heavy lift aircrafts, CH-47 "Chinook" helicopters and C-130 Hercules.

Specialist Federico Gonzalez, team leader for Legion Company, said air assaults can be intense. After the one-minute warning call, everybody unbuckles their seatbelts, the doors fly open, and it's "game on" from there, he said.



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Health & Wellness

TRICARE health encourages feedback from beneficiaries

VICENZA — Are you or another TRICARE beneficiary getting care with a TRICARE network provider off post? Did you know the TRICARE Overseas Program has an official grievance process? (It can be used for compliments, too.)

Patient participation in this process ensures TRICARE gains valuable feedback regarding services provided in the overseas community. Grievances may include topics such as quality of health care or services, behavior of providers, performance of care and patient safety concerns.

Complaints and grievances can be filed by anyone, including a patient, family member, unit member, support staff or provider by email to TOPGlobalQualityAssu@internationalalsos.com.

Patients may also submit a grievance by phone at +44 20-8762-8384 option 1 or option 4.

Remember to include contact information, including beneficiary name, address and telephone number, the individual or institutional provider's contact information, beneficiary's date of birth and a full description of the issue or concern, including date and times of the event(s).

The TRICARE area office works to resolve grievances within 60 days of receipt, according to the TRICARE Overseas Program website. More information about the grievance process is available at <http://www.tricare-overseas.com/beneficiaries/resources/compliments-grievances-and-appeals>.

Because the United States Army Health Center-Vicenza team cares about patients and wants to help facilitate an expedited response, it is important to keep them in the loop on a grievance or compliment by sending a copy of your submission to usarmy.vicenza.medcom-ermc.list.vzhc-patient-representative@mail.mil.

Anyone who needs assistance with completing the grievance process form, please see the health center patient advocate, Tamara Passut. Her office is located on the 2nd floor, Room 1C11 of the health center, or call DSN 636-9508. comm. 0444-61-9508.



Military spouse appreciation

CASERMA EDERLE — A cake cutting for Military Spouse Appreciation took place May 11 at the Vicenza Post Exchange to recognize commitment and sacrifices of all military spouses. Vicenza Military Community members gathered at the facility to enjoy the event. In the picture: Robert Maestas (center), AAFES operations manager, and AAFES employees and military spouses Nelly Alvarado (left) and Maribel Ramos prepare to cut the cake.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

Parent & Child

Maturity level, digital citizenship are key when deciding time for smartphone

By Mieke VanderBorgh
Contributor

VICENZA — Just 11 years ago we didn't even know what they were, but now we hang on to them as though our lives depended on it. Those mini pocket-sized computers, a.k.a. smartphones, are ubiquitous by now, and your children are begging you for one of their own.

You may feel a bit hesitant about handing over such a powerful, and expensive, device to your dear not-so-little-anymore little ones.

What to consider

First, it's worth reflecting on what your child needs a phone for. If he or she simply needs a phone to keep in touch with you after school, consider an "old fashioned" phone. You know, the ones that are just for calling and simple text messages. Or, there are some "starter" smartphones on the market that limit what children can do with them. But if your child is after the whole shebang, you won't be able to avoid thinking about the real deal.

Unfortunately, it's hard to pinpoint the "right" age when parents should give their children a smartphone. Rather, each family needs to consider all aspects involved and make an informed decision that's right for each individual child.

The biggest smartphone readiness indicator parents should look for is their child's maturity level. Think about all the things your child will now have access to. With the internet, children can see, hear and read anything and everything — and with a smartphone they can do it at any time, on their own, without supervision. Is your child ready for that?

Then, of course, there's social media. Right around the age parents are probably thinking about when to get their child a smartphone just happens to also be when children become so much more involved in their peer group and social circle than they ever were before. Children with their own smartphones can constantly be in the thick of all the text message drama, the



Facebook and Instagram posts, and the online discussions. Can your child handle that? Would he or she know how and when to step away?

Having a smartphone also means having constant access to a screen, so screen time is no longer limited to sitting down with larger devices. Think about your family's screen time rules and consider whether introducing a smartphone will throw things off balance.

Make the rules

Thoughtful parents will also want to attach a set of rules and guidelines to any smartphone they give their children. Is your child mature and responsible enough to abide by those rules? What about the school's rules? Does your child's school have usage guidelines and can your child follow them? Has your child learned about responsible media use and is he or she ready to put that knowledge to the test?

Last, but not least, there's a practical consideration: smartphones are expen-

sive, as are the plans that keep them connected. Who's going to pay for it all? And is your child responsible and careful enough to keep track of that expensive device without losing or damaging it?

Taking the plunge?

Okay, so you've considered it all and decided your child is ready. Now it's time for you to set the stage for success.

Make sure you set clear rules and guidelines ahead of time, including for such concerns as where the phone will stay at night (hint: the best place is out of the child's bedroom).

You may even want to write up and sign a smartphone "contract" to outline your expectations for how and when your child will use the phone. If your child violates any part of the contract, the smart phone gets taken away for a period of time.

This is also a good time for you to review privacy concerns. Review what kinds of information are appropriate to share and what isn't. Make sure you and your child know how to adjust the priva-

cy settings in the phone, and in any app your child downloads.

Deciding to wait?

After thinking about it, you've decided it's just not the right time. First, rest assured that, despite what your child says, you are not the only family who has not handed out smartphones.

Then, do be aware that if your child has many friends who do have smartphones, it can certainly feel like they're being left out of the loop.

Help your child find other ways to stay connected to friends. Host a group at your house, orchestrate a movie night, or provide access to a phone for chatting. Seek out communities and strengthen friendships with families that have similar smartphone rules so your children see that they're not the only ones without access to their own smartphone.

Importantly though, be aware that just because your child doesn't own a smartphone doesn't mean that he or she isn't using the internet or social media. Children can access many of the same content through computer and tablets. So don't slack on teaching your children about responsible and appropriate behavior for the digital world.

Finally, either way, remember that children learn so much more by watching what you do than by listening to what you say. Whether you decide to give your child a smartphone or not, let them see you using your smartphone the way you'd like them to use theirs, whenever it is that they get one.

See below for additional resources:
<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/18/02/when-give-your-child-smartphone>

<https://www.common sense media.org/cell-phone-parenting>

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40 MILES, 12 HOURS

Walking to honor WWII valor of Col. Darby, 10th Mountain Division

By James E. Brooks
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VICENZA — On April 30, 2008, retired U.S. Army Ranger Rick Tscherne went for a walk along the shores of Lake Garda. Forty miles later he stopped in the town of Torbole with an idea.

The inspiration for Tscherne's 40-mile trek was partly a chance to reflect on what happened on the shores of the lake 64 years earlier: the Army's 10th Mountain Division was chasing the last determined remnants of the German Army in Italy. The three-day battle appeared over on April 30, 1945, a day after a signed armistice ended the war in Italy. But without warning, a final German artillery round found its deadly mark and killed Col. William Darby and Sgt. Major John Evans on Torbole's waterfront.

"It was back in 2008 when I really came up with this 40-mile idea. After hearing about all these other walks and marches the Army sponsors and supports back in the states and seeing it is exactly 40 miles from one end of the lake to the other, I thought there might be interest. I mailed about a half dozen letters along with some maps to all the major unit commanders in Vicenza about my idea, but I never got one single reply back from any of them, not one," recalled Tscherne.

With no apparent interest by Army officials, Tscherne dropped the idea.

Then inspiration came from a different direction.

With countless articles published about how long walks and hikes are good for troubled souls — and finding himself at odds with his wife and daughter — Tscherne went for that long walk in 2009.

"My wife and I weren't talking to each other. And then one day very early in the morning, I got up and decided to go for a walk along the lake shoreline, feeling sorry for myself. I was not planning on walking the entire lake, just a few miles. And so I took it a town at a time and telling myself, 'Okay, the next town I'll turn around and catch a bus ride back home.' Before I knew it, I was in Malcesine. And that's where I decided, 'Oh what the hell, may as well go the rest of the way to Torbole', and so I did."

Tscherne had a problem when he arrived at Garda's northern most town. It was late and the busses weren't running. He had no way home.

"I felt good. I burned out all my anger and didn't feel depressed anymore and went to the bus stop in Torbole to catch a ride back home. But I discovered I missed the last bus home, and there were no ferry boats. I tried calling some of my friends to come pick me up but none of them were home. I checked my wallet and realized I didn't have enough money for a taxi neither (sic). And so I had no choice but to call my wife," Tscherne said.

It was during that late-night ride home when Tscherne and his wife began talking again and overcame their differences.

"I give credit to my wife and my daughter, too, for inspiring me to walk these 40 miles which I had no intention of ever doing, but I did," he said.

From then on, Tscherne would start off on a 40-mile walk each April 30. With each year, he would write to Army leaders in the area inviting them to bring their Soldiers to join him. He never received a response. But something happened in 2012.

"A pair of 173rd Airborne Ranger NCOs contacted me in wanting to walk it. I invited them out to the lake for a weekend,



Rick Tscherne, founder of The Colonel Darby 40-Mile Ranger Challenge, watches the approximate 350 participants, mostly Soldiers, start the challenge in Peschiera del Garda April 30. (U.S. Army photo)



Tscherne poses in front of a vintage Army jeep that marks the finish line of the challenge he conceived in 2008.

(U.S. Army photo)

put them up in my house, drove them to the start point and picked them up at the finish point. After them, I began exchanging some emails with a local historian, Ben Appleby, who said he found out what I was doing and asked if I wanted company the next time I do it. I said 'sure' but I doubted he would come with me the following year. But he did and he has been doing it ever since, and that's how we became friends," said Tscherne.

Staff sergeants Ryan Johnson and Adam Fisk from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Airborne "Recon Platoon," became the first active-duty Soldiers to complete the 40-miler in 2012. Appleby, vice president of an association focused on the city of Torbole's history, joined Tscherne in 2013 and has become the Darby Challenge organizer. He helps Tscherne increase the awareness of the annual challenge and the story behind it with the local Italian community.

Tscherne made the trek each year with more Soldiers joining, thanks to word-of-mouth. But in 2016, Tscherne stopped walking. His doctor warned the then 62-year-old of permanent damage to his legs. More important, he felt the work that inspired him years earlier was finished.

"In addition to the Darby Challenge,



Participants near the 18-mile mark during the annual Col. Darby 40-Mile Ranger Challenge. Approximately 350, mostly Soldiers, participated in the challenge April 30. Participants must walk or run 40 miles from southern to northern tips of Lake Garda in 12 hours or less. (Photo by James E. Brooks)

I put together a committee that I nicknamed 'the monument men committee' to raise money for a memorial monument to remember 25 Soldiers of 10th Mountain Division who drowned on Lake Garda April 30, 1945, when their amphibious craft sank. On April 30, 2016, my last time walking it, when the memorial monument was unveiled and dedicated to them there at Torbole," he said.

This year, more than 350 Soldiers, airmen from nearby Aviano Air Force Base, and veterans accepted the challenge and left Lake Garda's southernmost town of Peschiera del Garda at 6 a.m. and headed north to Torbole. It was the challenge's largest group, topping last year's field of marchers and runners by 150.

In the group were two returning Soldiers who attempted the challenge last year but didn't make it.

"After last year, we decided to do it right this year. We brought boots and everything. We decided slow and steady wins the race because last year we tried running and failed," said Spc. Oscar Salinas in a video blog he posted to YouTube.

One other lesson was pointed out as they passed the 18-mile-mark. They weren't going to stop and rest.

At 6 p.m., the finish line marked by two restored Army jeeps and a group of World War II reenactors closes. In a short solemn ceremony, taps are played and church bells ring 25 times for each Soldier drowned in the lost amphibious vehicle

crossing. For the third consecutive year, prizes were awarded to the three fastest finishers. This year, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Mansfield, 2nd Bn., 503rd Infantry Regiment, set a new record of five hours, 55 minutes — beating the previous course record of six hours, 19 minutes set last year by Col. Jeff Worthington, commander of 2nd Signal Brigade in Germany.

For those who make it to the finish line in less than 12 hours, the prize is a Colonel Darby 40-Mile Ranger Challenge coin and a great sense of accomplishment. For those too tired, sore or injured to finish, chartered participant buses, vans and fellow Soldiers pick them up for the hourlong drive back to Vicenza.

Tscherne accomplished everything he set out to do except for one thing: finding someone to continue organizing the event. During this year's post-challenge ceremonies, Tscherne let everyone know he was looking for someone to take over the event, preferably a military organization. The Challenge has exceeded his expectations.

Appleby is optimistic about the future of the event.

"Rick confirmed he'll be with us in supporting and being involved in the Col. Darby march until the big 75th anniversary in 2020. ... We'll have to see how this transforms. The good news is every year it is getting safer with the massive project to make a cycling path around the lake," said Appleby.

Noticeable efforts

CASERMA EDERLE — Approximately 300 Vicenza Military Community members attended the 2018 Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony May 9 hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Italy Army Community Service at the Golden Lion conference center on Caserma Ederle. Certificates were presented by Col. Erik M. Berdy (right), commander, USAG Italy, and Command Sgt. Maj. Mason L. Bryant (left), garrison command sergeant major. Victoria Orton and Patricia Wilson (pictured), two of the recognized volunteers, received a special frame for their individual contributions of more than 1,000 hours each.

To see more photos of the event, visit the garrison Flickr page at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/albums/72157693596896982>.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)



SCHOOLS

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excess DOD property and donate that equipment to foreign countries in support of Department of the State-sponsored humanitarian steady-state projects and contingency disaster relief mission. In this instance, excess property from the Darby Military Community entered the HAP-EP inventory for redistribution.

“Because of the community office consolidations here, a large part of this mission package included excess equipment from Logistics Readiness Center Livorno, Darby Child Development Center, Darby Child and Youth Services, and the garrison Livorno MWR program,” said Wick.

“These contributions made this shipment possible and will significantly improve the quality of education in the school, as well as enhance the relationship between the people of Albania and the United States.”

HAP-EP Supply Technician Becky Lauersdorf said she hopes the shipment improves the quality of education for some of the children of Albania.

“The shipment included student and teacher desks, classroom shelving, school electronic aids, children’s furniture and teacher aids,” said Lauersdorf.

According to Wick, the mission couldn’t be complete without the support of the 14th Transportation Movement Control Team. The team drew up contracts and made sure all transportation and customs

documents were in compliance.

“Coordinating humanitarian aid shipments is more challenging than most people might imagine. As a project manager I need to match resources to requirements while managing expectations,” said Wick. “Dealing with multiple agencies can be frustrating at times. But when you see photographs and news stories about happy recipients, especially kids, who are overjoyed with the items we send, it makes it all worth it in the end.”

The hard work of HAP workers is often rewarded by satisfaction.

“I am satisfied of what I do. At the end of the day, I hope that the items we prepare and ship will make a difference in somebody’s life,” said Eleonora Morini, warehouse operator.

Warehouse operators Simone Bonechi and Daniele Badalassi echoed their co-worker’s feelings.

“I am proud to take part in these humanitarian support missions. I hope our contributions will help those in need,” said Bonechi.

“My heart is filled with joy when I see pictures of our shipment at delivery point, especially if those (receiving items) are children. I am proud and glad I can be part of HAP-EP here at Camp Darby,” added Badalassi.

The warehouse employees are also busy with a back-to-back humanitarian aid package of six containers destined to reach out and help Tsiatsan and Amberd primary and secondary schools located in the small village of Amberd, Armenia.



Maurizio Volpi (left) and Eleonora Morini, warehouse operators, Humanitarian Assistance Program, finish wrapping school desks May 10 that were shipped to Albania.

“After a visit by the U.S. Ambassador to check on the progress of a United Nations school feeding program designed to provide proper nutrition, the local embassy requested humanitarian assistance to increase the effectiveness of the program,” explained Wick.

According to Wick, former Darby school furniture will be reutilized to improve not only their food service program but also their educational curriculum.

“Among the items being donated by Camp Darby through HAP-EP Livorno are cafeteria tables, food service equipment, school furniture, teaching supplies, and general medical exam equipment,” said Lauersdorf.

The HAP-EP Armenia shipment is expected to be completed by the end of May with an approximate delivery date by the end of June.

POWER

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training event,” said Sam Barton, exercise coordinator, U.S. Army Installation Management Command Europe.

During the exercise, the garrison faced an attack by terrorists driving cars filled with “explosives” at two installations, Caserma Del Din and Camp Darby, located hundreds of miles apart.

First responders had to quickly assess the situation, take care of the injured and dead, and ensure that deployment of the 173rd continued — uninterrupted.

For all of this to happen, the support and cooperation of Italian workers, local agencies and emergency responders was required.

“Today’s exercise is also about strengthening our ability to work together with our Italian partners when a crisis strikes,” said Col. Erik M. Berdy, commander, USAG Italy, during the event. “Exercises such as Lion Response help us build partnership and improve our own step-

by-step procedures. There is an old saying ‘you can’t be trading business cards in a crisis’. You need to have trust and working relationships before a crisis happens. This exercise gives everyone greater ability to improve the way we work together.”

The garrison’s relationship with its host nation partners was highlighted by the exercise observers in an after-action review (AAR) that took place the following day.

“One of the strengths we saw was law enforcement and host nation coordination,” said Barton. “USAG Italy Director of Emergency Services has conducted extensive training and coordination with Italian counterparts in order to establish better relationships and understanding of shared responsibilities. I recommend the garrison continues to capitalize on all opportunities that coordinate efforts and resources.”

During the exercise, a troop diversion was ordered to increase the security posture of the garrison because of simulated

reports of an increasing terrorist threat and 173rd Airborne Brigade deployment.

“This was another strength we saw during the exercise. The Soldiers came from tenant commands and they clearly understood their duties and responsibilities for security during the exercise. They demonstrated a strong understanding of the rules of engagement and use of force,” said Barton.

According to Sgt. Ethan McCallister, who is assigned to 173d Brigade Support Battalion and led the troop diversion during the exercise, their efforts were all part of putting together what they were trained to do.

“Our urban training, what the Army trains us to do every time we go into the field, is what made us effective. I thought the scenario really showed how U.S.-Italian partnership works. When the ‘terrorist attack’ occurred, our job was to respond quickly and protect the first responders. We were synched with the Italian Carabinieri the entire time,” said McCallister.

McCallister was recognized for his outstanding work in the AAR.

“He displayed outstanding knowledge of his duties and responsibilities. He also provided outstanding observations and recommendations to the on-scene leaders,” said Barton.

According to Barton, garrisons will now only go through full-scale exercises every two years because of the amount of work involved preparing for them.

This training cycle allows for further training but also allows USAG Italy garrison personnel to go out and assess other exercises taking place in other locations. The cycle also allows for being better prepared if a real crisis hits.

“By conducting an exercise like this, we can understand what resources we need to be more ready and prepared. One thing I hope those involved learned: we probably don’t have all the equipment we’d like to have. This gives us the opportunity to understand what we need and prioritize what will make us more ready,” said Berdy.

Signal team earns facility of the year

By John Brooks
Director, Livorno Network Enterprise Center

LIVORNO — Department of Defense Information Network (DoDIN) Station Livorno, 509th Signal Battalion, 2nd Signal Brigade (US) received the fiscal year 2017 Defense Information Systems Network (DISN) facility of the year award for the Category I small transmission facility, April 20.

This is the first year the Livorno station has won this category against 13 other small transmission facilities in the European area of operations.

Colonel Andrew McClelland, commander, Defense Information Systems Agency Europe, presented the plaque to Lt. Col. Michael Reeder, commander, 509th Sig. Bn., whose leadership and dedication were paramount to 509th receiving the award.

DoDIN Station Livorno personnel provide mission support for critical command, control, communications, computers and information management services for U.S. Army Garrison Italy,



The Livorno team, from left: Darrell K. Hill, Frederick M. Carew, Charles E. Simpson, Roy M. Carrara and John H. Brooks.

Army Field Support Bn.-Africa; 66th Military Intelligence; 839th Transportation Bn., and all other tenant organizations located on Camp Darby and Leghorn Army Depot.

McClelland thanked military and civilian personnel present for all of their hard work and dedication, and reminded everyone how significant receiving this award is. In 2016, DoDIN Station Livorno was selected as runner-up facility of the year for Category I.

Mosquito spraying

VICENZA — The U.S. Army Garrison Italy Directorate of Public Works Operations & Maintenance Division will spray for mosquitos with ULV fogger for the first time this season.

Spraying will take place May 24 on Villaggio, 9-11 p.m., and May 25 on Caserma Ederle, 7-11 p.m.

Only one treatment will be done. In the case of inclement weather, the spray will be postponed until the next day.

Community members are asked to not walk on the streets unless absolutely necessary for about an hour after the treatment to give the spray time to dissipate.

Anyone with questions should call DSN 634-8888.

Army encourages civilian employees to take survey

The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) is an annual government-wide survey that measures federal employees' perceptions regarding critical work-life areas that drive employee satisfaction, engagement and retention in the workforce.

Survey results provide valuable insight for senior leaders into strengths and challenges of the Army in ensuring it has an effective civilian workforce.

The 2017 FEVS results demonstrated:

- only about 1/3 of those surveyed responded to the FEVS, and
- those who did respond continue to have a low belief that their responses will make a difference.

To continue to increase engagement and communication across the Army, employees are strongly encouraged to participate in this year's survey.

Responses from the 2017 FEVS helped guide the Army in developing more tailored programs and initiatives including: fully implementing the Emerging Enterprise Leader program; delivering supervisor-and executive-level engagement events; sharing engagement best practices via the Employee Engagement Council; and implementing the pilot for the Supervisor Enrichment and Development Program.

Additional information on both employee engagement and FEVS can be found in the infographic and poster at the right.

Below is information about the 2018 FEVS. The Army aims to achieve a 50 percent participation rate so the survey is

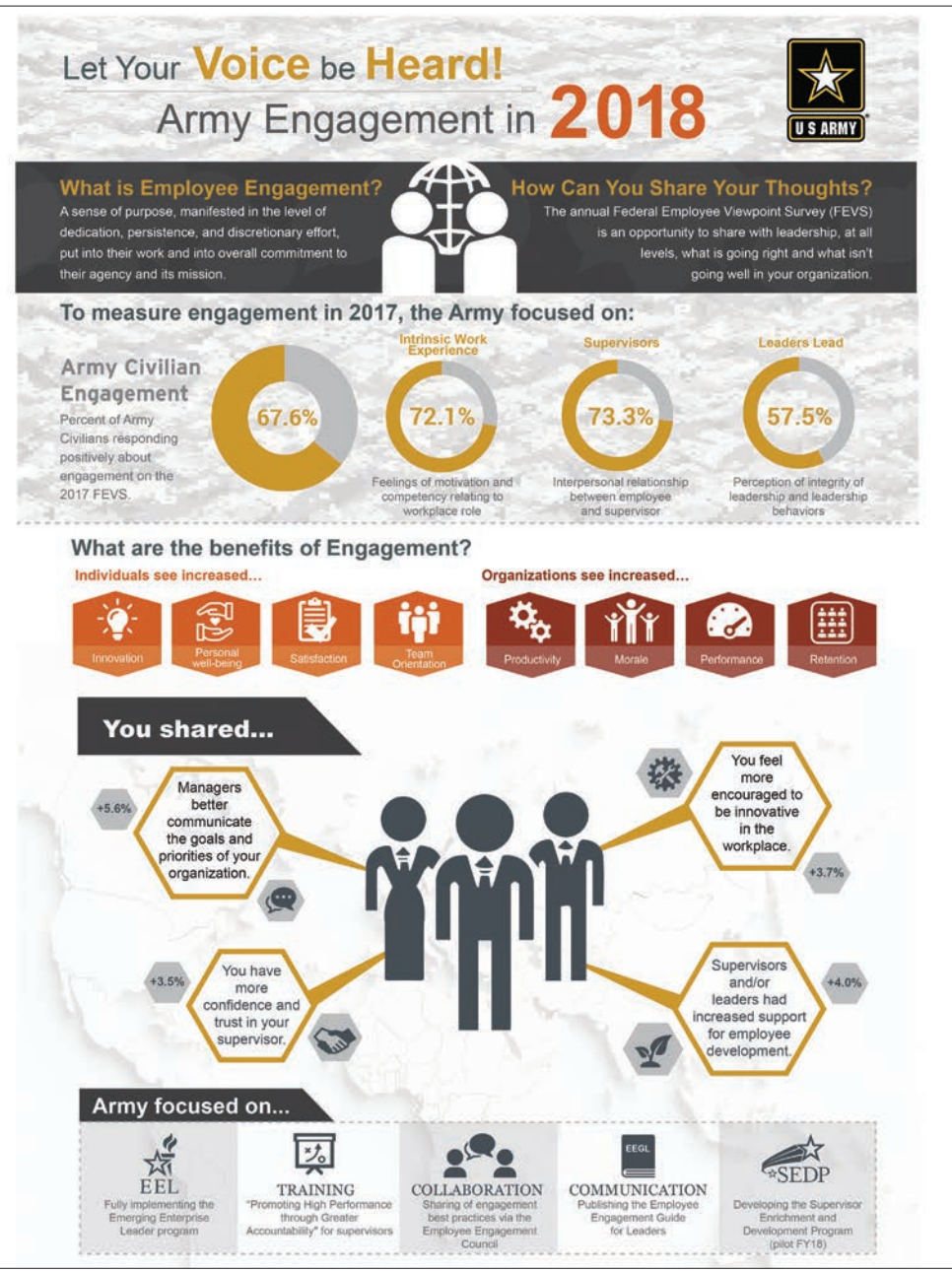
available to all appropriated fund Department of the Army civilians who meet the eligibility requirements identified below.

- Window: now through June 12
- Eligibility: Full-time or part-time, permanent, non-seasonal employees on-board with the Army as of October 2017
- Survey population: All civilians who meet the above eligibility requirements will receive an invitation to complete the FEVS.
- Survey invitation: The survey link with start with the URL <https://feedback.opm.gov>.
- Email address: evan@opm.gov
- Email subject line: The subject line will read "The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey: Empowering Employees. Inspiring Change."
- Confidentiality: The Office of Personnel and Management does not provide Army with individual responses. Results are reported in aggregate form.
- Length: Approximately 20-25 minutes to complete
- FEVS pilot: In addition to the traditional FEVS, OPM is testing a new version of the survey.

Once an employee completes the FEVS, he or she will be given an option to take the new version. Completing the test version of the FEVS is not required to have your traditional FEVS considered complete.

Participation in testing is optional and will not impact Army's FEVS results.

Watch the FEVS video at <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/593816/fevs>.



AAFES, commissary collaborate to promote healthy lifestyle

VICENZA — To continue to support troop readiness and wellness, the Italy Exchange and commissary are giving Soldiers, airmen and their families something to celebrate with a Healthy Lifestyle Festival that takes place at the Vicenza Exchange June 1-2.

The annual festival features health and wellness activities, and shoppers will be able to save on items such as clothes, supplements, exercise equipment and more.

The festival will also highlight healthy living tips and pet products.



The Healthy Lifestyle Festival is part of a larger Italy Exchange BE FIT program that encourages everyone to make better-for-you choices to remain ready and resilient.

"The Healthy Lifestyle Festival is a great example of making those BE FIT choices that will improve the quality of life for our Soldiers, airmen and their families," said Exchange General Manager Susana Sobrino. "We are honored to be a resource that helps our military community develop healthy habits."

For more information on the festival, contact the Italy Exchange.

Need assistance? Don't know whom to call?

Call the
Chaplain Hotline.
DSN 637-2273 (CARE),
comm. 0444-66-2273

Are we there yet?



Liverpool, England, is a northern city that sits on the River Mersey in the county of Lancashire. The city was a key trade port from the 18th to 20th centuries, as it lies just a few miles from the Irish Sea. The docklands and some areas in the historic city center were designated as a combined UNESCO World Heritage site in 2004.

Visit Liverpool Maritime city, home to The Beatles

Story and photos by Karin J. Martinez
Outlook Editor

LIVERPOOL, England — When you live in Europe, a long weekend can find you in any number of fabulous locales. From Venice, you can be in Paris in about an hour, Barcelona in two, and Dublin in less than three.

Consider Liverpool, England. Liverpool may have never been on your “To Go” list, but if you want to explore the United Kingdom outside of London, eat some fish ‘n’ chips, and see where the Fab Four grew up, it just may be perfect for your next weekend getaway.

The excitement starts when you see the yellow submarine at the John Lennon Airport.

Home to The Beatles and proud of it, this maritime city in northwest England has John, Paul, George and Ringo and a whole lot more to offer a traveler. Arrive, get settled, and then head out to explore the U.K.’s fifth largest city on the River Mersey.

The Albert Dock area on the river boasts many of the city’s attractions; if you can find a place to stay nearby, it’s an excellent starting point.

In that area, visitors will find The Beatles Story, Merseyside Maritime Museum and International Slavery Museum, and contemporary art haven, the Tate Gallery. For a weekend visit, select two or three — you may not have time for everything.

Whether or not you’re a fan, Liverpool is home to English rock band The Beatles, who formed there in 1960. Embrace your inner rock ‘n’ roller by starting off with a visit to The Beatles Story, a small but well done museum. Stroll through and meet John, Paul, George and Ringo as boys, through the years making music at the Casbah Coffee Club, and to the rise of Beatlemania. Walk through a yellow submarine and finish out the visit at the Fab Four Store for a souvenir to take home.

Separate from the museum, but a fabulous addition to your day, is a Beatles bus tour.

There are a couple of choices; my group selected the Magical Mystery Big Bus Tour, which met just outside The Beatles Story. We donned our John Lennon “Imagine” glasses in various colors and hopped on the two-



The Beatles sculpture on Pier Head, Liverpool, England. The city is where John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr formed the band in 1960.

hour, narrated bus ride (with photo stops) that took us to places such as Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields, and the boyhood homes of the band members. The coolest part: we ended up at the Cavern Club on Mathew Street for a pint. For those unfamiliar with it, the club was *the* rock and roll scene in Liverpool in the 1960s, and the Fab Four played there close to 300 times.

The riverside area of Liverpool also includes Pier Head, just north of Albert Dock. There, visitors will find the Museum of Liverpool (free entrance) and the Three Graces: the Royal Liver Building, Cunard Building and Port of Liverpool Building. Be on the lookout on the riverwalk for the bronze Beatles sculpture and Liver Bird on top of the Liver Building!

Closer to city center, in the Cavern Quarter and heading towards Lime Street train station, there are many stores for souvenirs or regular shopping (including Liverpool One, a large mall in the middle of the city), and lots of places to eat. A note on food: You may want to try *scouse*, a traditional Liverpool stew made of lamb or beef. The people of Liverpool are nicknamed “Scousers” after the local stew that was commonly eaten by sailors in Northern Europe and brought to the area by Norwegian immigrants.

If stew doesn’t tickle your fancy, there is a variety of seafood to try as well as sandwiches, burgers and other



The Empress Public House, near Ringo Starr's childhood home in Liverpool, England. The pub was featured on Starr's 1970 album cover, *Sentimental Journey*.

surprisingly cultural cuisines that include Indian, Thai, Turkish and more.

Near the train station is Walker Art Gallery. Although it doesn’t have “big name” works of art, the gallery is free and is a pleasant way to spend an hour or more. There is a sculpture gallery, and a painting gallery that includes the famed portrait of Queen Elizabeth I by Nicholas Hilliard and a Rembrandt self-portrait.

The city also boasts two cathedrals, and they could not be more different in style. Connected by a 10-minute walk, one on each end of Hope Street, you’ll find the Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral and Anglican Liverpool Cathedral.

The Metropolitan is a modern building and is free to enter/donations accepted. There is also a large crypt, Lutyens Crypt, which contains a chapel and tombs of three archbishops, a treasury and an exhibit of the church construction. The Anglican cathedral is the largest cathedral in Great Britain and is free, but with a suggested £3 donation. Liverpudlians like to tell you — and it’s true — that they have the world’s only Catholic church designed by a Protestant and the only Protestant church designed by a Catholic.

There is a lot more to see and do in Liverpool than described here. Learn more and plan your trip at www.visitliverpool.com. If you time it just right, you can be in town for July’s International Music Festival (July 21-22) or International Beatleweek, a seven-day non-stop Beatles festival, Aug. 22-28.

Don’t Let Me Down, visit Liverpool soon. Make sure to post your photo on the USAG Italy Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VMCItaly. Or tag us: #VMCItaly.

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competition unlike any other across the Army. It gets after the triad of physiological, eating habits and healthy lifestyles of Soldiers, and the comprehensive Soldier fitness aspects,” said Dennison.

The goal of the competition, planned to take place every other year, is to increase Soldier awareness of the most modern ways to increase functional fitness, and to highlight Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and facilities available on Army installations for Soldiers to use in their personal workout programs.

During the challenge, Soldiers participated in numerous MWR programs, earning points based on the team’s performance. BOSS Strong highlights a new approach to fitness that also allows recovery time and teaches life skills, promoting healthy and more active lives.

According to Department of the Army BOSS Representative Staff Sgt. James Turner, “Soldiers learn levels of fitness that go beyond the normal Army physical readiness training. They are shown fitness that can be used in real-world combat situations where running, sit-ups and pushups don’t necessarily meet the standard.”

Turner, also at the event here, told Soldiers in attendance that applications are now being accepted for the

next competition. Those interested should contact Vicenza BOSS president, Spc. Patricia Samples. The BOSS office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; phone is DSN 634-2712, comm. 0444-71-2712. The competition will air one at a time on a weekly basis, for eight weeks, on the Defense Television website and application, and the Family MWR YouTube page. The links are <https://defensetv.com/#/video:586751/news-stream> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/FamilyMWR/videos>.

BOSS is an Army program designed to increase exposure to educational, social, recreational, and artistic activities by single and unaccompanied military members at Army garrisons around the world.

News briefs

MPS hours change

To better serve their customers, the United States Army Garrison Italy Military Personnel Services section in Building 28 on Caserma Ederle has modified its walk-in hours to 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday only. This change will enable the MPS to more effectively manage the increase in personnel actions during the peak PCS (permanent change of station) season. As a reminder, Soldiers should work through their S1s for reassignment orders, personnel actions, etc. Anyone with questions or concerns should call 0444-61-7467, 7468, 7469 or 7490.

Financial training series

Army Community Service offers a series of training opportunities. The upcoming schedule is as follows:
May 22, 7 Steps to Financial Independence, 1 p.m.
May 29, Thrift Savings Plan/Blended Retirement System, 3 p.m.
June 5, Savings and Investing, 1 p.m.
June 12, Home Buying, 3 p.m.
June 19, 7 Steps to Financial Independence, 1 p.m.
June 26, TSP/BRS, 3 p.m.
All classes take place in ACS Building 108 on Caserma Ederle. For confirmed seat, please RSVP. Walk-ins are welcome on space-available basis. Call DSN 634-7942, cell 348-228-3096, or email PFC.Vicenza.USA@zeiders.com.

Sponsorship Rodeo

The Total Army Sponsorship Program of U.S. Army Garrison Italy will conduct a Sponsorship Rodeo May 23, 9 a.m.-4 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.

Teen workshop

Vicenza Family and MWR offers an Interviewing Skills & Résumé Writing workshop May 24, 2-4 p.m. for all interested teens in grades 9 through 12. The workshop will be presented by Army Community Service. For more information, call 0444-71-7659.

VFW news

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8862 will conduct the Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Drive May 25-26 in front of the Post Exchange. Post members will also give away free copies of the Weekend Edition of the Stars and Stripes.

Reminder from Claims Office

Have you recently PCS'd or preparing to make a permanent change of station? Doing the right thing at the right time can help ensure any loss or damage to your household goods is covered. Personnel have 75 days from the date they receive the HHG shipment to file a notice of loss and damage, noting an intent to file a claim. Claimants then have nine months from the receipt date of the HHG shipment to file an itemized claim with DPS in order to receive Full Replacement Value for missing or damaged items. Claims filed after nine months but within two years qualify for limited compensation. Any filing after two years could result in the denial of the entire claim. File notice of loss and damage and claim directly with the Transportation Service Provider (TSP) on Move.mil. Service members aren't the only ones with deadlines: the TSP is required to act on claims within 60 days, either paying, denying or offering a counter-claim. Anyone with questions or needing

more information should stop by the Claims Office in Building 166 on Caserma Ederle, DSN 634-8831/32, comm. 0444-61-8831/32.

Tax center is still open

The Vicenza Tax Center is still open and assisting taxpayers. Anyone who has not yet filed an income tax return for tax year 2017 and does not owe taxes to their state revenue department or the IRS, is eligible to take advantage of the overseas extended filing deadline. That deadline is June 15 without fees or penalties. Whether you still need to file this year's return, want to file a prior year return, are in need of assistance with submitting an amended return, or just have a tax question, the center is happy to help. Stop by Building 166 on Caserma Ederle before June 15 during the following business hours:
Tuesday and Thursday
Walk-ins accepted 8:30 a.m. to noon
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
By appointment only

Warrant Officer Cohort 100th anniversary

All warrant officers, officers, enlisted and Vicenza Military Community (active, retired and family members) are invited to participate in a fun run/walk in celebration of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Cohort 100th anniversary. The run/walk will take place 6 a.m., July 9, and will include information on the history of warrant officers in the U.S. Army, guest speakers, cake-cutting, music and more. Join the event at Hoekstra Field on Caserma Ederle.

OU on Ederle

The University of Oklahoma is in 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.

Transition workshops for Soldiers

The Vicenza Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program offers a variety of workshops for Soldiers. All workshops require a reservation. The upcoming schedule is as follows:
Boots to Business, July 26-27, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
10 Steps to a Federal Job, June 25, July 23, Aug. 28 and Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-noon
Career Technical Training, Aug. 15-16, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
The Career Technical Training workshop is for those considering a technical career. It will provide guidance and assistance in defining career goals, identifying required credentials, locating training opportunities and identifying resources. For more information stop by SFL-TAP, Building 126, on Caserma Ederle.
Financial counselor at ACS
Personal financial counselor services are available at Army Community Service on Caserma Ederle through July 5. Soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians may schedule an appointment by calling DSN 634-7942, comm. 348-228-3096. Or email pfc.vicenza.usa@zeiders.com.



'Sound the Alarm'

CASERMA EDERLE — The American Red Cross – Vicenza partnered with U.S. Army Garrison Italy Fire and Emergency Services at a "Sound the Alarm" event May 11 in front of the Caserma Ederle Post Exchange. "Sound the Alarm" is an annual awareness campaign that promotes home fire safety and smoke alarm installation. The fire department provided smoke alarms, while the ARC had an interactive game where community members learned about the dangers of home fires. Pictured: Yvonne Danna (in red), ARC volunteer, talks to Melissa Cross and daughter Rose, 21 months, at the event.
(Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

At the movies



Book Club (Rated PG-13)

Diane is recently widowed after 40 years of marriage, Vivian enjoys her men with no strings attached, Sharon is still working through her decades-old divorce, and Carol's marriage is in a slump after 35 years. The lives of these four lifelong friends are turned upside down after reading the infamous "50 Shades of Grey," catapulting them into a series of outrageous life choices.

May 18	7 p.m.	Book Club	(PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Deadpool 2	(R)
May 19	3 p.m.	Deadpool 2	(R)
	6 p.m.	Avengers: Infinity War	(PG-13)
May 20	3 p.m.	Book Club	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Deadpool 2	(R)
May 23	7 p.m.	Deadpool 2	(R)
May 24	7 p.m.	Deadpool 2	(R)
May 25	6 p.m.	Solo: A Star Wars Story in 3D	(PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Solo: A Star Wars Story	(PG-13)
May 26	2 p.m.	Solo: A Star Wars Story	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Solo: A Star Wars Story	(PG-13)
May 27	2 p.m.	Solo: A Star Wars Story	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Solo: A Star Wars Story	(PG-13)
May 30	7 p.m.	Solo: A Star Wars Story	(PG-13)
May 31	7 p.m.	Solo: A Star Wars Story	(PG-13)

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.

Republic Day

June 2 is *La Festa della Repubblica* (Republic Day), which marks the day in 1946 when Italy voted in a referendum to abolish the monarchy and become a republic. Schools and most stores will be closed.

VENETO & NEARBY

Antica Fiera di Primavera/Spring Festival

Through May 20, Camisano Vicentino, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. Nightly food booths in Piazza della Costituzione feature local specialties; carnival rides in Piazza del Vicariato Civile and Piazza della Costituzione; vintage vehicles exhibit in Piazza Pio X and Piazza Umberto I. Beginning at 9 p.m., live country music and dancing.
May 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., workshops for children and float parades; May 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. local products and craft exhibit and sale; 9 p.m. talent show.

Campionaria/International Fair

Through May 20, open 10 a.m.-midnight on weekends, 4 p.m.-midnight on weekdays, Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. More than 1, 000 vendors featuring items for home, vacations, hobbies, sports, cars, motorcycles, patio furniture, fitness and camping equipment. Horse and dog shows, entertainment and live music. Free entrance.

Sagra dei Bisi/Pea Fair

May 18-21, Lumignano (Longare). Food booths featuring a variety of dishes made with peas and other local specialties open at 7 p.m. and, on Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; May 19, 3-10 p.m., and May 20, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., rock climbing demonstrations. Live music starts at 9 p.m.

Sagra di Bertessinella/Bertessinella Fair

May 18-21, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Vicenza, Bertessinella Church, Via Montegallo 2. Food booths featuring local specialties and wine open daily at 7 p.m.; carnival rides; live country, rock and folk music. Dances start at 9 p.m.

Camisano in Fiaba/Fairyland in Camisano

May 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Camisano Vicentino. Fairy characters, creative workshops for children and games. Free entry. In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed to May 26.

Giorni di Rose/Roses Days

May 19-20, from 10:30 a.m., Cervarese S. Croce (Padova), Via Campanella 3, about 11 miles southeast of Vicenza. At 4:30 p.m., visit the botanical rose garden; food booths featuring local specialties. Free entrance.

Festa Medievale del Vino Bianco
White Wine Medieval Festival

May 19-20, Soave, about 23 miles west of Vicenza. Starts at 7 p.m. May 19; food booths feature local products and local white wine; medieval entertainment; live music starts at 9:30 p.m.; May 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., antique market and exhibit and free tasting of local food and wines; re-enactment of typical of medieval life with craftsmen, artists, musicians, flag-flyers, stilt walkers, jesters, fire eaters and knights; historical parade. Live music and dancing beginning at 9 p.m.

Asiago da Fiaba/Fairytale time in Asiago

May 19-20 and May 26-27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Asiago. Live the magic fairytale atmosphere in the main squares and streets in Asiago. Workshops for children; shows and games.

Magnacurta/Food and Wine Walking Tour

May 20, Ponte di Barbarano (Barbarano Vicentino), about 13 miles south of Vicenza. Registration starts at 8 a.m. from Piazza Breganzato; departure at 9:15 a.m. This year, regional specialties at each stop; registration fee: €12; €5 for children younger than 14; free for children younger than 4. The *Magnacurta* prize will be awarded to the participant who eats the most during the event; participants will be weighed at the beginning and at the end of the walk. Prizes also to youngest participant and largest group. Free bounce houses for children; live music starts at 11:30 a.m.



Festival of Indigenous and Tribal Groups

Festival dei Popoli Indigeni – Lo spirito del Pianeta
International Festival
of Indigenous and Tribal Groups

May 25-June 10, Chiuduno (Bergamo), Fair Center, Via Martiri della Libertà. Traditional songs and dances; ethnic items exhibit and sale; workshops and conferences. Free entrance.

Festa dea Siaresa/Cherry Festival

May 25-27 and May 31-June 3, from 6:30 p.m., Castegnaro (Vicenza), about 9 miles south of Vicenza. Local cherry exhibit and sale; food booths; May 27 open at 9 a.m. and June 3, starts at noon. Live music starts at 9 p.m.

Notte Rossa/Red Night

May 26, starting at 8 p.m., Marostica, Piazza Castello and nearby streets, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths, exhibit and sale of local cherries; entertainment with music and jugglers. Free event.

Mezza maratona al chiaro di luna
Moonlight Half Marathon

May 26, Jesolo; this 21 km half marathon starts from Via Danimarca. For details and registration fees, visit <http://www.moonlighthalfmarathon.it/it/moonlight-half-marathon>.

Festa della Ciliegia/Cherry Festival

May 27, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Marostica, Piazza Castello. Exhibit and sale of cherries and other local products; starting at 4 p.m., entertainment and parade with historical costumes. This festival is connected to the chess game with living characters by an old myth, according to which the local cherries were planted at the request of the mayor Taddeo Parisio, during the long-awaited wedding of Lionora's daughter. Bounce houses and entertainment for children.

La Galopera

Non Competitive 4, 5.5, 7.5, 12, and 20 km walk
May 27, Vicenza; the walk departs from the Maddalene Sports Center, Strada Maddalene 49/A. Registration from 8 to 9:30 a.m.; the €2.50 entry fee includes medical coverage, bib number and refreshments.

STREET® Food Truck Festival

June 1-3, 11 a.m.-1 a.m., Bassano del Grappa, Parco Santa Caterina. The best Italian food trucks offer a great variety of specialties, beer and wines from all over Italy. Free entrance.

Fuori Mercato
Vintage, Crafts and Creative
Recycling Exhibit and Sale

June 2-3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Vicenza, Piazza delle Erbe.

Frida Kahlo – Oltre il mito
Frida Kahlo – Beyond the myth

Through June 3, Milan, MUDEC, *Museo delle Culture*, Via Tortona 56. A full exhibition dedicated to Frida Kahlo, from the beginning of her career until the latest steps of her artistic production. The works on display 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.

Sculture di Sabbia/Sand Sculpture Festival

June 2-Sept. 9, Jesolo, Piazza Brescia. This year's theme is "Sand Raptors"; international artists take part in this special event, competing in shaping every kind of



Noa (Photo by Cesare Greselin)

artistic figure with fine golden sand. Free entrance.

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 offers a 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 exhibits. 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

Verona: May 19, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Piazza S. Zeno (about 100 vendors)
Abano Terme (Padova): May 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Caduti 1 (about 80 vendors)
Bassano del Grappa (Vicenza): May 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Terraglio
Cittadella (Padova): May 20, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., downtown squares and streets (about 100 vendors)
Este (Padova): May 20, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti (about 60 vendors)
Godega di Sant'Urbano (Treviso): May 20, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma (about 250 vendors)
Montagnana (Padova): May 20, 8 a.m. to sunset, Piazza Maggiore 150 (about 60 vendors)
Padova: May 20, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle and Via Umberto I (about 180 vendors)
Soave (Verona): May 20, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele (about 110 vendors)
Cerea (Verona): May 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6 (about 150 vendors)
Dolo (Venice): May 27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere (about 80 vendors)
Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova): May 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini (about 700 vendors)
Spresiano (Treviso): May 27, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo (about 100 vendors)
Treviso: May 27, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Borgo Cavour (about 80 vendors)

TUSCANY

Prato a Tutta Birra/Beer and Music Festival
Through May 20, 7-11:55 p.m., Prato, Piazza del Mercato Nuovo. Food booths, craft beers, local product exhibit and sale, and live music every night. Free entrance.

Artigiano e Colori di Primavera
Craft Fair & Spring Colors
May 18-20, Pisa, Arsenali Repubblicani, Via Bonanno Pisano 2. On May 18, 4-10 p.m.; May 19, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; May 20, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Craft exhibit and sale; garden furniture and tools; local specialties and wines tasting and sale. Free entrance.

Firenze Food Truck/ STREET® Food Festival
May 18-20, 11 a.m.-midnight, Florence, Via Aretina. Street food from all over Italy; entertainment for children with games and face-painting. Free event.

I vini del Castello/Castle Wines
May 19, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and **May 20**, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Montefioralle (Greve in Chianti, Florence). Taste the best local wines downtown the beautiful medieval town of Montefioralle; visitors can also taste a great variety of local products. Free entrance.

Un Mare di Gusto - Palamita in Fiore
A Sea of Flavors and Flower Festival
May 19-20, 7-11 p.m., San Vincenzo (Livorno). Fish and other product tasting; flower exhibit and sale. Free entrance.

Sagra della Fragola/Strawberry Festival
May 19-20 and May 26-27, 6-10 p.m., San Giuliano Terme (Pisa). Food booths feature local specialties and strawberry tasting. Entertainment for children, bounce houses; music and dancing starts at 8 p.m.

Sagra della Bistecca/Steak Festival
May 25-27, June 1-3, and June 7-10, from 7 p.m., Casalguidi, Serravalle Pistoiese (Pistoia), Piazza Vittorio Veneto. Food booths feature grilled steak and other local specialties and wine. Entertainment for children; live music and dancing.

BiancoAzzurra–Festa Medievale
WhiteBlue – Medieval Festival
May 25-27 and June 1-3, from 4:30 p.m., in Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo), at Fortezza del Cassero. Medieval market, flag-throwers and magic shows. Medieval war music; horse shows; food booths feature typical medieval dishes; musical fireworks June 3. Free entrance.

Street Food 4 Wheels
May 25-27, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Livorno, Piazza XX Settembre. A great variety of street food, entertainment and music.

Festa Medioevale/Medieval Festival
May 26-27 and June 2-3, Malmantile, Lastra a Signa (Florence), Piazza Piave. From 4 -11 p.m., except May 26, when it starts at 7 p.m. Medieval market; live music, jesters and street artists; food booths feature typical medieval products. Free entrance.

Sagra del Ranocchio/Frog Fair
May 26-27 and June 2-3, Brozzi (Florence), Via San Martino 6. Food booths featuring fried frogs and other local specialties open at 6:30 p.m.; entertainment.

Street Food Fiesta Loca
May 25-27, 10 a.m.-midnight, San Vincenzo (Livorno). Food booths featuring the best street food with Spanish flavors, rhythms and music; flamenco show. Free entrance.

Sagra delle Ciliegie/Cherry Festival
May 26-27 and June 2-3, Lari (Pisa). Local products and craft exhibit and sale; street artists and entertainment for children. An opportunity to visit the Vicari Castle, in Piazza del Castello. The castle will be open throughout the duration of the event.

Balestro del Girifalco/Historical Reenactment
May 27, 5:30 p.m., Massa Marittima (Grosseto), Piazza del Duomo. This festival was first held in the early years of the 14th century. Twenty-four competitors,



armed with authentic replicas of 15th century Italian crossbows, used by their ancestors, compete trying to center a target placed 30 meters away, on the other side of Piazza del Duomo. On the back of the target is a painting of the festival's namesake, the girifalco (gyrfalcon), its wings spread wide in flight. The competitor whose arrow hits the center of the target wins.

Sagra del Fiore di Zucca Fritto
Fried Pumpkin Flower Festival
June 1-3 and June 9-10, La Serra, San Miniato (Pisa). Food booths featuring many dishes prepared with pumpkin flowers and other local specialties open at 8 p.m.; live music every night.

La Festa Medicea/Medicean Feast
June 1-17, Pista Rossa Seano (Prato), Via Carlo Levi. From 7 p.m. to midnight, live music starts nightly at 9:30 p.m.; medieval market; food booths, live music and shows start at 9:30 p.m. Free entrance.

Corri sui Lungarni/Running along the Arno River
June 3. This 7.2 km walk departs at 9:30 a.m. from Piazza XX Settembre in Pisa and goes through the most famous and beautiful landmarks of the city. Participation fee: €5. For more details, check <http://www.podisticaospedaliерipisa.it>.

Man Ray – Wonderful Visions
Through Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., San Gimignano. Modern Art Gallery, Via Folgore da San Gimignano; 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. through Sept. 30; 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Oct. 1-7. On display: more than 100 photos by Man Ray, one of the most important photographers of the 20th century. His photographic works encompass fashion, portraits and technical experimentation. Entrance fee: €9, reduced €7 for children ages 6-17 and for senior citizens older than 65; free access for children younger than six.

TUSCANY MARKETS

Pontedera (Pisa): May 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown
Certaldo (Florence): May 20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio and Via Cavour
Florence: May 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Gardens, Viale Filippo Strozzi (about 130 vendors)
Lucca: May 19-20, 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): May 19-20, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio and Via Cadorna
Ponte a Egola (Pisa): May 20, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Garibaldi and Via XXV Aprile
Quarrata (Pistoia): May 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento
Siena: May 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza del Mercato
Bientina (Pisa): May 26-27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele (about 140 vendors)
Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): May 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza Del Municipio
Cecina (Livorno): May 27, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour
Florence: Last Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza dei Ciompi
Grosseto: May 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Stefano de Maria
Montemurlo (Prato): May 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza della Costituzione
Montevarchi (Arezzo): 4th Sunday (except July and August), 9 a.m.-7 pm. Via dei Musei and nearby streets (about 100 vendors)
Prato: May 26-27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco
San Gimignano (Siena): May 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza delle Erbe
Viareggio (Lucca): May 26-27, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Piazza D'Azeglio

CONCERTS/SPORTS

The Vamps – May 22 Milan
Noa – May 31 Verona
Patti Smith – June 9 Venice; June 10 Rome
The Script – June 10 Assago; June 11 Padova
Gun ‘N’ Roses – June 15 Florence
Iron Maiden – June 16 Florence; July 9 Milan; July 17 Trieste
The Chemical Brothers – June 16 Bologna; June 19 Rome; June 20 Milan
Ozzy Osbourne – June 17 Florence
Marilyn Manson – June 19 Milan
Shakira – June 21 Assago (Milan)
Liam Gallagher – June 21 Milan
Shakira – June 21 Assago (Milan)
Pearl Jam – June 22 Milan; June 24 Padova; June 26 Rome
Sons of Apollo – June 24 Milan
Steven Wilson – June 25 Verona
Queen + Adam Lambert – June 25 Assago (Milan)
LP – June 26 Rome; July 17 Padova
The Dream Syndicate – June 27 Gardone Riviera (Brescia)
Alice in Chains – June 28 Padova; July 10 Milan
Billy Idol – June 28 Padova
Santana – June 28 Milan; June 29 Padova
Ziggy Marley – June 29 Legnano (Milan)
Ben Howard – July 4 Gardone Riviera (Brescia)
Steve Hackett – July 4 Rome; July 8 Gardone Riviera (Brescia); July 14 Pistoia
Simple Minds – July 5 Marostica
Anastacia –July 5 Pordenone; July 14 Genoa
Jay-Z & Beyoncé – July 6 Milan; July 8 Rome
Cigarettes After Sex – July 7 Gardone Riviera (Brescia); July 10 Rome
Ringo Starr – July 8 Lucca; July 9 Marostica; July 11 Rome
Deep Purple – July 9 Verona
James Blunt – July 10 Genoa; July 11 Padova; July 13 Pistoia; July 17 Rome
Roger Waters – July 11 Lucca; July 17-18 Assago
Joss Stone – July 15 Verona
Lenny Kravitz – July 16 Verona; July 17-18 Lucca
Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds – July 17 Lucca
Kasabian – July 17 Ferrara; July 18 Lignano Sabbiadoro (Udine); July 19 Genoa
Pat Metheny – July 18 Gardone Riviera (Brescia); July 20 Rome
James Taylor – July 20 Lucca; July 22 (Pompei, Naples); July 23 Terme di Caracalla (Rome)
Vinicio Capossela – July 21 Gardone Riviera (Brescia); July 28 Forte dei Marmi (Lucca); July 31 San Gimignano (Siena)
King Crimson – July 22-23 Rome; July 25 Lucca; July 27-28 Venice
Scorpions – July 23 Verona
Norah Jones – July 24 Gardone Riviera (Brescia); July 26 Lucca (with Marcus Miller)
Marcus Miller – July 25 Gardone Riviera (Brescia)
King Crimson – July 25 Lucca; July 27-28 Venice
Sting – July 28 Rome; July 29 Verona; July 30 Naples
Eminem – Sept. 7 Milan
Europe – Oct. 2 Bologna
U2 – Oct. 11-12; Oct. 15-16 Assago (Milan)
David Garrett and his band – Oct. 17 Rome; Oct. 19 Florence; Oct. 20 Assago (Milan)
The Musical Box – Oct. 28 Rome; Oct. 30 Florence; Oct. 31 Milan; Nov. 1 Padova
Maneskin – Nov. 14 Florence; Nov. 15 Padova; Nov. 17-18 Bologna; Nov. 24 Milan
Liam Gallagher – Nov. 15 Conegliano; Nov. 16 Rome
Dire Straits Legacy – Nov. 20 Assago (Milan); Nov. 21 Padova; Nov. 23 Brescia; Nov. 24 Florence
Elton John – May 29-30, 2019, Verona

ITALIAN ARTISTS
Lorenzo Live – May 21-22 Verona; June 9 and June 12 Padova
Emma – May 21 Padova
Gino Paoli – May 28 Verona; May 29 Treviso
Vasco Rossi – June 6-7 Padova
Ennio Morricone – June 16-17 Rome
Massimo Ranieri – June 23 Verona; Nov. 20 Milan; Nov. 27 Bergamo
Gianni Morandi – July 12 Marostica; July 22 Lucca; Oct. 20 Florence
Francesca Michielin – July 12 Pistoia; July 14 Forte di Marmi; Sept. 2 Treviso
Francesco De Gregori – July 13 Gardone Riviera (Brescia); July 25 Florence; Aug. 14 Asiago
Fabrizio Moro – July 16 Marostica; July 19 Villafranca (Verona)
Ermal Meta – July 26 Florence; July 28 Villafranca (Verona)
Laura Pausini – Oct. 7 Florence; Oct. 9 Padova
Claudio Baglioni – Oct. 16-17 Florence; Oct. 26-28 Assago (Milan); Nov. 16-17 Padova; Nov. 20-21 Brescia
Luca Carboni – Oct. 16 Bologna; Oct. 29 Milan
Mario Biondi – Dec. 5 Milan; Dec. 13 Florence; Dec. 19 Padova; Dec. 22 Bologna

SPORTING EVENTS
FIM Superbike World Championship – July 6-8 Misano Adriatico (Rimini)

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



Porec, Croatia (Photo by Karin J. Martinez)

ENTERTAINMENT & TRIPS

Spring Bazaar
May 18, 4-8 p.m.
May 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
May 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Golden Lion, Caserma Ederle
This community favorite brings vendors from different parts of Europe inside the gates to present amazing gifts and food. This is a great event to attend with friends who enjoy shopping, wine and cheese tasting, and is a great opportunity to get to know some of our local vendors. Items you'll find are Belgian chocolates, jewelry, art, ceramics, wooden crafts and olive oil.

Youth Book Club
May 19, 11 a.m.
Library, Caserma Ederle
Join the Ederle Library for May's Youth Book Club. Discussion will center around the book, "My Side of the Mountain" by Jean George. This is the story of Sam Gribbley, a teenager who leaves his crowded home in New York City and tries to survive on his own in the wild Catskill mountains. Open to children ages 9 to 12 years old/grades 4-6.

Family Movie Night
May 20 & 27, June 3, 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. For \$35, enjoy two hours of bowling for up to six people, one large cheese pizza, six bottled beverages of choice and free shoe rental.

Olympic Gymnastics Tour
May 22, 11 a.m.-noon
Post Exchange, Caserma Ederle
Armed Forces Entertainment is proud to present some of America's Olympic champions. Desiree Sanchez, Laurie Hernandez and Jordyn Wueber will visit Caserma Ederle. The group will visit the schools in Vicenza and then the PX to sign autographs.

Salzburg Express
June 2, 3 a.m., \$115/\$69/\$38
ODR, Caserma Ederle
"The Sound of Music" was filmed in 1964 because of the enormous achievement of the musical from Rodgers & Hammerstein in 1959.

Both the musical and film are based on the book *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers* written by Maria von Trapp in 1949. Participants will visit original film settings. A local guide will take the group on a tour with breathtaking scenes and landscape where the opening scenes of the movie were filmed. Passport is required; estimated drive time to Salzburg is 6 to 7 hours.

Croatian Cruise
June 9, 4 a.m.-11 p.m., \$120/\$70/\$50
ODR, Caserma Ederle
Travel along the coast of Croatia on a cruise. The boat will depart Porec and stop to explore along the way. See Croatia from a different point of view. The bus will drive to Porec, Croatia, where the group will depart by boat for the cruise. A stop in a city and a stop to swim will let participants stretch their legs (swimming is not required – rest and enjoy the sea view). Enjoy lunch onboard, and at the end of the day, sit back and relax as you're driven back to Vicenza. Passport required.

Paragliding
June 10, 7:30 a.m./8 a.m.
ODR, Caserma Ederle
Shoppette, Caserma Del Din
Experience the thrill of soaring through the air, catching thermals, with your feet dangling during a tandem paraglide jump in Bassano del Grappa. Paragliding is a seated parachute activity, and each participant will be paired with an instructor. Expect the time from takeoff to landing to be about 15-25 minutes. Feel free to bring your camera or video recording device to record the flight.

Eagle's Nest, Germany Express
June 16, 3 a.m., \$105/\$65/\$45
ODR, Caserma Ederle
The Eagles Nest is a must-see for any World War II buff. It is situated 6017 ft atop the Kehlstein ridge, above the town of Berchtesgaden. It is commonly thought that the Eagle's Nest was used as a vacation home for Hitler and his high ranking officials. Upon arrival, the group will meet up with a guide and take another bus up to the apex of the hill for a tour of the facility. The group will go to Berchtesgaden by public transportation, where you may enjoy free time to explore, have something to eat, or just hang out. The bus

will meet back at the train station. Passport required.

Darby Trip: Barberino Outlet
June 30, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., \$35
Camp Darby
Find designer names and brands at the Barberino Designer Outlet, located just outside of Florence. Enjoy a day of shopping or milling around the stores. Sign up by June 22; minimum number of participants required is 25. Payment must be made at the snack bar in Bldg. 305. Call DSN 633-8220, comm. 050-54-7589, for more information.

Stresa and the Island Cruise
June 30, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., \$95
ODR, Caserma Ederle
Snaking through the lakes and mountains of the Piedmont region is the jewel-like Lake Maggiore, a lake that has attracted and inspired the likes of Dickens, Hemingway and Churchill. Situated along the shore of Lake Maggiore is Stresa, a town with some of Italy's most elegant 19th century resorts. The trip includes a private cruise to visit the islands of Madre, Bella and Pescatori on Lake Maggiore.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Parent Advisory Group Meeting
May 22, noon-1 p.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
The quarterly Child & Youth Services Parent Advisory Group meeting is an opportunity for parents to learn more about and have a voice in programs their children are involved in. Join the CYS management team and other parents in working to make a better program for everyone. Attendees will earn CYS parent participation points towards a discount in CYS childcare fee. Topics of discussion include summer programs and parent concerns.

Preschool Story Time
May 24 & 31
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.

Infant Massage Class
May 25, June 8 & 22
10:30-11:30 a.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
Join the New Parent Support Program for this exciting chance to bond with your infant. Instruction is available to parents of children 5 weeks old to crawling. Learn techniques of infant massage to help baby sleep longer, enhance bonding, improve circulation and more.

Baby Wearing Wrap-Up
May 31, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
This class teaches about the practice of baby wearing, so participants and their babies can enjoy the maximum benefits. Benefits include building strong bonds, calming and soothing, and helping baby develop socially. Learn different carrier types including wraps, slings, and buckled or soft-structured; selecting the right carrier; and how to safely position baby in an ergonomically correct position.

Romp-N-Stomp Playgroup
June 6, 13 & 27, 10-11:30 a.m.
SKIES Unlimited, Bldg. 308 Caserma Ederle
Every Wednesday (except holidays), Romp-N-Stomp playgroup is a time for learning through play. Parents with children ages birth to three years old are invited to this weekly playgroup. Working parents are encouraged to drop in and spend time with their families during their lunch hour. Call DSN 634-7500, comm. 0444-71-7500.

Intro to Framing
June 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Center Caserma Ederle, \$40
This class will teach the step-by-step process of framing photos and artwork while giving participants the certification to be able to use the framing studio at their leisure. Learn about matting, glass cutting, measuring and cutting the molding and overall frame assembly. Walk away with great tips and tricks. Bring a 5"x7" inch photo or smaller to frame. All other materials will be provided. Space is limited to six participants.

Lifeguard Training Course
June 18, 5:30-11 p.m., \$75
Fitness Center Pool, Caserma Ederle
Become a certified lifeguard. After completion of this one week course, participants will be certified in lifeguarding. In addition, participants will obtain skills in CPR for the professional rescuer, AED for adult and children, and first aid.

FITNESS & SPORTS

BOSS Morning Bike Rides
May 25, June 1, 8 & 15
6-7:30 a.m., ODR, Caserma Ederle
New and experienced riders are invited to join; no registration is required for weekly morning bike rides. Bring road bicycle, helmet, spare inner tube, and water and snacks as needed. Call for information, DSN 637-2712, comm. 0444-66-2712.

Group fitness classes
\$5 per class/\$35 for 10 classes
Self-defense: \$12 per class, or \$70 monthly pass (two classes per week)
Fitness Centers
The Ederle and Del Din Fitness Centers have classes open to all skill levels, to include Zumba, cycling, aquatics, taekwondo, yoga, power pump and more. Purchase tickets for all fitness classes at the front desk.

For more information on any FMWR events, look for the monthly calendar at www.italy.armymwr.mil.