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Fun Facts about Vicenza

- Vicenza is home to 23 buildings designed by Andrea Palladio, a 16th century architect.
- **The Teatro Olimpico (1580-1585), Olympic Theater, was Palladio's last work and was finished by Vincenzo Scamozzi.**
- Vicenza was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1994.
- **Vicenza suffered widespread destruction in World War II but has largely been restored.**
- Vicenza, in Latin, is "Vicetia." The city was originally a settlement of the Ligurians and became the seat of a Lombard duchy after barbarian invasions.

(From www.britannica.com/places)



Celebrating island, Asian culture

CASERMA EDERLE — The Vicenza Military Community celebrated the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance on Caserma Ederle's Hoekstra Field May 18. Guest speaker for the event was Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Manglicmot, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 509th SSB. His speech was followed by traditional dances with Oceania Ohana Dancers, a cake cutting and food sampling. Maj. Joshua Sherer, executive officer, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, presented certificates to the participants. To see more photos of the event, visit the garrison Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

Exercise Saber Strike 18 to take place in June

WIESBADEN, Germany – Exercise Saber Strike 18 will take place June 3-15 at training areas in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. Approximately 18,000 participants from 19 different countries will participate in the eighth iteration of the exercise spread across the four countries.

The long-standing U.S. Army Europe-led cooperative training exercise is designed to enhance readiness and interoperability among allies and regional partners.

An added focus of this year's exercise is integration of NATO forces from Multinational Corps – Northeast, Multinational Division – Northeast and the Enhanced Forward Presence Battle groups stationed in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. These units are part of NATO's overall deterrence and defense posture and are designed to demonstrate the Alliance's determination and ability to act as one in response to any aggression against its members. The Multinational Corps – Northeast will command and control multinational portions of the exercise.

Key training events of Saber Strike 18 include a convoy by 2nd Cavalry Regiment from Germany to Latvia as they participate in different aspects of the exercise; air assault operations in several training areas across the exercise; and bridge and river crossing operations to support freedom of movement.

Residents in the exercise countries, as well as Germany and the Czech Republic, can expect increased military convoys on the roadways now through early July. This time frame covers expected moves from home stations and port facilities to the exercise, events and movements during the exercise, and the units returning to their home stations and ports following the completion of the activities.

This year's participating nations include: Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia,

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DPW says local water quality good

VICENZA — Living overseas for the first time brings many concerns about new surroundings. The biggest concern is whether or not the water from household faucets is safe to drink.

According to U.S. Army Garrison Italy's Directorate of Public Works, water flowing from taps in the Vicenza area and surrounding communities come from a water source that is safe and routinely monitored for contamination.

While some may prefer bottled or fluoridated water, those who choose tap water can be rest assured knowing that water here is sourced from a dense river network that includes some of the largest rivers in Italy and deep confined aquifers.

Deep underground sources

The *Sette Comuni Plateau* is the primary water source for aquifers and tap water in and around Vicenza. This aquifer is deeper than 100 meters (330 ft.) and considered confined because it is protected by impermeable layers of soil that do not allow superficial water above to move through it. Those impermeable layers of soil prevent contaminants

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Fuel coupons: Explaining your tax-free benefit

NAPLES — AAFES is gathering feedback from participants who took part in a two-month pilot program that ended May 31, which examined replacing gas coupons with a credit card. A final decision on the future of the tax-free gas program is expected in the near future.

Why a tax-free gas program?

Automotive fuel (gasoline and diesel) and motor oil are made available to Department of Defense personnel in Italy on a tax-free basis at a substantial discount over local market prices. The purchase of fuel and oil using tax-free coupons

helps make fuel prices here comparable to those in the United States.

The NATO Forces petroleum product (POL) coupons are available at Army and Air Force Exchange Service and NATO Morale & Welfare Activity outlets throughout Italy.

Lessons learned

It is recommended that eligible personnel ask the gas station if they accept fuel coupons before fueling a vehicle. Authorized gas stations are required to accept fuel coupons, but there are occasions where AGIP/ENI gas station attendants

have refused to accept NATO Forces coupons. In the event that authorized AGIP or ENI dealers refuse to accept valid NATO Forces coupons, personnel should contact the Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (CNREURAFSWA) Foreign Tax Relief Program Office.

If fuel has already been pumped, a valid receipt along with the name and address of the gas station and the fuel coupons that were not accepted must be provided to the CNREURAFSWA Foreign Tax Relief Program Office, as they will

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What are you most looking forward to this summer?



Julie Hicks
USAG Italy Military Chapel
"I am looking forward to a wonderful Vacation Bible School at Vicenza Elementary School and my daughters visiting."



Lizvette Manzano
Family member
"I would like to go on a couple of trips and enjoy the season around Italy."



Arturo Romero
Family member
"I look forward to playing soccer more with my friends."



CMCSQS Giacinto Tuffilli
Italian Base Command
"To go to Sicily and enjoy good food and landscape."



Lucia Bodocco
405th Army Field Support Battalion, Africa
"To take leave and jump into my car to drive to France in Provence to see lavender fields."



Ernest Beezley
DFMWR
"A little vacation time with my family."

IMCOM commander values Army civilians

By Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl
Commander, Installation Management Command

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — One of the great lessons I've learned as commanding general of U.S. Army Installation Management Command is to value the diversity and contributions of Army civilians. Before taking command of IMCOM and its 50,000 plus cohort of civilian professionals, I had little experience in leading or working alongside them. I was ambivalent about their role in making our Army ready. I had no appreciation for how vital their leadership is to the continuity and success of everything we do. Now, after witnessing the wisdom, dedication, technical expertise and professionalism of Army civilians in a personal way, I feel obliged to champion their service.

After visiting 80 installation communities around the world, I am as familiar with today's Army as anyone. It is clear to me that our Army could not do all of what it is expected to do without civilians in nearly every command, in some cases side-by-side in theater. Civilian professionals provide foundational continuity in times of turbulence; design, test and field our weapon systems; play critical roles in supporting Soldiers and their families; maintain our training facilities; and myriad other critical tasks that give Soldiers the freedom to focus on warfighting. Army civilians are integral to readiness,



and a part of the team I have grown to accurately value and appreciate. Can we improve the system? You bet, but we should not paint all Army civilians with the same brush based on limited experiences where a small number have made a bad impression or had a negative impact. Detractors of employing civilians should think through the alternatives. Totally contractors? Have Soldiers do everything? These solutions are often more expensive and can negatively impact Army readiness in serious ways. Army civilians are probably the most efficient and effective way to sustain readiness. Their contributions are priceless; our nation simply cannot purchase their level of loyalty and commitment. They are part of the Army's DNA. I encourage more Army leaders to learn and understand this important truth sooner than I did.

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Yard of the Month awardees

VICENZA — United States Army Garrison Italy recognized the May Yard of the Month awardees May 22 in a ceremony at garrison headquarters, Building 109, on Caserma Ederle. From left to right are winners Staff Sgt. Marcus Chambliss, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, and wife, Sade; Susanna Sobrino, general manager, Italy Consolidated Exchange, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Command Sgt. Maj. Mason L. Bryant, command sergeant major, USAG Italy; and winners Kim Souza, and husband, First Sgt. Lorenzo Souza, first sergeant of Forward Support "Hound" Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment. The winners received an AAFES gift card.

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Representatives from the U.S. Army, NATO Allies, and African Forces come together in this year’s African Land Force Summit Abuja, in Nigeria, April 16. ALFS provides a unique opportunity for African land force chiefs to speak to one another in a closed-door, off-the-record setting. This allows the chiefs to comfortably work together on specific challenges and threats with like-minded, regional counterparts. (Photo by Spc. Angelica Gardner)

40 African land force chiefs assemble for summit

By Capt. James Sheehan
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs Office

ABUJA, Nigeria — Forty African land force chiefs represented their countries at the sixth African Land Forces Summit here, April 16-19.

Co-hosted by the Nigerian Army and U.S. Army Africa, ALFS is a weeklong seminar designed to bring together land force chiefs from various nations across Africa to discuss and develop cooperative solutions and improve transregional security and stability.

“It’s been fascinating working with these professionals, opening up about their ideas for combatting terrorism and violent extremist organizations, building security and stability across the continent,” said Lt. Gen. T.Y. Buratai, Chief of Army Staff for the Nigerian Army and ALFS’s Nigerian host. “I am confident that this summit has generated new partnerships and relationships that will help us reach our long-term objective for a more prosperous Africa.”

Four days were packed with activities designed to prompt conversation between the influential leaders of the participating countries.

Monday, April 16: Opened with a ceremony welcoming the chiefs and encouraging each one to speak up about their host country’s challenges and the lessons they’ve learned combating violent extremist organizations. In the afternoon, delegates broke into smaller groups for a more intimate, non-attributable discussion.

“Some say the most productive part of ALFS happens during the coffee breaks,” said lead planner for U.S. Army Africa, Lt. Col. Hector Montemayor. “The breaks give them a chance to talk frankly and develop closer relationships. That’s what ALFS is about, it’s about introducing these powerful leaders now, so they can work together as a team to solve critical issues facing the continent.”

“You don’t want to be exchanging business cards at the scene of a crisis,” said Brig. Gen. William Prendergast, USARAF deputy commander. “If you wait to develop partnerships at the scene, you’re too late. If these leaders need to quickly fly in and support a humanitarian crisis or contingency operation, it’ll be easier if they are shaking hands with a familiar face.”

Tuesday, April 17: Participants loaded into buses and moved an hour south to the Nigerian Army’s 176th Guards Battalion headquarters to witness a military demonstration of the Nigerian Army capabilities.

The demonstration featured a raid and hostage-rescue scenario. The Nigerian Army brought in helicopters, pyrotechnics, controlled explosions, motorcycles, fast-rapelling special forces and smoke grenades.

“The demonstration was spectacular, an awesome display of the Nigerian Army’s military might,” Montemayor said.

Wednesday, April 18: Delegates spent the morning focusing in on the different elements it takes combat violent extremists and boost regional security. The chiefs talked logistics, civilians on the battlefield, and why in-

corporating human rights into a national defense plan is critical for long-term success.

In the afternoon, delegates moved to the Nigerian Army Resource Center, a military museum full of military relics and stories of past battles fought by the army here. Following, they moved to Abuja’s International Conference Center to get a taste of Nigerian culture with a showcase of traditional Nigerian dancing and cuisine.

“What a tremendous week it has been here in Abuja, Nigeria,” said Brig. Gen. Eugene LeBoeuf, USARAF acting commanding general. “Our wonderful co-hosts, Nigeria, provided an outstanding venue and hospitality in their beautiful nation.”

Thursday, April 19: The chiefs had a final opportunity to convey their challenges and set an agenda for future dialog.

In the afternoon, Nigerian TV stations broadcast the closing ceremony live across the country. Buratai and LeBoeuf wrapped up the summit talking to international journalists dialed in to the South African Regional Media Hub.

“The African Land Summit emphasizes community strength,” Buratai said during the media hubs.

“We need to unify all our forces on the ground as well as all the necessary governments to be put in place to ensure that we get the right political support, we get the right direction, including the soft-power approach, which includes deradicalization.”

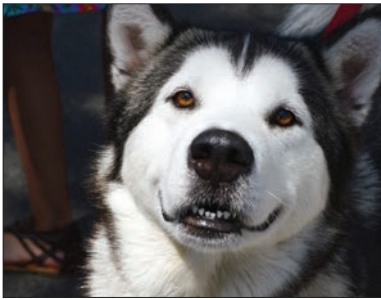
Botswana is scheduled to host the African Land Forces Summit 2019.



Total Army sponsorship: taking care of Soldiers, families

VICENZA — The third annual Vicenza Military Community Total Army Sponsorship Rodeo took place May 23 at the Sigholtz Center on Caserma Del Din. This required U. S. Army training helps Soldiers become better sponsors to Soldiers and their families coming to Vicenza. At left: Elba Zarabia, Program and National Test Center coordinator, Vicenza Education Center, provides information to Master Sgt. Hector Ramirez, brigade Equal Opportunity adviser, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), during the rodeo. Approximately 600 participants visited providers from supporting agencies. (Photos by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)





Community members enjoy event with furry friends



CASERMA EDERLE — Far left: Abbie Harlow, 13 and Ella Parsons, 12, pose with Toffy, a seven-year-old Shih Tzu, during the Pet Show event May 19 in front of the Post Exchange entrance here. At the event, organized by AAFES, participants received giveaways and gift cards, and three pets' owners received gift baskets.

Left: Mikaela Deaton and daughter Aubrey, 1, pet America, (also above) a four-year-old Alaskan Malamute female. America's owner, Alessandra Browning (not pictured) won one of three gift baskets at the event.

(Photos by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

FUEL

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request reimbursement from ENI on behalf of the customer. When requested, customers are required to show AGIP/ENI gas station attendants appropriate NATO identification.

Also, if a gas station attendant asks you to sell or trade fuel coupons, please report it as soon as possible to your local Tax Relief Program Office.

Tax-free program rules

- The ration amount and fuel type depend on the primary registered vehicle's engine size, engine base horsepower and fuel requirement. The individual monthly tax-free fuel authorization ranges from 100 liters to 400 liters maximum for automobiles, while rations for motorcycles may not exceed 200 liters. For most customers, the tax-free fuel ration will accommodate your transportation needs.
- Fuel coupons are required to be filled out by the eligible member for them to be valid. Coupons must include signature, plate number and date. Failure to complete a fuel coupon with all details is considered misuse of the tax-free coupons, and the eligible member will be requested to provide a justification as to why the coupon was not completely filled in. It is important that the coupons are filled out at the gas station once the vehicle has been fueled, as the coupons must reflect the date they were used.

- Exact quantity in fuel coupons must correspond to the exact number of liters issued at the gas station. To facilitate this process, 1-liter and 2-liter coupons have been printed and are included in both 100-liter and 200-liter booklets. Also, make sure that if you request a specific amount of liters, the gas station attendant fuels your vehicle for that amount of liters and not euros. Once you leave the gas station and realize that the gas gauge doesn't reflect the quantity you requested, it is usually too late to resolve.

- Selling, bartering, lending or giving coupons or the product itself to any person, or buying or borrowing from any person, is prohibited. The illegal use of tax-free fuel coupons is a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and Italian law and may result in both the loss of an offender's privilege to purchase tax-free fuel & oil, and face legal penalties.

More information about a change from coupons to gas cards will be shared with the military communities as soon as it is available, according to Susana Sobrino, general manager, Italy Consolidated Exchange.

For additional information, contact the CNREURAFSWA Foreign Tax-Relief Program Office at DSN 626-5439/5440/5441 or e-mail fct.na.nsa_ftrp_naples@eu.navy.mil.

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Run kicks off Memorial Day weekend

Story and photo by Pfc. Robert Wormley
AFN Vicenza

CASERMA EDERLE — On a cloudy Thursday morning, the fitness center here played host to a "Run to Honor" 5km/10km run/walk, kicking off Memorial Day weekend.

The May 24 Run to Honor started at the Ederle Track and Field and gave members of the Vicenza community an opportunity to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

"Bringing people together and letting folks know that these fallen guys are not forgotten, there are people to honor their families and the sacrifices they have made," said Joshua Grant, assistant facility manager of Ederle Fitness Center.

The run brought about 150 people together, and with the high op tempo of the Vicenza community, Mark Hill, recreation assistant, considers that a mission success.

"Twenty people would have made the event 'okay,' but the 150 we got is amazing," said Hill.

Not only did the run have many participants, but the event also had support from several organizations, to include Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers, Vicenza Community Club, Special Operations community, and Army Community Service.

"I don't think we can run these successful operations alone. We need these organizations to help spread the word," said Hill. "We need these different organizations to get the word out and come help us support our community."

Command Sgt. Maj. Jeremiah Inman, U.S. Army Africa command sergeant major, gave a speech before the race on why it is important to honor Memorial Day.

"That speech that Command Sgt. Maj. Inman made was quite a tear-jerker, and there were a lot of people in the crowd who took it to heart. You could tell he did too — you could hear the emotion in his voice," said Grant.

In his remarks, Inman read "In Flanders Fields," a war poem from World War I written by Maj. John McCrae, after his friend was killed in action in the Flanders Region of Belgium in 1915.

"It immediately gets everybody's attention, it puts you in the mindset of why you're attending an event. You're not there for fun, you're not there for laughing and hanging out," said Inman. "This is a solemn, professional event to remind yourself of 'freedom's not free.' Sometimes we take (for granted) and often forget that freedom comes at a cost. I think the short poem quickly reminds you that there are people in harm's way constantly."

The Run to Honor bib numbers had "Running in Honor of ..." at the top so participants could represent who they were running for.

Inman said he ran for the many brave Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and some he knew personally.



Spc. Travis Green, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, finishes the run with his 16-month-old son, Bentley Green. The 2018 "Run to Honor" took place at the Ederle Track and Field May 24, in commemoration of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation.

"The first Soldier I ever (knew) killed in action was James Markwell, and that was 1989 when he jumped into Panama, and there's been a slew of friends and Soldiers since then," said Inman. "So, I just ran for the fallen."

After the run, many participants pinned their bib numbers to a board that will hang in the Ederle Fitness Center.

"What better way to honor these guys and their families by taking up a huge space in the gym so everyone can see it every day," said Grant. "We're going to keep the memory going."

Inman ended his remarks before the silent start of the run with a message to his audience.

"Never forget who you fight for and why you fight for them. Let all your actions bring credit upon yourself, your unit, our country and our fallen," he said.



(Courtesy photo)



(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

Honoring the fallen

FLORENCE — The annual Memorial Day ceremony took place at Florence American Cemetery and Memorial Site May 28 at 11 a.m. Members from the Vicenza and Darby military communities participated in the ceremony.

Top right: Being saluted, from left to right are Maj. Gen. Stefano Fort, commander, Institute of Military Aeronautical Sciences, Florence; The Honorable Lewis Eisenberg, U.S. Ambassador to Italy; and Maj. Gen. John Gronski, deputy commanding general, Army National Guard, U.S. Army Europe.

Buried at the cemetery are 4,399 U.S. military members that represent 39 percent of the U.S. Fifth Army burials originally made between Rome and the Alps. Most died in fighting that occurred after the capture of Rome in June 1944. The cemetery is open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.



(Courtesy photo)

Vicenza students take on 'Mission to Mars'

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

VICENZA — Approximately 1,000 students from both Vicenza Elementary and Middle Schools took part May 17-18 in the annual STEAM Days project.

STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. The STEAM Committee is comprised of teachers and staff members who are committed to providing hands-on, real world experiences for students focused on the scientific world.

The schools began collaborating on their event in January. Holding weekly meetings through May, the committee chose the theme of “Mission to Mars” and planned the challenges to give to students.

“We are very excited that we had two days of STEAM activities with our theme of ‘Mission to Mars,’” said VES fifth-grade teacher Beth Favor, Robotics coordinator.

Multiple challenges and presentations took place in the school during the two-day event, which was supported by the Vicenza Parent Teacher Student Association and Vicenza Community Club.

“The students at both schools were invited to construct Orion capsule models and tested the structural integrity while maintaining a waterproof dry envi-

ronment within the capsule. This is very similar to splash tests that NASA has been working on with their Orion capsule,” said Favor. The students’ goal was to send the capsule in to a container of water and submerge the capsule for 10 seconds with the hopes of maintaining a dry environment.

In addition to the Orion capsule splash test supported by the Vicenza Fire Department, students —assisted by their teachers — worked to solve several problems centered on colonizing Mars.

“They built rockets, Orion capsules, greenhouses and hydroponics systems,” said Erin Goodfellow, STEAM committee chairperson.

She added that they also programmed rovers and humanoid robots to help humans get around the Mars surface and build structures needed for habitation.

VES students were excited about launching water bottle rockets.

“I liked launching rockets a lot. Mine went high but did not win, but that’s okay, life is like that,” said second-grader Addison Stuart, while his teammate, Isabelle Buenavente was happy with her rocket “because it had a lot of details.”

Another second-grader, Jalani Williams, said, “I enjoyed watching the bottle rockets go up in the sky.”

Their teacher, Nancy Hacker, after accompanying and assisting them in this project, deemed the STEAM event a success.



Two students watch the launch of one of the student-made bottle rockets. About 1,000 students participated in the activities of the VES/MS STEAM days held May 17-18. The STEAM committee, a group of teachers and staff members, focused on science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

“It enabled the children to use their imagination and thinking skills to try and solve a problem: how to make a water rocket out

of a bottle, duct tape, and cardboard, and see if it could fly successfully,” she said.

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members joined the schools on the second day to offer more insight into the Mission.

“Middle school and high school students offered technical support with green screen access and several experiments to strengthen their science skills,” said Goodfellow.

She said she thought that adding another day to the annual event provided students with more possibilities to develop their plans.

In fact, on the second day, students reimagined their designs and created new ones to test that day. “Students had a chance to use the Engineering Design process fully by trying their designs on day 1 and modifying them on day 2. As always, we try to keep our STEAM theme as real as possible. NASA is still trying to put people on Mars, so our students worked to solve some of the real problems of putting people on another planet,” she said.

School children were able to see demonstrations and exhibits from the USAG Italy Fire Department, Vicenza Health Clinic, Pharmacy, Dental, CBRN, IT, Food Health, Department of Public Works, Water Purification, Middle School Robotics, High School Video, Parachutes, and much more. They were also able to enter the StarLab and the Mars Discovery Room.

To see more photos of the event, visit the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Flickr site, www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza.

Vicenza High School

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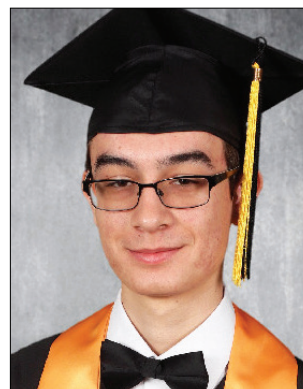
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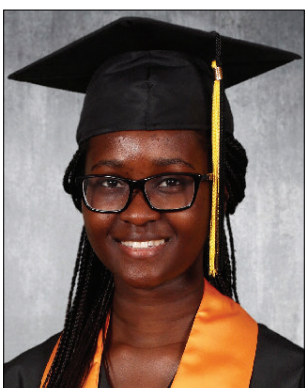
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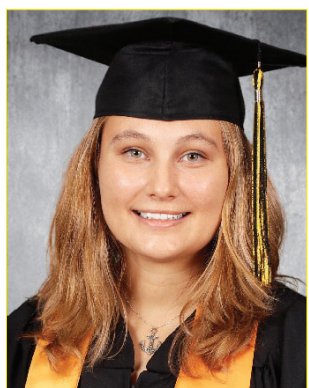
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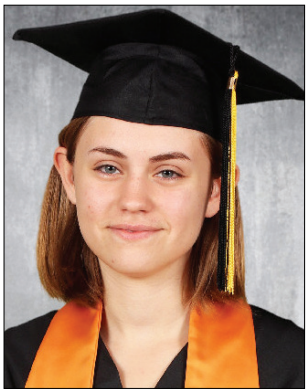
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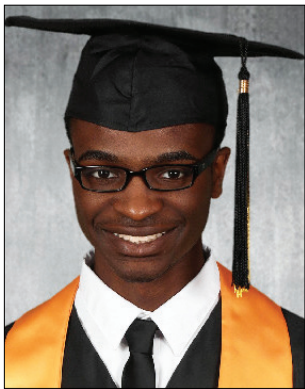
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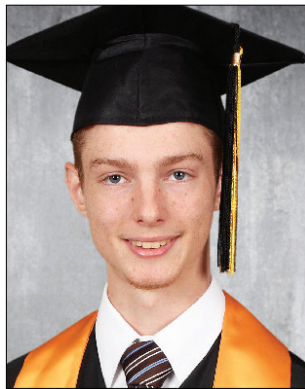
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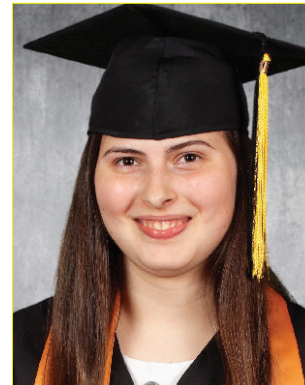
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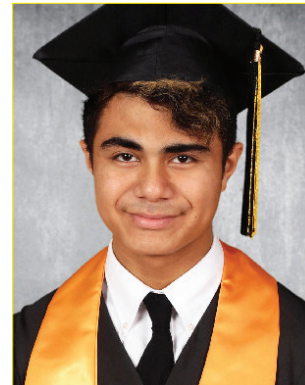
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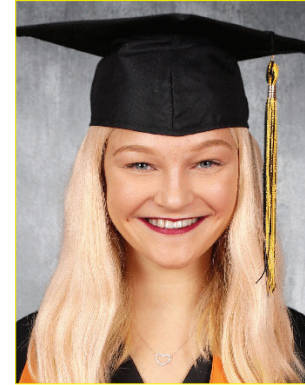
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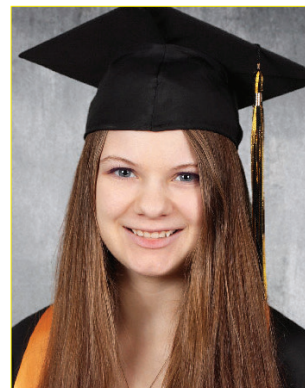
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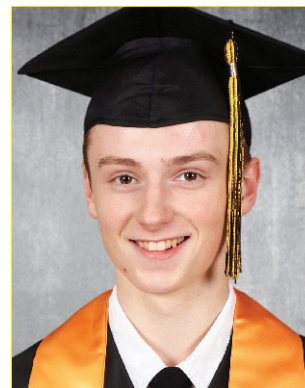
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Within you,
all you need.



Beat the heat and protect family, pets during summertime

ANSBACH, Germany — More than 36 children die in overheated cars every year in the United States, with more than 600 deaths since 1998. Here are some tips to keep in mind from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- It takes 10 minutes for the temperature in a car to go up 20 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Cracking a window open and parking in the shade aren't sufficient safeguards.
- A child's body temperature can rise up to five times faster than an adult's. A child dies with a 107 degree body temperature.
- Even if it's in the 60's outside, a car can still heat up to well above 110 degrees.
- On an 80-degree day, temperatures inside a vehicle can reach deadly peaks in 10 minutes.

More than half of those who left children alone in vehicles did so unknowingly. Other reasons cited: the child got into the vehicle on his or her own; child was knowingly left in vehicle; and circumstance unknown.

Set reminders

Any parent or caregiver, even a very loving and attentive one, can forget a child is in the back seat. Being especially busy or distracted or having a change from the usual routine increases the risk.

Here are some things you can do to prevent the unthinkable from happening:

- Always check the back seat, and make sure children are out of the car before locking it and walking away.
- Avoid distractions while driving, especially cell phone use.
- Be extra alert when there is a change in your routine, like when someone else is driving your child or you take a different route to work or child care.
- Have your childcare provider call if your child is more than 10 minutes late.
- Put your phone/bag/purse in the back seat, so you check the back seat when arriving at your destination.
- If someone else is driving your child, always check to make sure they arrived safely.

Lock cars

Keep your car locked when it is parked to prevent a curious child from entering when no one is around. Many hot car deaths have occurred when a child mistakenly locks himself inside. Reminders for parents and caregivers:

- Make sure children do not have easy access to your car keys. Store them out of a child's reach.
- Teach children that cars are not safe places to play.
- Keep rear fold-down seats closed to prevent a child from crawling into the trunk from inside the car.
- Remind children that cars, especially car trunks, should not be used for games like hide-and-seek.

Important tip: If a child is missing, make sure to check the trunk of your car, in addition to some of the more obvious places.

Pets

Leave pets at home on warm days, but if you must take them with you:

- Bring plenty of fresh drinking water and bowl if they must travel.
- Do NOT leave pets in the car.

(SAFETY GRAM)



Students search for justice in mock trial

VICENZA — Fifth-graders from Vicenza Elementary School participated in the mock trial of the Big Bad Wolf during a Career Day held at the school on Villaggio May 23.

Right: Gavin Maker is sworn in as a "witness" during the trial. After careful deliberation by the jury, the Big Bad Wolf was found guilty and sentenced.

(Photos by Mark Turney, VMC Public Affairs Office)



Army funds law school for eligible officers

VICENZA — Is law school in your career plans?

The Judge Advocate General's Corps is looking for highly qualified officers from all branches to join the JAG Corps.

And the Army is willing to pay the law school tuition, with the help of the Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP).

Officers selected for FLEP attend a civilian law school of their choice, for three years of legal studies, while remaining on active duty with full pay and benefits. During summer breaks, FLEP officers attend on-the-job-training at an active-duty JAG office. Upon graduation, FLEP officers must take and pass a state bar exam before they join the JAG Corps.

According to the Chief of Administrative Law for U.S. Army Africa, Maj. Alex Barnett, who became a judge advocate general through the program, the competition to be selected is tough but determination pays off.

"Typically, around 100 officers from across the Army apply every year and 20-25 are selected. I was selected on my first attempt. However, it is not uncommon for officers to not be selected on their first application, but then to be selected the next year.

"This is actually quite common for lieutenants who, because of their short time in the Army, do not have the history of sustained performance in their file that a captain with more time and OERs (officer evaluation reports) would," said Barnett.

Human Resources Command recently released Army MILPER Message 18-081 announcing the 2018 FLEP Selection Board. An eligible officer must:

- be a U.S. citizen;
 - serving in the rank of second lieutenant to captain;
 - be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree;
 - have at least two, but not more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins (fall 2019);
 - possess a secret security clearance; and
 - not have an approved resignation or separation date.
- "The selection board's decision really is based in the whole-person concept. The board will, however, con-

sider a number of quantifiable factors to include: undergraduate GPA (past academic performance), OERs (performance), Law School Aptitude Test (LSAT) score (ability to succeed in law school), and letters of recommendation. So, maintaining high performance in their current job, studying for and taking the LSAT (and re-taking it if they do not do well the first time), and asking trusted leaders/mentors for their recommendation are all things that a person who wants to apply for FLEP

can do prior to applying to increase their chances," said Barrett.

Interested officers should review MILPER Message 18-081 and AR 27-1, Chapter 14, to determine whether they meet eligibility requirements.

Applications for the 2018 FLEP Selection Board are due to HRC no later than Nov. 1. Board results are generally published in late December

or early January. Selected officers will receive PCS order to the law school of their choice before the start of school in fall 2019.

Barrett thinks this route to becoming a lawyer was the best option for him and he encourages others to do the same.

"I love the opportunity to be a trusted adviser to commanders and to develop areas of expertise in a wide range of legal and operational issues. Since the balance of any officer's time in the military will be spent on staffs, I wanted, and found in the JAG corps, the opportunity to be challenged by a wider array of issues than I may have encountered in my basic branch.

"If you like the Army, but maybe want to do something different, FLEP offers an opportunity to do that. Second, the Army pays you to go to law school. You leave law school with zero debt — something that is not possible for most people funding their own way through. Most importantly, you get the opportunity to join a great JAG team and support commanders in carrying out the Army's mission," said Barrett.

Want more first-hand insight on the FLEP program? Interested officers may contact Barnett, USARAF Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, at DSN 637-8813.

(USAG Italy PAO)

News briefs

Dining facility closes temporarily

The Curry Dining Facility on Caserma Ederle will be closed from June 1 to July 5. Meals will be provided at the Del Din DFAC for Soldiers who receive Subsistence in Kind (SIK) during this closure. For more information, contact DSN 637-8950, comm. 0444-61-8950

Outlook correction

The Outlook erroneously published the dates for the Italy Exchange and commissary Healthy Lifestyle Festival in the last issue. The correct dates for the festival are June 15-16. The festival will take place at the post exchange and commissary on Caserma Ederle. It will feature health and wellness activities, and shoppers will be able to save on items such as clothes, exercise equipment and more. The Outlook regrets the error.

Motorcycle safety

Motorcycle Safety Foundation training is available in Vicenza. Participants must have a stateside license with MC endorsement and current MSF training to ride and register a motorcycle in Europe. Next class dates are June 5 (for Basic Riders Course 2) and June 6-7 (for Basic Riders Course). For additional course dates and registration, go to https://imc.army.mil/airs/Home.aspx. Call 0444-61-8902/8900 for more information.

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.

Retired Soldier Council to meet

The Retiree Center sponsors a Retired Soldier Council meeting June 14, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Central Processing Facility in the upstairs classroom. Representatives from the Federal Benefits Unit of the Social Security Administration in Rome will be on hand to brief and answer questions. To send questions that may require research in advance, email bosticmark54@yahoo.com.

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.

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:
10 Steps to a Federal Job, June 25, July 23, Aug. 28 and Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-noon

Boots to Business, July 26-27, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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.

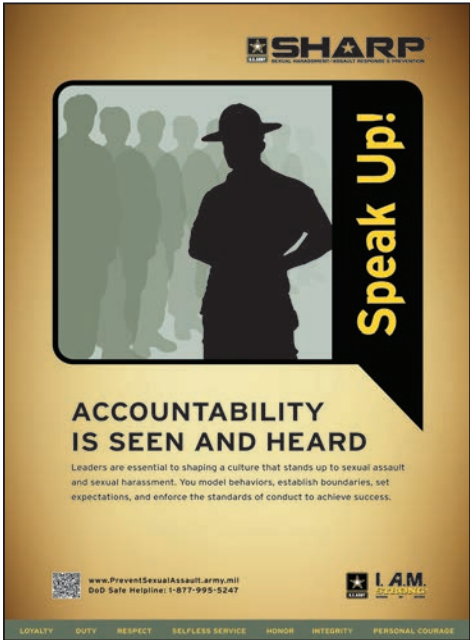
Financial counselor at ACS

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.

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.



SAFE WATER

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ing” the water source. These confined aquifers have specific areas where they are “recharged” and fresh clean water from rainfall or snow can enter and refill them regularly. These recharge areas are protected areas. Thirty-one communities, including Vicenza and surrounding municipalities, get their water primarily from this deep, protected aquifer.

Monitored for contaminants

In recent weeks, the Giornale di Vicenza newspaper reported about water testing in the Veneto Region for chemicals called Perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). PFAS are industrial chemicals widely used as waterproofing agents for fabrics and pots, as well as to make fabrics and paper, linings for food containers, production of photographic films, fire-resistant foams, and household cleaners. Early medical research indicate PFAS maybe carcinogenic. Accordingly, it's a potential contaminant that should be monitored.

As reported in local media, PFAS was detected in groundwater and drinking water in certain areas of the Veneto region in 2013. But unlike water from the deep aquifers, this drinking water came from shallow ground waters from unconfined, unprotected aquifers. After the discovery, local officials developed a plan that required utilities in the affected or potentially affected areas to install activated carbon filters and to test their drinking water regularly for PFAS. Since the installation of these filters, drinking water in those areas is routinely found free of PFAS.

Acque Vicentine manages the drinking water system for the 31 municipalities involved, and tests the water quality regularly just as it is done in the United States. The quality of drinking water in

military housing is also monitored and tested regularly by the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division. If you live in town in one of Vicenza's 31 municipalities – or in government housing on Caserma Del Din or Villaggio – your water is tested regularly. Further testing for PFAS in late 2015 and 2017 found water free of PFAS and other contaminants.

Quality water required

If you are an off-base resident who found a rental home through the DPW Housing office and that house gets its water from a private well, the landlord is required to perform a water test within six months before making the unit available to rent.

The Housing office will not approve of any home on a private well, unless it is outside the area served by Acque Vicentine or similar municipal system, and demonstrates water from the well meets stringent quality standards.

Government-leased quarters off base are contracted and built with the requirement that water service is provided by Acque Vicentine and not wells.

Bottled water costs

Families here who prefer bottled water will find it inexpensive and readily available. Many military families may not be aware of it, but the cost to purchase bottled water is included in the calculations made by the Defense Travel Office when they establish rates for the military Overseas Housing Allowances Utility and recurring expenses. Rates are established based on the responses to the annual Overseas Housing Allowances Survey where service members list utilities to include bottles water, maintenance and recurring costs.

At the movies



Adrift

(Rated PG-13)

Based on the true story of a young couple, Tami Oldham and Richard Sharp, who sailed into — and survived — one of the most catastrophic hurricanes in recorded history. In the aftermath of the storm, Tami awakens to find Richard badly injured and their boat in ruins. With no hope of rescue, Tami must find the strength and determination to save herself and the man she loves.

June 1	7 p.m.	Adrift	(PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Action Point	(R)
June 2	3 p.m.	Deadpool 2	(R)
	6 p.m.	Adrift	(PG-13)
June 3	3 p.m.	Avengers: Infinity War	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Action Point	(R)
June 6	7 p.m.	Action Point	(R)
June 7	7 p.m.	Adrift	(PG-13)
June 8	7 p.m.	Ocean's 8	(PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Deadpool 2	(R)
June 9	3 p.m.	Ocean's 8	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Avengers: Infinity War	(PG-13)
June 10	3 p.m.	Ocean's 8	(PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Solo: A Star Wars Story	(PG-13)
June 13	7 p.m.	Deadpool 2	(R)
June 14	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

Festa dea Siaresa/Cherry Festival

Through June 3, from 6:30 p.m., Castegnaro, about 9 miles south of Vicenza. Local cherries exhibit and sale; food booths. Live music at 9 p.m.

Peraga Medievale/Medieval Festival

June 1, 6-10 p.m.; June 2-3, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; Vigonza (Padova), Peraga Castle, Via Arrigoni 1. Food booths feature typical medieval food and beverages; medieval music and dance; fire-eater shows and historical parades. Fireworks take place June 3 at 11 p.m.

Palio del Chiaretto/Chiaretto Contest

June 1-3, 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Bardolino (Verona), Lungolago Riva Cornicello. This festival is dedicated to the promotion and tasting of Lake Garda’s rosé wine, *Chiaretto*. Italian wineries display their wines in elegant wooden booths, set up with artistic, pink floral decorations. Food booths accompanied by *Chiaretto* wines. Music and fireworks; sporting shows include the National Dragon Boat Race, with historic boats that have dragon-like heads and tails.

STREEAT® Food 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 wine from all over Italy. Free entrance.

Festa di Primavera/Spring Festival

June 1-4, 7-11 p.m., Costozza (Longare), Via Chiesa Nuova 37. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m.; June 3, at 4:30 p.m. entertainment for children with bounce houses and games. Music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

Fuori Mercato

Vintage, Crafts and Creative Recycling Exhibit and Sale

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

Festa a Maddalene di Primavera Maddalene’s Spring Festival

Through June 4, Vicenza, Strada Maddalene 32. Food booths open at 7 p.m.; at 9 p.m., live music and dancing; fireworks June 4 at 11 p.m.

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

Through June 10, Chiuduno (Bergamo), Fair Center, Via Martiri della Libertà. Traditional song and dance; ethnic items exhibit and sale; workshops and conferences. Free entrance.

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 artistic figure with fine golden sand. Free entrance.

Festa di Sant’Antonio/Saint Anthony Fair

June 3, June 8-10 and June 12-13, Zugliano (Vicenza). Food booths open at 7:30 p.m.; bounce houses, nightly live music and dancing; June 13, fireworks at 11:30 p.m.

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.

Riviera Folk Music Festival

June 7-10, 7:30 p.m.–midnight, Vicenza, Via Orlando. Live music; food and beer stands open at 7:30 p.m. Free entrance.

Lucciolata/Charitable night walk

June 8, 5 or 10 km walk will be held in Vicenza at 8:30 p.m., Maddalene Sports Center, Via delle Maddalene. Free participation; monetary donations will be accepted and sent to Aviano’s Cancer Treatment Center.

Mexico & Würstel/Mexico & Hot Dogs

June 8-10, 7-11 p.m., Costozza (Longare), Via Chiesa Nuova 37. Food booths featuring Mexican and Tyrolese specialties open at 7 p.m.; bounce houses and charity raffle; nightly live music and dancing.

Country & Horses Festival

June 8-10, 6-11 p.m., Castegnaro, Villaganzerla, Via Piazza, about 9 miles south of Vicenza. The festival opens at 4 p.m. June 10; country items exhibit and sale; soft air shooting range; Native American village; houses; face painting; food booth; western games.

Festa di Sant’Antonio/Saint Anthony Festival

June 8-10 and June 15-17, Sasso, Asiago; about 36 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7:30 p.m.; live music and entertainment at 9 p.m.

Donne Guerriere/Woman Warriors

June 9, 3-8 p.m., Vicenza, Stradella delle Barche 14. A black and white photo exhibit by five photographers of the Vicenza Military Community: Laura Caldwell-Chall, Monisa Poole Dobbins, William James, Tabitha Jo Morrison and Sarah Romero. The exhibit’s theme is the dual role of mother and Soldier, highlighting the women’s perseverance and inner strength. Free entrance.

Juggling Festival

June 15-16, 6-11 p.m.; June 17, 4-11 p.m., Malo, Villa Clementi, Via Cardinal de Lai 61, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza. Jugglers, magicians, fire and clown shows; art workshop; live music; food booths. Free entry.

Sagra dei Santi Patroni/Patron Saints Fair

June 15-17 and June 22-25, Gambugliano, Via Antonio Bruttomesso 3. Bounce houses on Saturdays and Sundays starting at 6 p.m.; food booths featuring a variety of local specialties open at 7 p.m. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

Lumen Festival/Light Festival

June 20-24, 7 p.m.-midnight, Vicenza, Salvi Gardens. A variety of street food selections including Asian, Mexican, vegan and gluten free specialties. Draft beer; crafts, and vinyl collectibles exhibit and sale; light displays; music with bands and DJs. Tickets and more information: <https://www.lumenfestival.com/>.

Triskell–Festa Internazionale di Musica Celtica International Celtic Music Festival

June 21-July 1, Trieste; Boschetto del Ferdinando; Via Carlo de Marchesetti. Opens 4 p.m. weekdays and 10:30

a.m. Fridays-Sundays. Celtic market and food; natural elements, fire and crystal balls shows with Vassago; Celtic wedding celebrations (€10); live music every night starts at 9 p.m. Clay workshops; free Scottish and Celtic dancing and archery workshops; body and face painting.

Fiaccolata di Solferino/Torchlight walk in Solferino

June 23. The Italian Red Cross has invited Red Cross societies around the world to celebrate

the ideals of the Red Cross, and to participate in a 7-kilometer torchlight walk between the towns of Castiglione and Solferino. The event commemorates Henry Dunant’s experience of giving care to the wounded in the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino, which took place June 24, 1859. The Vicenza American Red Cross is organizing a bus to the event. Registration fee: €5/person. The bus will leave 1 p.m. June 23 and return around 1 a.m. June 24. For more information, contact Leilani Piaseky, DSN 637-8916, comm. 0444-61-8916.

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 tickets well in advance online at <http://www.marosticascacchi.it/it/partitaascacchi/ticket.html#1>.

Egitto. Dei, faraoni e Uomini

Egypt. Gods, 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. 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.

Venice Secrets – Crime & Justice Exhibit

Through Sept. 30, open daily, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Venice, Palazzo Zaguri, Campo San Maurizio. In a Venetian palace, through a five-story route divided into 36 rooms, visitors will be able to know the secret side of the city. The display is divided in four sections: justice and torture; prisons and prisoners; capital executions; Inquisition and Holy Office. Entrance fee: €16; reduced €12, for senior citizens older than 65 and children ages

VENETO MARKETS

Thiene (Vicenza): June 2, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., downtown streets and squares (70 vendors)

Marostica (Vicenza): June 3, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Castello (135 vendors)

Noventa Vicentina (Vicenza): June 3, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre (120 vendors)

Vittorio Veneto (Treviso): June 3, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (75 vendors)

Lonigo(Vicenza): June 10, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene (about 100 vendors)

Montegrotto (Padova): June 10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza 1° Maggio (about 70 vendors)

Portobuffolè (Treviso): June 10, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Beccaro (about 250 vendors)

Vicenza: June 10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

Villafranca (Verona): June 10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Castello (90 vendors)



TUSCANY

Fiera del Gusto e del Benessere Flavors and Well-Being Fair
June 1-10, 4 p.m.-midnight, Livorno, Piazza Mazzini. A variety of local and national products; well-being and fitness stands; games and entertainment for children; at night, music, group dances and karaoke.

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

Sagra dell’ Anguilla/Eel Fair
June 1-3, Santo Stefano a Macerata, Cascina (Pisa). Food booths featuring eel and other traditional dishes open at 7:30 a.m.; live music and dancing at 9 p.m.

Sagra del Pesce/Fish Fair
June 1-3 and **June 8-10**, Certaldo (Florence), at multipurpose center, Viale Matteotti 201. Food booths feature traditional Tuscan seafood dishes and are open at 7 p.m., and at noon on Sunday.

Sagra del Cinghiale/Wild Boar Festival
June 1-3 and **June 8-10**, in Agnano Pisano (San Giuliano Terme, Pisa), Via XXV Aprile 32. Food booths featuring a wide variety of wild boar and local specialties open at 7 p.m., and June 2 and Sundays at noon.

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.

Sagra della Bistecc/Steak Festival
June 1-3 and **June 7-10**, from 7 p.m., in Casalguidi, Serravalle Pistoiese (Pistoia), Piazza Vittorio Veneto. Food booths feature grilled steaks and many other local specialties and wines; entertainment for children; live music and dancing.

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

Sagra delle Ciliegie/Cherry Festival
June 1-3, Lari (Pisa). Local product and craft exhibit/sale; street artists and entertainment for children; a great opportunity to visit the Vicari Castle, in Piazza del Castello. The castle will be open throughout the event.

Sagra della Chiocciola/Snail Festival
June 2-3, Vicopisano (Pisa). Food booths featuring snail dishes and other local specialties open at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at noon.

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

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

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

Du' Pici Sotto le Stelle/Pici Under the Stars
June 8-9, Chianciano Terme (Siena), Piazzolina dei Soldati; 7-11 p.m. *Pici* is a traditional homemade pasta of the Siena province; food booths feature many local specialties and gluten-free products. Free event.
Sagra della porchetta e della Birra

Roast Pork and Beer Fair
June 8-10 and **June 15-17**, Buti (Pisa), Parco Danielli. Food booths featuring roast pork and many other local specialties open at 8 p.m.; live music and dancing start at 8 p.m.

Festa del Pesce/Fish Fair
June 9-10 and **June 15-17**, Rosignano Marittimo (Livorno), Caletta di Castiglioncello, Lungomare Cristoforo Colombo. Food booths feature a wide variety of seafood; live music and entertainment.

Ferie delle Messi/Medieval Harvest Festival
June 15-17, San Gimignano (Siena). Highlights of this festival include a historical parade; a tug-of-war game; blessing of the horses of the four town districts; birds of prey demonstrations and medieval market. Free entrance.

La Luminara/The Illumination of Pisa
June 16, from 3:30 p.m., Pisa. The cathedral, the Leaning Tower and every building around the Arno River will be decked with more than 70,000 candles. Flickering yellow flames will light each doorway and window ledge, their reflections floating along the Arno so vibrantly it becomes clear why this night is called *La Luminara*, Italian for “the illumination.” Streets by the Arno will be closed to cars, allowing pedestrians to walk along the river, where vendors sell food, sweets and trinkets for children. At 11 p.m., musical fireworks show.

Sagra del Tortello/Tortello Fair
June 17-23, Donoratico (Castagneto Carducci, Livorno), Parco delle Sughere. *Tortello* is a local specialty pasta prepared with flour, water, salt and a variety of filling, from potatoes to nutmeg to meat ragu. Food booths open at 7 p.m.; local craft exhibit and sale; live music and dancing; bingo.

Il Palio di San Ranieri Saint Ranierius Competition
Pisa celebrates its patron saint on **June 17**. To mark the event, starting at 9:30 p.m. the city’s four historic districts compete against each other on the River Arno. This tradition dates to medieval times, when similar competitions took place in Pisa to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Since 1718, the regatta has become part of the city’s patron saint celebrations.

TUSCANY MARKETS

Arezzo: June 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Grande (about 1,000 vendors)

Carmignano (Prato): June 3, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti

Cascina (Pisa): June 3, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Corso Matteotti

Livorno: June 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

Orbetello (Grosseto): June 3, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia, Piazza Eroe dei Due Mondi, Piazza del Plebiscito

Pietrasanta (Lucca): June 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo

San Giuliano Terme (Pisa): June 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia

San Miniato(Pisa): June 3, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo

Bolgheri (Livorno): June 10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets

Firenze: June 10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito and Borgo Tegolaio (about 100 vendors)

Forte dei Marmi (Lucca): June 9-10, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante

Montepulciano (Siena): June 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande

Piombino (Livorno): June 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci

Pisa: June 9-10, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

Pistoia: June 2-3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Cavour and Via Bozzi

Vicopisano (Pisa): June 9-10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca

CONCERTS/SPORTS

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
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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)
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
Vasco Rossi – June 6-7 Padova
Lorenzo Live – June 9 and June 12 Padova
Ennio Morricone – June 16-17 Rome
Gianni Morandi – July 12 Marostica
Francesca Michielin – July 12 Pistoia; July 14 Forte di Marmi; Sept. 2 Treviso
Massimo Ranieri – June 23 Verona
Francesco De Gregori – July 13 Gardone Riviera (Brescia); July 25 Florence; Aug. 14 Asiago
Gianna Nannini – July 13 Mantova; July 16 Pistoia; Aug. 13 Follonica (Grosseto); Aug. 14 Forte dei Marmi (Lucca)
Fabrizio Moro – July 16 Marostica
Vinicio Capossela – July 21 Gardone Riviera (Brescia); July 28 Forte dei Marmi (Lucca); July 31 San Gimignano (Siena)
Ermal Meta – July 28 Villafranca (Verona)
Laura Pausini – Oct. 7 Florence; Oct. 9-10 Padova
Claudio Baglioni – Oct. 16 Florence; Nov. 16-17 Padova; Nov. 20-21 Montichiari (Brescia)
Luca Carboni – Oct. 18 Padova
Mario Biondi – Dec. 13 Florence; Dec. 19 Padova

SPORTING EVENTS
Moto GP Mugello – June 1-3 Scarperia (Florence)
FIM Superbike World Championship – July 6-8 Misano Adriatico (Rimini)
ACI CSAI Racing Weekend – July 14-15 and Oct. 27-28 Scarperia (Florence)

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

ENTERTAINMENT & TRIPS

Family Movie Night
June 3, 10, 17 & 24, 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.

Hail & Farewell for Youth
June 5, 3-4 p.m.
Youth, teen centers
Welcome youth new to the Vicenza Military Community and give a proper send-off to those leaving. Say goodbye, meet new friends and enjoy pizza. The event for youth in grades 6-8 takes place in Building 702, Villaggio Youth Center; grades 9-12 will be at Building 373, Ederle Teen Center.

Vicenza Writer's Group
June 7 & 21, noon- 1 p.m.
Library, Caserma Ederle
All writers are welcome. The goal of this writing group is to have a safe place of collaboration and inspiration. Whether sharing work, receiving constructive criticism, or getting past writer's block with some brainstorming, this can be your group. Activities include free writing, biweekly writing topics, optional sharing, constructive criticism and informal discussion.

Salzburg Express
June 9, 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.

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Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as NATO.

According to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Public Affairs Office, the brigade will conduct exercises across multiple locations in Europe during the exercise. Concurrently with Saber Strike 18, the brigade will also execute Swift Response 18, a Global Response Force-led, multi-lateral, airborne brigade level field training exercise. The 173rd will jump into Poland alongside Allies and partners from Italy, Poland and Israel as part of a combined task force.

The brigade will form a task force under the Division Headquarters from 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, N.C., during the exercise. As such, Saber Strike 18 is the platform to validate the unit's collective capability to rapidly respond to and reinforce Allies in a time of crisis. In addition, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment of the Texas National Guard will provide the bulk of 173rd personnel for the Joint Forced Entry airborne exercise in Poland.



Predjama Castle, Slovenia (Photo by Karin J. Martinez)

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 a 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 Eagle's 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 participants 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.

Postojna Cave and Predjama Castle, Slovenia
June 23, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., \$105/\$63
ODR, Caserma Ederle
The Postojna cave system covers more than 21 kilometers and features amazing formations made from constantly dripping water. For a turn above ground, visit Predjama Castle, an impregnable fortress built out of the mountain itself. This centuries-old castle is full of history and the perfect way to finish off your day. Bring your passport.

BOSS Beach Day
June 23, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Del Din Shoppette, 8 a.m.
Ederle Shoppette, 8:30 a.m.
Single and geographically separated Soldiers: Enjoy a day at the beach with plenty of sun and fun. BOSS goes to Sottomarina, a beach resort at the southern end of the Venetian Lagoon. It has a wide and welcoming shore that makes it an ideal place for walking, relaxing or playing beach sports. An alternate option is to visit the city to shop. The trip is free; beach chairs and sun umbrellas

are available at the beach. Cost is approximately 10-15 euros for one umbrella and two chairs.

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 about 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.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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.

EFMP Parents Connect
June 6, 1-2 p.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
This group is open to all Exceptional Family Member Program parents regardless of diagnosis. Network with other parents, share resources and get or give encouragement. Young children may accompany parents.

Preschool Story Time
June 7, 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.

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" 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.

Infant Massage Class
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.

Interviewing Skills
June 19, 9:30-1:30 a.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
Learn effective strategies so you will be prepared to make a great first impression, answer questions effectively and land your next position. Takes place every third Tuesday. Sign up no later than two days before the class by calling DSN 634-6884, comm. 0444-71-6884.

Bringing Baby Home
June 21, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle
This class is provided by the New Parent Support Program. Second time parents are encouraged to attend, as with every birth you become a new parent and no two children are alike. Learn practical tips about newborn behavior, sleep, SIDS, how to soothe a crying baby and much more. Call to register at DSN 634-7567, comm. 0444-71-7567.

Baby Wearing Wrap-Up
June 28, 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.

FITNESS & SPORTS

BOSS Morning Bike Rides
June 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.

More information: See the monthly calendar at www.italy.armymwr.mil.