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Beginning Oct. 1, the *Outlook* newspaper will go digital. Due to budget and manpower constraints, the printed version of the newspaper will be online only in a different format.

Anyone with questions may contact the editor at karin.j.martinez.civ@mail.mil.

Measles outbreak in Europe continues

By **Ashley Patoka**
Regional Health Command Europe

LANDSTUHL, Germany — Adults and children not vaccinated for measles could be at risk for contracting the illness as a result of an ongoing measles outbreak in several European countries.

Regional Health Command Europe officials recommend families review their vaccination records to ensure everyone is fully vaccinated against the disease.

Additionally, in 2017, Army Medicine clinics throughout Europe began giving the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine as part of the routine six-month visit with pediatricians. The vaccine is highly encouraged for all children aged 6-12 months, especially those in daycare. This dose is in addition to the two doses given to children in the U.S. over 12 months of age.

Measles is an extremely contagious virus, with 100 percent of exposed susceptible individuals becoming infected.

The virus can linger in the air of a room or transportation vehicle for up to two hours according to Col. Rodney Coldren, preventive medicine chief, Public Health Command Europe.

“There is a very safe and effective vaccine available to prevent this disease,” said Coldren. “The vast majority of Americans are already immunized against measles, having received at least two doses of the MMR vaccine in early childhood.”

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Children team up with Soldiers for a fun day



CASERMA EDERLE — Members of Team for Children Vicenza, a charity founded in 2009, visited the installation Sept. 7. The event began with “Soldier for a Day” activities assisted by Soldiers from Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. Pictured: (front) Alessandro Facci, 12, gets his face painted by Spc. Travis Green; and (back) Alessandro Baù, 22, gets his face painted by Spc. Tyler Griffiths. After having the opportunity of experiencing military equipment and camouflage face painting, children and their parents took part in a windshield tour of post on an LMTV, light utility truck. A special book dedication event took place at the post library.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

Forum offers platform for feedback, ideas

VICENZA — The Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) is the military family's platform to voice quality-of-life issues, feedback, ideas and suggestions.

It's the best way to let Army leadership know about what works, what doesn't, and how you think problems can be resolved. AFAP gives active and Reserve Component Soldiers, Army civilians, retirees, survivors and family members a primary tool to help identify issues and concerns and shape standards of living.

The program identifies critical issues concerning welfare and morale and presents them to senior Army leadership for resolution. Since AFAP was created in 1983, 714 issues have been submitted, resulting in 129 legislative changes, 193 Department of Defense or Army policy changes and 214 improved programs or services. Some examples of AFAP successes Armywide include:

- Service member's Group Life Insurance increased from \$50,000 to \$400,000
- Thrift Savings Plan was authorized
- Creation of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program

To submit an issue or suggestion, fill out the form (cut out from page 4). A few tips: a separate sheet must be completed for each issue; the issue cannot involve a local matter (submit those through your local installation Interactive Customer Evaluation [ICE] webpage, <http://ice.disa.mil/>); and the issue should be something that has Armywide impact.

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September is National Preparedness Month

By **Michael McKnight**
USAG Italy Emergency Manager

VICENZA — 2018 is the 15th year of National Preparedness Month, a month-long campaign that takes place each September to promote emergency awareness and preparedness, and designed to strengthen a citizen's ability to prepare for, mitigate, prevent, respond to and recover from any natural or man-made disaster.

One can never fully predict when a disaster will strike, but we can — individu-

ally and collectively — ensure we are prepared to respond accordingly.

This year's NPM focuses on planning, with the theme: “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.” It's a good time to review the Army's four preparedness tenets: be informed, make a plan, build a kit, and get involved.

Being prepared means having a plan. Whether you are at home, at work or on-the-go, it's important to create a plan in



case of an emergency. Planning ahead will ensure that you and your family will know what to do and have the supplies you need to be safe wherever you are.

For your home, think ahead with your Family Emergency Plan. A simple plan can be found at <http://www.italy.army.mil/em.asp>.

At work or school? Ensure you and your family members know the best way to contact one another if you are

See **PREPARE**, page 4

CID launches new crime tips system for web, phones

QUANTICO, Va. – The Army community and American public now have the ability to use their computers and smartphones to submit tips about crimes, suspicious activity or threats to the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Command via a new digital crime tips system.

The CID crime tips system recently transitioned to a web-based and smartphone app submission method. The public can access the system via any Internet-connected device by visiting, <http://www.cid.army.mil/>. In addition to the web interface, the app is for submission of tips and is available for free download from the Apple Store and Google Play at <http://www.p3tips.com/app>.

According to CID's implementation project manager, Special Agent Christopher L. Adams, the new system provides users a safe, secure and anonymous method to report criminal activity and security threats without concerns of retaliation or fear.

He explained that whenever a person submits a tip online, the completed form is securely transferred directly to Army CID through a Secure Sockets Layer connection, which means that the tips are encrypted, entirely confidential and completely anonymous. Users can also attach images, videos and documents with their tips.

"This new system is the ideal solution for 'tipsters' to report criminal activities or suspicious activity anonymously.

"Tips received will be seamlessly assigned to various units for further investigation.



Additionally, persons providing anonymous tips will have the ability to communicate with the

CID Agents," Adams said. "After submitting a tip, a tip reference/ID number is created that allows the tipster to create a password to check the status of the submitted tip or check on the status of a reward – if applicable. So do not misplace your ID number, as it will be needed to check on the status of your tip."

There is also the multi-language feature for global use that allows tips to be auto-converted into English on the backend regardless of what language they were

submitted. Tips will be responded to in English and auto-translated back to their source language during the two-way dialog process.

According to Christopher Grey, CID's spokesman, the previous methods of reporting a crime to CID will remain in effect until the new Crime Tips System is fully implemented.

"It is critical for people to say something when they see something and it literally can mean the difference between someone receiving the justice they deserve or victimizing another innocent person," Grey said.

"Although we prefer people with information to use the new digital Crime Tips system, they can still report a crime through our current methods until these methods are phased out within the next 60 days: contact your local CID office, contact 1-844-ARMY-CID (844-276-9243) or email CID at Army.CID.Crime.Tips@mail.mil."

Speak Out

By Laura Kreider and Chiara Mattirollo

How often are you on social media? What is your preferred site?



Mara Barzon
AAFES

"I am on social media every day. I prefer Instagram."



Richard Gerke
Family and MWR

"I use it all of the time for work promoting all of the things MWR has to offer. My preferred site is Facebook, specifically Vicenza Family and MWR."



Aneesa Johnson
Family member

"Not very often; I use it when I need to see posts of my friends. My preferred site is Instagram."



Staff Sgt. Isaac Rudea
731st MUNS

"Daily. I use Facebook because of Messenger."



A1C Hailey Hester
731st MUNS

"I use mainly Facebook. It is the fastest way to keep in touch with my family at home."



Mariolina Balla
Livorno Commissary

"I use social media very moderately, but my favorite is WhatsApp."

VFW Corner

History of local post

By Rex Shuey
VFW Post 8862

VICENZA — Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8862 is the second largest VFW post in Europe and was founded in 1991 by veterans of the Vicenza Military Community.

The first commander was Clarence Daniels and the current commander is Paul Matejka.

Initially called the "Mediterranean Post," the organization has grown from the original 60 charter members into a post with more than 1,900 members. Membership spans the nation's conflicts from Vietnam veterans to the veterans from the present conflict in Afghanistan.

For more than two decades, dedicated members have been committed to providing a variety of programs to support the troops, fellow veterans and the community.

The organization supports the core mission statement, which is "to preserve and strengthen comradeship among members; to assist worthy veterans and members; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead and to their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America and fidelity to its constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies."

Anyone who would like to join this unique organization should contact local VFW recruiter Yolanda Wright at +39 329-827-6139, or e-mail wrightyn@yahoo.com to check eligibility.

VFW meetings take place at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at La Rondine restaurant on Via Paolo Calvi in Vicenza. Maps are available at the Retiree Services Center, Building 305 on Caserma Ederle.

Follow the VFW on Facebook and Twitter, @vfwpost8862.

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Principal selected as Vicenza superintendent

By William Griffin
DoDEA Public Affairs Officer

SEMBACH, Germany — Department of Defense Education Activity Europe Director for Student Excellence Dr. Dell McMullen is pleased to announce the selection of David Rudy as DoDEA South District's Vicenza Community Superintendent. The selection was made through a competitive process.

Rudy has more than 20 years of experience as an educator and 18 years with DoDEA. He served as principal of Vicenza High School from 2015 to 2018, where he led the implementation of DoDEA's College and Career Ready Standards and instituted weekly focused collaboration time for teachers.

Rudy was the principal of West Point Middle School from 2006 to 2015. During his tenure there, he led the teachers of WPMS through a series of focused, collaborative improvement initiatives and a successful AdvancEd Accreditation External Review during the 2012-2013 school year. The school was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education for the 2011-2012 school year, one of just 33 middle schools nationwide



to be so recognized.

"David Rudy brings tremendous experience and a proven track record of success from his assignments across DoDEA," said McMullen. "His previous work in creating collaborative environments for educators and students is a perfect match to continue building upon the strong foundation established in the Vicenza community."

Rudy holds two degrees from the University of Central Florida, a Bachelor of Science in English Education and a Master of Education in Educational Leadership.

"I am looking forward to serving military-connected students across the Europe South district in this new role," said Rudy. "Our families deserve nothing

short of excellence in education for their children, and I am excited about us achieving excellence in all of our district schools by partnering with students, parents, teachers and community stakeholders."

DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates and manages pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade education programs for school-age children of Department of Defense personnel who would otherwise not have access to high-quality public education. DoDEA schools are located in Europe, the Pacific, Western Asia, the Middle East, Cuba, the United States, Guam and Puerto Rico. DoDEA also provides support and resources to local educational agencies throughout the United States that serve children of military families.

Community honors women's equality with observance

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
VMC Public Affairs Office

CASERMA EDERLE — The Vicenza Military Community celebrated Women's Equality Day with an event at the Golden Lion here Aug. 23.

The event, hosted by U.S. Army Africa and the VMC Equal Opportunity Office, featured guest speaker Chief Warrant Officer 5 Anita Williams, USARAF, G-4.

Before Williams' speech, USARAF Commander Maj. Gen. Roger L. Cloutier Jr., addressed the audience, highlighting the importance and progress made by American women and their support throughout the years in the Army since the Civil War.

After the commander's observations, Williams opened her speech with a quote: "There is no force equal to that of a determined woman."

"For centuries, we have gone to great measures to prove that with a little determination we can accomplish anything we want. A trailblazer laid the foundation for all military women. In 1781, Deborah Sampson set out on a mission that would give all military women the strength to laugh when they hear the words, 'You will never make it,'" said Williams.

Williams said she decided to join the Army when she was 20 years old and volunteered to go to combat.

She explained that a woman in the military is multitasker, and how, during the day and/or a deployment, "She

not only is a Soldier, but also a wife, mother, teacher, chauffeur, doctor, nurse, confidant and let's not forget, mentor."

Her first deployment, Operation Desert Storm, was her first time away from home. It was followed by many others including the one in Afghanistan, where she served another 13 months holding down different jobs in combat, while still fulfilling the various roles in her family.

"As many of you in the audience, I was not excused from being a mother, wife, teacher and disciplinarian," Williams added.

In her closing remarks, she said, "I would like to thank Deborah Sampson for paving the way for all of the women who are allowed to serve their country in all branches of the military based on ability and not gender, as well as every female who



U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. Roger L. Cloutier Jr. and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Anita Williams, USARAF G-4, prepare to cut the cake for community members to enjoy.

continues to serve and support this great country."

Lt. Col. Rob Shaw, battalion commander, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), presented a certificate of appreciation to Williams, and a cake-cutting ceremony concluded the observance.

Officials warn of increased risk of West Nile Virus in northern Italy

By Michelle Thum
Public Health Command Europe PAO

LANDSTUHL, Germany — Public Health Command Europe is urging people in Northern Italy to take extra precautions against mosquito bites this year due to an increased risk of exposure to West Nile Virus.

Health authorities have identified at least 123 human cases of West Nile virus in Emilia-Romagna and Veneto, Italy, between June and Aug. 8. This number increased significantly compared to only five cases identified during the same period in 2017.

The West Nile Virus is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito, according to PHCE.

"The WNV, Culex species, mosquito is a dusk and dawn biting mosquito and their occurrence around our home is weather dependent," said Maj. Amanda Cline, PHCE's Entomological Science Program chief.

"Mosquitoes will be present in northern Italy as long as the days are warm and there is rainfall, which is typically from April to November. The mosquito population will taper off after a few consecu-

tive freezing nights."

Most infected people who have been bitten by this specific mosquito develop no symptoms. However, a few do. Approximately

20 percent of infected people develop febrile illness characterized by symptoms of fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea and rash.

"Less than one percent of infected individuals develop serious neurologic illness, which can become life-threatening. The virus' symptoms typically appear within two to six days after being bitten, but can develop up to 14 days after exposure," explained Lt. Col. Ruben Ortiz from U.S. Army



Public Health Command Europe is urging people in Northern Italy to take extra precautions against mosquito bites this year due to an increased risk of exposure to West Nile Virus. (Photo courtesy of CDC)

Africa Surgeon's office.

Avoid scratching mosquito bites and apply hydrocortisone cream or calamine lotion to reduce itching. Seek medical attention if the symptoms develop within two weeks of being in affected areas.

To avoid mosquito bites, PHCE recommends the following:

- Cover exposed skin by wearing light-colored, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and hats
- Use insect repellent that contains DEET when outdoors
- Wear a Permethrin-treated military uniform and wear it properly
- Eliminate mosquito breeding sites

by draining standing water around your property

• Make sure door and window screens do not have holes

To keep houses mosquito free, PHCE officials suggest attaching screens on windows and doors and using air conditioning, when available. The reduction, elimination or treatment of mosquito breeding areas is the best and most cost-effective technique for mosquito control.

The most important things community members can do to reduce the risk of exposure to West Nile Virus are to eliminate mosquito-breeding areas in your environment and limit exposure to feeding mosquitoes. Eliminate all standing water in yards and work areas. Check old tires, flower pots, abandoned swimming pools and rain gutters. Change water in pet bowls, birdbaths and children's pools once a week. Mosquito larvae can survive in water the size of a bottle cap.

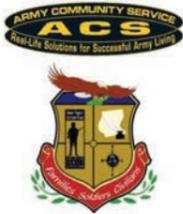
For more information on WNV visit Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, West Nile virus <https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html>, or the PHCE website at <http://rhce.amedd.army.mil/phce/index.cfm>.

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Celebrating a decade on radio

CASERMA EDERLE — George Hanby, a teacher at Vicenza Middle School, celebrates 400 shows Sept. 5 as "Radio Free Hanby" on American Forces Network Radio in Vicenza. Hanby has been going on the radio regularly since February 2008 to discuss news and events taking place at VMS, as well as tips for families on how to help children succeed in school. He teaches 6th grade Language Arts and 8th grade Pathways to Careers. Listeners can follow AFN Vicenza "The Eagle" on 106.0 FM, or on the AFN 360 app, afn360vicenza.radio.net. (Courtesy photo)

AFAP

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All issues submitted are considered and worked until resolution, unless they are deemed unattainable. Keep in mind that it may take some time for the results of your issue to be seen.

The "Issue Title" should be a brief summary of the issue or problem, not a sentence. Make sure to be specific — the title should tell the reader what the issue is all about, i.e. "tuition assistance for overseas spouses."

"Scope" is a clear and concise statement describing the issue, why it's a problem and whom it affects. The scope should be written in paragraph form (three to four sentences long). State the problem, provide facts or additional information, and say why the issue is important.

Under "Recommendation(s)," list practical recommendations for what you want to happen to "fix" the issue or problem identified in the scope. Use strong action verbs (e.g. provide, conduct, develop, fund, build), and remember there is a limit of three or fewer recommendations per issue.

An example of a well-written recommendation is as follows: "Develop a tuition assistance program for overseas spouses."

AFAP accepts issues on an ongoing basis; however, to have an issue considered for fiscal year 2018, deadline is Oct. 8.

Scan and email this form to AFAP Program Manager, Stephanie A. Cummins, Stephanie.A.Cummins5.civ@mail.mil, or drop form off at the front desk of Army Community Service, Building 108 on Caserma Ederle. Anyone with questions or needing assistance may contact Cummins at 0444-71-8138.

PREPARE

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separated during a disaster.

The Veneto region, and especially Vicenza, is no stranger to severe weather. Floods, earthquakes, damaging hail and high wind storms can happen with little to no warning. When an emergency strikes, knowing what to do before, during and after may make all the difference when seconds count.

Are you looking to create a basic disaster kit? Look no further than your Post Exchange and Commissary. Items for a basic emergency supply kit can easily be found at these two locations.

Individually we can make a difference

by getting involved in our community. Join the "America's Preparation!" campaign. All families and individuals are encouraged to join and can do so by visiting the Ready Army website at (www.ready.army.mil) and pledging to prepare.

The U.S. Army Garrison Italy Emergency Management office will have displays at the Vicenza and Darby Exchanges and commissaries to provide community members with easy tips on how to prepare for disasters.

Are you ready to make a difference for yourself, your family and your community? Make the pledge and be Army ready.

8th Annual USAG Italy Retiree Appreciation Day

Golden Lion Conference Center
Caserma Ederle
Date: 12 October 2018
Time: 0900 – 1300

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• US Army Health Clinic	• TRICARE for Life
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** Join us for a retiree dinner at Dai Gelsoni in Quinto Vicentino with a live band and plenty of great company from 1900 to 2200. Cost is €30 **

Reservation only, so please RSVP to the USAG Italy RSO.

For more information, please call the USAG Italy Retirement Services Officer (RSO) at DSN 637-7747/ COMM 0444-61-7747 or tamera.j.hushen.civ@mail.mil.

Policy prohibits improper disposal of waste

By Kurt Brownell
DPW Environmental Division

VICENZA — The United States Army Garrison Italy commander signed a recycling policy Aug. 20 that refers to Army and Italian regulations concerning proper disposal of recyclable and non-recyclable waste, and implements mandatory solid waste recycling to the maximum extent possible.

Garrison Commander Col. Erik M. Berdy approved the policy that further prohibits improper disposal of recyclable items into a dry waste container; and disposal of waste generated from outside USAG Italy (Darby and Vicenza military communities) into a waste container on any garrison installation.

Command emphasis is being placed on increasing our recycling rates, and this policy is being used as the kickoff for this campaign.

Many people may not know the VMC spends \$2.35 million per year for recycling/refuse collection. By comparison, natural gas costs \$2.15 million annually here. It costs roughly \$2,000 per roll-off for the disposal of non-recyclable (dry waste), while cost for recyclables is approximately \$70.

A 2016 Solid Waste Study showed that 67 percent by volume of Vicenza dry waste is recyclable. One can easily see how maximizing recycling rates can save



From left: Kurt Brownell, U.S. Army Garrison Italy solid waste/recycling compliance manager; Garrison Commander Col. Erik M. Berdy; and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Mason L. Bryant toss some cardboard into the container at the Eco Center on Caserma Ederle. On Aug. 20, Berdy signed an updated recycling policy for the Darby and Vicenza military communities. (Photo by Mark Turney, VMC Public Affairs Office)

USAG Italy a significant amount of money, money that can be better used for mission and community support.

So what is recyclable here in Italy? Practically everything. Items must be segregated into the following categories: umido (food waste) and clean (e.g. not contaminated with food) items including glass, plastic and cans, batteries, and paper. These are collected through USAG

Italy custodial contracts.

Larger items such as electronics can be taken to your municipality or the Caserma Ederle/Del Din eco centers.

At Darby, large items may be brought to the Solid Waste Accumulation Point; and batteries to containers located across from the post office and the Depot Coffee Bar.

Pharmaceutical waste is collected at

the Ederle Medical Clinic, or personnel can bring it to any pharmacy for proper disposal. Eco islands are also located throughout USAG Italy; there you can place separated waste into the proper containers.

Examples for dry waste (non-recyclables) are items such as: rubber, audio and video cassettes, CDs, dishes, cutlery, toys, pens, wax paper, laminated paper, nylon stockings, rags, diapers, sanitary napkins, cosmetics, vacuum cleaner dust, shoes, incandescent light bulbs, and ceramics/porcelain.

The Directorate of Public Works is currently working to procure recycling containers for VMC and DMC offices and barracks, and Villaggio housing. By purchasing these bins, the garrison is making an investment of approximately \$180,000 to better facilitate recycling efforts. The goal is begin distribution of these containers in late October.

Please join us in supporting this important Army sustainability initiative. This will ultimately support the mission, enhance well-being in the community, and protect the environment.

For more information, contact the USAG Italy solid waste/recycling compliance manager, Kurt Brownell, at DSN 637-8266, comm. 0444-61-8266, or kurt.a.brownell.civ@mail.mil.

For hazardous waste inquiries, please contact Wayne Hagwood, DSN 637-7442, comm. 0444-61-7442, or wayne.c.

Book club spends time discussing 'Mud'

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

VICENZA — Library book club members here got a special treat when they gathered Sept. 6 for their monthly meeting on Caserma Ederle.

The group had the opportunity to discuss their latest read, "The Best Mud in Italy," with its author, Myra Robinson.

Robinson, a self-proclaimed "Yorkshire lass" from northern England has, since 2009, split her time between her homeland and Italy, where she has fallen in love with the small town of Battaglia Terme in Padova.

September's book club choice came about when Caralyn Champa, public services librarian for U.S. Army Garrison Italy, found the book after reading Robinson's article about Catajo Castle in *Italy Magazine*.

"My mom and I started reading ('The Best Mud in Italy') on my Kindle," said Champa. "When it was time for her to go back home to Minnesota, she asked if she could take my Kindle so she could finish reading the book."

The librarian was not willing to let her reading device go back to the States, however, so she offered to contact the author to obtain a copy of the book so her mother could finish. After a pleasant exchange, Robinson sent an autographed copy of the book to Champa's mother at her home in Minnesota, and a friendship between the librarian and the writer was born.

The book is comprised of vignettes about experiences that unfolded as Robinson learned about Italian culture and ways of the Italian people.

Champa added that "Mud" includes "funny anecdotes, charming characters and lots of great tips for travel and exploration in the Veneto region." She thought the book could help Vicenza Library patrons learn more about the region; thus, the book became a club selection.

With such chapter titles as *Hot Water*



Writer Myra Robinson enjoys her visit with the Vicenza Library book club Sept. 6 on Caserma Ederle. Robinson spent the evening with about 20 members of the community to discuss her book, "The Best Mud in Italy."

and a Dozen Ways to Cook a Rabbit, Trattoria Tips, and The Grand Dame of Tuscany, "Mud" is an eclectic read that easily worms its way into the hearts of readers — especially those from countries other than Italy who have the experience of day-to-day living here.

Although she studied French and spent much time in France, the writer said she ended up Italy because she was looking for a change.

"I wanted to do something different," Robinson said. "So I decided to come to Italy. And I wanted to be in an area off the tourist track."

The small town in the volcanic Euganean Hills offered exactly what she was looking for. With an obsession for visiting spa towns, she ended up in Battaglia Terme, initially, because it was known for having "the best mud in Italy." Battaglia lies at the easternmost edge of the Hills and has been noted for saline springs and natural vapor grotto since the Middle Ages. (Robinson's experience with getting a doctor's prescription for a body treatment that included six buckets of hot mud is a chapter that readers won't want to miss.)

The town became her home away from home, and its people and her experiences living and traveling gave her plenty of material for what became a body of work that she describes as a "labor of love."

The writer's visit to Caserma Ederle was a successful one, as 18 club members (including two newly arrived spouses) were there to greet her.

"It was great fun," said Champa. "Myra has a charming British accent and sense of humor, and she was tickled by how closely we paid attention to her stories."

Book club members shared their thoughts about the book and asked Robinson questions about people and locations described in the various stories. No detail was left unexamined by the end of the evening.

Other writers who have participated in library events here are Daniel Wallace (Big Fish), who visited the book club and conducted a writer's workshop in 2009; and a Skype interview with Bernie Krause (The Great Animal Orchestra) in 2015.

Robinson's book is available online and at the post library.

Exchange offers protection plan, event for kids

ITALY EXCHANGE — Buying big-ticket items can be stressful enough for Soldiers, Airmen and their families without worrying about damage or wear and tear devaluing the purchase.

The Italy Exchange offers shoppers a way to protect important purchases from those risks and dangers with protection plans for electronics, jewelry, appliances, lawn and garden tools and more.

The Exchange Protection Plans secure major purchases from the most common threats, including accidental damage from handling; breakdowns due to heat, dust and humidity; and power surges. Plans can be purchased for varying length of years — up to lifetime coverage — for as little as two percent of the item price.

"The Exchange appreciates that Italy Exchange Soldiers, Airmen and their families choose to spend their hard-earned money with us," said Exchange General Manager Susana Sobrino. "We want to do all we can to help them protect their purchases so they get the most value for their money."

Shoppers can easily add an Exchange Protection Plan to eligible purchases by speaking with an associate when they checkout.

In other Exchange news, AAFES invites children to get in touch with their creative side at a play dough sculpt-event Sept. 15.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Vicenza Main Store and will feature a variety of playsets for children to build and sculpt. Children ages three and older are invited to join the fun.

"It's always a good time hosting kids' events at the Exchange," said General Manager Susana Sobrino. "It's about bringing the community together and giving the kids and their parents a chance to meet and play with new friends."

Stop, look, listen: Bus safety begins, ends at home

Safe student transportation is one of Department of Defense Education Activity-Europe East District's highest priorities.

The following highlights critical school transportation-related safety protocol and measures to keep students safe and prepared for the daily travel to and from their school.

(1) **LOOK** at and **KNOW** your children's route to and from the bus stop.

(2) **SHOW** children how to go safely to and from the bus stop. Use hands-on instruction. Cross streets only at designated crossings; do not cross the street between parked cars.

(3) **REVIEW** the five safety rules (below) with your children. Follow up and reinforce.

(4) **STRESS** good behavior on the bus – good behavior and safety go hand-in-hand. Students must present bus passes to the driver when boarding the bus.

(5) **REPORT** safety or security concerns to the school bus office.

Children, particularly in kindergarten through 2nd



Follow the rules, tips for bus safety to ensure a safe, school year. (File photo)

grade, need parental supervision to keep them safe. Please take them to and from the bus stop, and wait with them until they have safely boarded the bus. When they return from school, meet them on the same side of the street as the bus stop. Do not wait in a parked car or a

building; do not allow your child to come to you after getting off the school bus.

Important facts for parents to know:

- In Europe, traffic does not stop for loading and unloading school buses. Teach your children this life-saving rule: Never cross in front of or behind a loading or unloading school bus.

- Children are at the greatest risk for accidents and injuries going to and from the bus stop.

Five basic safety rules that prevent most accidents and injuries are as follows:

(1) Be on time. Walk, do not run to the bus stop.

(2) When waiting for the bus, take at least three large steps away from the curb.

(3) Take your seat on the bus and stay in it while the bus is moving. If there are seat belts, buckle up.

(4) When getting off the bus, take three large steps away from the curb and wait for the bus to depart before crossing the street.

(5) Never cross the street in front of or behind the bus.

(DoDEA-Europe East District Transportation)

Children in DMC, VMC ready to conquer new year



CAMP DARBY — Soldiers from 529th Military Police Company at Camp Darby, Spc. Cesar J. Ramos and Sgt. Kevin J. Escobar, welcome students back to school Aug. 27. (Photo by Elena Baladelli, 7th ATC-RTSD South)



VICENZA — Lt. Col. Laura Roman, U.S. Army Africa, her husband Ryan and daughters, 2nd-grader Giuliana and kindergartener Leila, look at the board for the information on the classrooms and teachers during the Sept. 5 Sneak Peek event at Vicenza Elementary School on Villaggio. (Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)



VICENZA — Vicenza Military Community parents and their children had a great time during the Sneak Peek at Vicenza Elementary School on Villaggio Aug. 24. They had the chance to visit classrooms and talk to teachers before the first day of school. Also, VES hosted an Open House for students and families Sept. 5. (Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)



CAMP DARBY — Kindergarteners head to school for an exciting first day Sept. 7. (Photo by Elena Baladelli, 7th ATC-RTSD South)

Girl Scouts organization seeks customer associate

VICENZA — The Girl Scouts organization here is hiring a Customer Care Associate.

The person in this position will serve as a first point of contact for inquiries via phone, email or in person. The incumbent is responsible for providing the highest level of customer service to all members/customers, both external and internal.

Primary duties of the position are as follows:

Supports functions of a multi-channel contact center

- Answers incoming calls/requests; engages in problem-solving and provides solutions; manages and responds appropriately to all inquiries including but not limited to email, phone and walk-in customers.

- Maintains a customer-centric environment in public areas of USAGSO facilities.

Provides high quality customer service

- Ensures and provides quality service to both internal and external customers.

- Answers inquiries by clarifying desired information, researching, locating and delivering findings.

- Maintains contact center database by entering information accurately and quickly.

- Enhances organization reputation by providing a positive customer experience for all those contacted, either in person or by phone.

- Manages processes that include, but are not limited to, office equipment management and office supply stocking.

Supports administrative functions

- Provides back-up administrative support across all departments as needed which may include the productions of written materials and reports (copying, assembling, etc.), filing, data entry, mail, front desk staffing, office supply stocking and business machine management.

- Customer responsiveness - seeks an acknowledges the views and ideas from customers; identifies, prioritizes, and

balances customer issues; takes time to answer questions and explain decisions; follows through on commitments to customers in a timely manner; maintains a commitment to continuous improvement.

- Active listening - ability to skillfully use a variety of questions and other active listening techniques to promote a robust discussion with members/customers and identify needs.

- Attention to detail.

- Oral and written communication abilities (i.e. in person, verbal, written, phone, and/or other electronic media); expresses ideas and facts in a clear and understandable manner appropriate to the individual or group; listens to and comprehends what others are saying; prepares organized and structured presentations; has demonstrated ability to work with a wide range of sensitive and confidential issues

and communicates with a diverse group of girls, volunteers and staff.

- Technical computer skills in Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, Outlook, and other Customer Relationship Management system and social networking.

This is a full-time position. Days and hours of work are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Occasional evening and weekend work may be required as job duties demand.

Preferred Education and Experience (i.e. certifications):

- 2-3 years of administrative and/or customer facing relevant work experience.

- Bachelor's Degree in Business, related experience, or equivalent.

Other unique responsibilities or conditions: Must have valid driver's license and military base ID card valid for Vicenza/Italy.

GSUSA is an equal employment opportunity employer.

For more information, and if you are interested in this position, please email cover letter and resume to cmor-gan@girlscouts.org.



CARE'ing community



CASERMA EDERLE — Teri Buckman (right), a member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Family Readiness Group, shares information with an interested passerby at the Community Awareness of Resources Expo (CARE) in the library parking lot Sept. 6. The expo ran from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and was an effort to share useful information and access to resources with community members. (Photo by Laura Kreider, VMC Public Affairs Office)

News briefs

Estate or indebtedness claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. Nathan A. Teregeyo in 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Brigade Combat Team, should contact the Summary Court-Martial Officer, 1st Lt. Joshua Allyn, at DSN 637-4572 or via e-mail: joshua.d.allyn.mil@mail.mil.

Reservations for 'Spontaneous Laughter'

Reservations are now being taken at Soldiers' Theatre on Caserma Ederle for a performance of short adult comedies called "Spontaneous Laughter." Performances will take place Sept. 21-30, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults; please note that this show is not suitable for children, as it contains adult language and situations. To reserve your seat today, email gerald.s.brees.naf@mail.mil. The show features a talented cast from your community: Karina Beretich, Marissa Blake, Amy Cates, Jeremy Cates, Jocelyn Coleman, Summer Curlee, Tatiana Rosado Dunbar, Casey Fletcher, Kristi Fletcher, Josh Galvin, Violet Knoll, Ronald Lessane, Mark McMillen, Latesha Miles, Alphonso Ortiz, Heather Rockel, Robin Sampson, Martin Sinlao, Sydney Timme, Ashley Whorley, Direck Whorley, Angela Wilson and Abby Zaehler.

Outlook to go digital

Beginning Oct. 1, the *Outlook* newspaper will go digital. Due to budget and manpower constraints, the printed version of the newspaper will be online only in a different format. Anyone with questions may contact the editor at karin.j.martinez.civ@mail.mil.

Montessori education

The MOMS Club of Vicenza would like to provide Montessori education for parents by offering a three-part program that serves as an introduction to Montessori.

Sessions will take place the first Tuesday of each month at Building 300A, next to the Mensa on Caserma Ederle. The first one took place in September, and there will be one each in October and November. Session duration will be 30-45 minutes. Children will have free play and craft time in the adjoining room.

Montessori education is a world-

renowned system that was developed in Italy by the Italian physician and educator, Maria Montessori. Her methods focus on self-directed activities, hands-on learning and collaborative play.

For more information, please email momsclubofvicenza@gmail.com.

Auditions for annual holiday show

If you've been wanting to get involved at Soldiers' Theatre, meet people, celebrate the season and have a lot of fun, audition Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m., for "Comin' Up Christmas Time," a holiday musical variety show, consisting of novelty songs, contemporary and traditional holiday music with lots of staging and movement. The director is looking for a LARGE CAST of community performers who would like to share the joy of the holidays in a musical format. No experience is necessary, and auditions are open to performers 8 years old and older. Anyone interested in auditioning should bring a prepared holiday song to sing. A pianist will be available or you may sing a capella. The show will be presented Nov. 30 through Dec. 9 on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday matinees.

Learn about being a warrant officer

The South of the Alps Warrant Officer Association offers "Coffee with a Warrant Officer" the last Thursday of each month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Caserma Ederle Post Exchange food court next to the Subway restaurant. The opportunity is open to those interested in becoming a warrant officer or who would like to know more about an Army career as a Warrant Officer. No registration required; just stop by.

College fair

Represent your alma mater. Sign up as a volunteer representative for the 2018 Vicenza College Fair that will take place Oct. 17, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Vicenza High School gym.

The College Fair will be a great opportunity for middle and high school students in the community to explore options for higher education. Interested volunteers should contact Stacey Johnson, stacey.m.johnson45.naf@mail.mil, or 0444-71-7659.

The Teen Center will provide willing participants with a memo to contact their college or university; they will then serve

MEASLES

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Measles can be a very serious, even fatal, illness and is especially severe in babies and elderly persons, according to Coldren. Adults and children not vaccinated for measles could be at risk for contracting the illness due to the outbreak.

Two groups of people in the American military community are particularly vulnerable to measles infection:

1. Family members who were not subject to the U.S. immunization schedule as children (for example, foreign-born spouses). To help protect your family when traveling around Europe, PHC recommends that personnel review their vaccination records to ensure everyone is fully vaccinated against measles.

2. Children younger than one year old traveling to high risk areas. Children under one are too young to receive the first regularly scheduled measles vaccine.

This is a concern if they are travelling to an area affected by a measles outbreak. In such cases, U.S. authorities allow for

early administration of the measles vaccine to provide protection until the regular measles series can be started at 12 months of age. This early dose can be given as early as six months. However, the early dose is additional and does not replace the first shot in the normal immunization schedule.

"Measles has been largely eliminated in the United States, with the exception of small, localized outbreaks, so the MMR vaccine isn't normally administered until 12 months of age," said Coldren.

"However, this leaves infants 6-12 months old at risk in areas where the virus is present, because the immunity that was passed on to them from their mothers is generally not effective beyond six months."

For more information on protecting your infant with an early dose measles vaccine, or assistance reviewing family members' immunization status, contact your Primary Care team.

Looking for information and resources?

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



For love of the game Civilian employee umpires in championship Italian 'Super Bowl' game

By Karin J. Martinez
VMC Italy Public Affairs Office

VICENZA — For 20 years, Mark Turney has moonlighted as an official for sporting events, namely softball, soccer and football. No matter where his career took him, he sought out the local association and signed on.

On July 7, he participated in what has become one of the highlights of that side gig: he was the only American this year to officiate at the “Italian Super Bowl,” in the Division 3 championship game for the *Federazione Italiana di American Football* (FIDAF; in English, the Italian Federation of American Football).

Turney, a Department of the Army civilian who serves as a public affairs specialist and webmaster for United States Army Garrison Italy, said he was especially honored because he was the only American to officiate in the Super Bowl and the league this year, and the only person ever to be a Division 1 White Hat as a first-year official in FIDAF.

“I won’t deny that I was scared to death in those Division 1 games,” Turney said, laughing. “It was an amazing honor. This was 1st Division football and a really big deal here in Italy. Every move we made was going to be televised.”

But years of training and experience had prepared him for it. Turney began officiating unit- and high school-level football in Heidelberg, Germany, in 1988. From there, he moved stateside and joined the football association in whatever town he moved to, including locations in Virginia, New York, Nevada and Georgia. He learned to call NCAA rules and NFL rules, and participated in a variety of training experiences. Such training var-



Mark Turney, a civilian employee who works in Vicenza for U.S. Army Garrison Italy, intently watches his zone during a recent football match held in Verona. The umpire monitors the legality of all plays on the line of scrimmage with a special emphasis on offensive holding and illegal linemen down field. (Courtesy photo)

ies from weekly meetings and clinics, to group talks and annual certification exams. He also spends a lot of time studying rules and preparing for games on his own.

“We (referees/umpires) can never take for granted that we know a rule,” said the Milwaukee, Wisconsin native. “I am always studying, preparing, sharing rules. We have to make split-second decisions on the field, and we have to know the rules cold. I never want to be the reason a team is the victor or the loser.”

That being said, the responsibility of the White Hat is significant. The person who holds that position on the field is legally

responsible for the game, from one hour before and until everyone steps off the field at the end. The responsibility also includes communication with the team of referees before the game, making sure uniforms are correct, assigning positions and more.

Although he has served as White Hat in other places, Turney, who has been living and working in Italy since October 2016, had to work his way up to the position here. It all started by getting in touch with FIDAF through contacts in Germany, and the rest fell into place. Beginning in September 2017, he hit the field as part of a team of referees. He was shuffled around to various locations in Italy, such as Bolzano, Vicenza, Torino and Verona.

“Those games were my proving ground, so to speak,” said Turney. “The association started getting comfortable with

what I brought to the field, and I started going farther and farther out of the area.”

Soon he found himself at games in Bologna, Parma and Trieste, and the levels increased from Division 3 to Division 1. And although he doesn’t speak Italian, it doesn’t prove to be a problem.

“I have not had a game yet where my lack of Italian has been a significant issue. The rules are largely understood,” Turney said. “There are often players who don’t speak English, but there is usually someone who can cross the gap so we can get our point across. We figure it out however we can.”

For the American who loves football, figuring it out is the only solution and why he spends so much of his spare time on the field.

“I love football,” Turney said. “It’s as simple as that. I grew up in a football town, played football as a kid, played in college. I love the game, and I love giving the game to people.”

“When your crew is clicking and the game is firing on all cylinders, it is the most fun you can have in sports. It’s an exciting time when it all works, and when it doesn’t, well, your mistakes are out there for the world to see. You need to own it and move on. Every time you blow a whistle or throw a flag, half of the people there love you and the other half hates you. It teaches you a lot.”

Turney encourages anyone who is interested in becoming involved with the FIDAF to reach out to him if they need assistance in getting in touch with the right contacts. He also recommends studying NCAA rules and going in with a good attitude.

As for his side gig, he plans to participate for as long as he can deliver a quality game.

“When I can’t do it anymore, I’ll hang up the spikes,” he said. But for now — and at least until next season — he’ll ride the high of his experience at the Super Bowl in Italy.

Engineer battalion teams bring heat at tourney

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Two unit softball teams represented Vicenza as part of the Installation Management Command-Europe Commander’s Cup program: 173rd Brigade Engineer Battalion and 54th BEB. The three-day softball tournament ran from Aug. 10 through Aug. 12, and wrapped up the 2018 softball season for all Army garrisons throughout Europe.

The 54th won the tournament, not losing a single game. Their coach could not have been more proud. “We saw some outstanding ball clubs up there, but the team fought and competed every inning, every out, and every pitch. Like the ‘Sky Soldiers’ they are, the team fought and won. I couldn’t be more proud of them,” said Coach Nate Guajardo. (Courtesy photos)





VHS Cougars battle Rota Admirals in first game of season

CASERMA EDERLE — Vicenza High School Cougars battled it out with the Rota (Spain) Admirals in the season's debut Sept. 8 at the Ederle Track & Field, but lost the game 39-6. Above and inset: Zach Cohen, #20, runs the ball in the first quarter of the Department of Defense Education Activity-Europe Division II game. Vicenza heads to Naples today and will have a bye week Sept. 22. (Photos by Karin J. Martinez, VMC Public Affairs Office)



The Cougars cheerleaders get the crowd cheering for their Vicenza High School team during the second quarter of the Sept. 8 game.



A Cougars player takes down a player from Rota during the first game of the season on Caserma Ederle.



Cougars player Massimo Lauer, #15, gained some ground before a Rota player takes hold of him during the first game of the DoDEA-Europe Division II season.



Members of the VHS band keep the crowd enthusiastic and the players motivated as they played throughout the game.



Pumpkin Festival, Montegaldella

VENETO & NEARBY

Birritalia Festival /Beer Festival

Sept. 14-16, Castelfranco Veneto Beer Festival dedicated to some 40 Italian breweries with more than 200 different beers in an area of approximately 5,000 square meters. Big food stand and live music. Friday from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m.-midnight. Free entrance.

Festa dei Saperi e delle Tradizioni Flavors and Traditions Fest

Sept. 14-16, Terrassa Padovana (Padova), Via Roma, about 40 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m. Trade fair of local products, handicraft market and antiques with more than 100 exhibitors. Highlights of the event include: Sept. 16 at 10 a.m., historical military parade of the 16th *Reggimento Treviso 1797-Republic of San Marco* with flag-hoisting ceremony and military exercises; 4:30 p.m., archery event with *Arcieri Sagittario del Veneto*, archery association and open skills test to participants; 5 p.m., military reenactment of 16th *Reggimento Treviso 1797-Republic of San Marco*. Photography exhibit and inflatable play area for children. Food booths open at 6:30 p.m.

Festa del Riso/Rice Festival

Sept. 14-19, Grumolo delle Abbadesse, about nine miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local rice dishes and other specialties open at 7:30 p.m. Local product exhibit and sale; free entrance. Live music and entertainment every night starting at 8:30 p.m.

Ferrara Balloon Festival

Through Sept. 16, Ferrara, Bassani Park, Via Riccardo Bacchelli, about 70 miles south of Vicenza. Admission fee: Saturday & Sunday €5 (free for children younger than 12); free entrance Monday-Friday. Free parking and shuttle service from the main parking lot downtown Ferrara.

Tocati Festival

International Festival of Street Games

Through Sept. 16, Verona, about 42 miles southwest of Vicenza. Created in 2003, the International Festival of Street Games: Tocati ("it's your turn" in Veronese dialect) is a unique festival, its aim to revive and teach old traditional street games. The historic center of Verona is turned into a playground. The city center will be filled with game stations, and traditional music and dances. Local food on San Giorgio waterfront: Friday, 6-10:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to take part in the games; rules will be explained by festival staff members.

Mostra di aeropittura progetto artistico 'I cavalieri del cielo' Aviation painting exhibition

Sept. 16 and Sept. 29-30. Artistic project called "The knights of the sky" organized by the Arma Aeronautica, military aviation association of Vicenza. There will be two events: first, the exhibit will be located at the *Loggia del Capitaniato* in Piazza dei Signori in downtown

Vicenza with an opening ceremony Sept. 16 at 11 a.m., and the second one will be at Villa Caldogno, Caldogno Sept. 29-30. Free entrance. **Vicenza:** exhibit open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-7 p.m.; **Caldogno:** exhibit open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-10:30 p.m.

Milano Film Festival/Milan Film Festival

Sept. 29-Oct. 7, 23rd edition of the Milano Film Festival, also known as MFF, takes place at ANTEO Palazzo del Cinema, Piccolo Teatro Studio Melato, and BASE Milano, Milan. This year's artistic director is Oscar-winning director Gabriele Salvatores. MFF strives to promote independent films and support emerging filmmakers. Created originally as a competition of local short films, over the years MFF has become an international film festival. Competing films and the program will be revealed this month. Find more information at www.milanofilmfestival.it/en/programme.

Van Gogh Multimedia Experience

Through Sept. 30, Mondays-Thursdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Venice, Palazzo Giustinian Faccanon, Dorsoduro; this exhibit examines Van Gogh's life and works, with video visions of many of his paintings and drawing, completed with info in Italian and English. Entrance fee: €15; reduced €12 (children younger than 18, senior citizens over 65); free for children younger than 7 years old.

Egitto. Dei, faraoni e Uomini Egypt. Gods, Pharaohs and Men

Through Sept. 30, open daily, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., last admission 9 p.m. Jesolo, Via Aquileia 123. This exhibit offer a great display of Egyptian artifacts coming from the most important collections of Italian and foreign museums. Visitors not only have a chance to see, know, and analyze the Egyptian world, they can also feel it, thanks to many interactive supports. Entrance fee: €16; reduced: €12 (senior citizens older than 65; students and people with disabilities); €8 (children aged 6-12); free for children younger than 6. Tickets include audio guide.

Fiera del Riso/Rice Fair

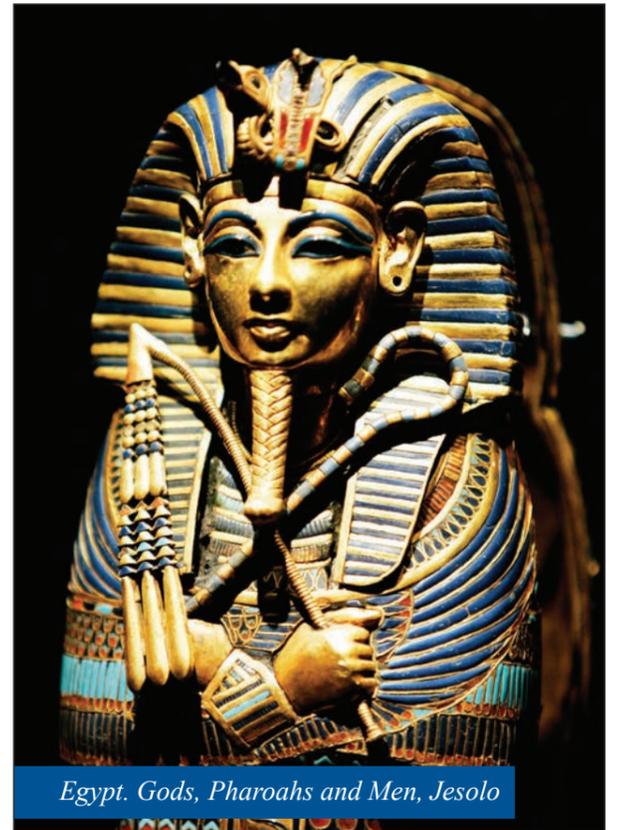
Through Oct. 7, Isola della Scala (Verona), about 42 miles southwest of Vicenza. Open Mondays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.-midnight; Saturdays 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-midnight. This is the largest Italian event dedicated to rice and risotto; it will host chefs from many Italian regions who will cook their specialties during the fair. Exhibits, sporting events, shows, live music and gastronomic competitions. Free entrance.

Festa del Baccalà alla Vicentina Dried Cod Fish Festival

Oct. 5-8, Montegaldella, Piazza Marconi, about 12 miles southwest of Vicenza. Food stand featuring Vicentine cod fish with polenta and many other traditional specialties; open at 6:30 p.m. Live music and dancing.

Sagra dell'Arna/Duck Festival

Oct. 4-9, Torri di Quartesolo, about four miles southeast of Vicenza. Food booths featuring bigoli in duck sauce and the traditional duck stuffed roll open



Egypt. Gods, Pharaohs and Men, Jesolo



Silent Film Festival, Pordenone

at 7 p.m. **Oct. 5** at 5 p.m. opening ceremony of the exhibit "World War I". Photography and mycological exhibits; live music and dancing starts nightly at 9 p.m.; Carnival rides, covered dance floor and parking.

Pordenone Silent Film Festival

Oct. 6-13, Verdi Theater, Pordenone, about 85 miles northeast from Vicenza. Verdi Theater in Pordenone hosts the 37th edition of *Le Giornate del Cinema Muto* - Pordenone Silent Film Festival, one of the most important film festivals in the world dedicated to silent film, and considered by Variety Magazine to be one of the top 50 unmissable film festivals in the world. Day and evening tickets are €10. Exceptions: opening, closing nights and special events, €20. A Day Ticket is valid on the day of issue only, for all films screened from the morning until the last show of the afternoon session; the Evening Ticket is valid for all films screened from 8:30 p.m. onwards. On sale only at the Giornate Box Office at the Teatro Verdi.

The Giornate Box Office opens Oct. 6 at 2 p.m.; during the festival, it will remain open daily 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-10:30 p.m.

Online tickets will be available starting in late September (online bookings incur a €3 surcharge per ticket), www.giornatedelcinemamuto.it/en. Silent films are presented with live musical accompaniment; intertitles are translated into Italian and/or English with electronic subtitles.

Parco Giardino Sigurtà/Park and Garden

Through Nov. 11, open every day, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., last admission 6 p.m.; October and November 9 a.m.-6 p.m., last admission 5 p.m. Valeggio sul Mincio (Verona), Via Cavour 1. By car, the park can be reached taking Autostrada A4, Peschiera del Garda exit. The park offers the opportunity to capture the magic of each season with photos. Voted the most beautiful park of Italy in 2013, and in 2015, it was awarded second place in Europe's Most Beautiful Parks. During autumn, the park is dominated by foliage: hundreds of Japanese maples *lagerstroemias*, *liquidambar*s and the green of the lawns. A parking area is located near the entrance; visitors may walk, use the electric shuttle or tour by bike. Entrance fee: €12.50; reduced €6.50 for children 5-14, €10 senior citizens over 65; free for children younger than 4 years old.

TUSCANY

Visitando la Torre/Tower Tour

Every Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Proloco Scarperia (Florence), Palazzo dei Vicari. Every Sunday, it is possible to request a special ticket to climb the ancient tower of the castle. The fee is €6 for adults and €3 for children. The visit will take place with a minimum of four participants and maximum of 12. Includes visit to the archives and a walk on the merlons. Takes place only in good weather conditions. For information and reservations, contact 055-846-8165, or email informazioni@prolocoscarperia.it.

Assedio alla Villa – Rievocazione storica Siege at the Villa – Historical reenactment

Sept. 14-16, 5-11 p.m., Poggio Caiano (Prato); Piazza dei Medici, Via Cancellieri, and Via Caiani. This event commemorates the visit of Princess Joan of Austria on her way to marry Grand Duke Francesco de' Medici in 1565. Renaissance-style market, musicians, shows with falconers, flag-throwers, magicians, fire-eaters and jugglers. Free wine tasting; food booths feature typical Renaissance dishes and other local specialties.

Rievocazione Storica Historical reenactment

Sept. 15-16, Montopoli Val D'Arno (Pisa), Piazza Catruccio Castracani. Ancient medieval market, flag-throwers, storytellers, swords duels. Food stands feature local and medieval specialties. Archers come from all over Italy to perform spectacular precision shots.

I Giorni di Bacco/Bacchus Days

Sept. 21-23 and Sept. 28-30, starting at 7 p.m. (4 p.m. start Sept. 23 and Sept. 30), Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo), Piazza Matteotti. Food booths feature local specialties and wines; entertainment, live music, and games for children.

Sagra della Bistecca e del Fungo Porcino Steak and Porcino Mushroom Festival

Sept. 20-23, Sept. 28-30, Oct. 5-7 and Oct. 12-14, Certaldo (Florence), Viale Matteotti 201. Food booths featuring many local specialties open for dinner and, on Sundays, also for lunch starting at 12:30 p.m.

Corri la Vita/Run for Life

Sept. 30, Florence. Join a 6.2 km or 11 km run through the beautiful city of Florence. *Corri la Vita* is an annual event created to foster awareness and to contribute to the public health system of Florence with treatment and research of breast cancer. Register from now to Sept. 27 for €10 per person at corrilavita.it. Arrive early to the entrance gates in Piazza Vittorio Veneto for warming and be ready at 9:30 a.m. for your run/walk. The award ceremony will take place at noon on stage in the piazza. The event will take place all day; enjoy the fitness area, street food and cultural destinations. Entrance fee includes bib number and t-shirt donated by Salvatore Ferragamo.

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 are 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.



Corri la Vita, Florence

Historical reenactment, Montopoli Val D'Arno



Steak & Porcino Mushroom Festival, Certaldo

CONCERTS/SPORTS

Europe – Oct. 2 Bologna
Amadou and Mariam – Oct. 6 Torino
U2 – Oct. 11-12; Oct. 15-16 Assago (Milan)
America – Oct. 13 Rome; 12; Oct. 14 Bologna;
Oct. 15 Milan (Teatro Dal Verme)
David Garrett and his band – Oct. 17 Rome; Oct.
19 Florence; Oct. 20 Assago (Milan)
Ben Harper – Oct. 26 Padova (Gran Teatro Geox)
The Musical Box – Oct. 28 Rome; Oct. 30 Florence;
Oct. 31 Milan; Nov. 1 Padova
Brit Floyd – Nov. 6 Florence; Nov. 7 Milan; Nov.
10 Padova
Maneskin – Nov. 14
Liam Gallagher – Nov. 15 Conegliano; Nov. 16
Rome
Dire Straits Legacy – Nov. 20 Assago (Milan);
Nov. 21 Padova; Nov. 23 Brescia; Nov. 24 Florence
Bryan Adams – Nov. 23 Padova (Gran Teatro
Geox); Nov. 24 Montichiari PalaGeorge (Brescia)
Bunbury – Dec. 2 Milan
Elton John – May 29-30, 2019, Verona

ITALIAN ARTISTS

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
Angelo Branduardi – Nov. 10 Florence
Mario Biondi – Dec. 13 Florence; Dec. 19 Padova

SPORTING EVENTS

ACI CSAI Racing Weekend – Oct. 27-28
Scarperia (Florence)

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

VENETO MARKETS

Cittadella (Padova): downtown (80 vendors)

Dolo (Venice): Piazza Cantiere (80 vendors)

Este (Padova): Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti,
about 28 miles south of Vicenza (50 vendors)

Godega di Sant'Urbano (Treviso): Via Roma
(230 vendors)

Mirano: Piazza Martiri (70 vendors)

Montagnana (Padova): downtown, about 27 miles
south of Vicenza (80 vendors)

Padova: Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of
Vicenza (160 vendors)

Soave (Verona): Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23
miles west of Vicenza (120 vendors)

**All of these markets take place Sept. 16.*

TUSCANY MARKETS

Anghiari (Arezzo): downtown (45 vendors)

Certaldo (Florence): Piazza Boccaccio, via Cavour
(70 vendors)

Dicomano (Florence): downtown (50 vendors)

Empoli (Florence): Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Piazza
Guido Guerra (80 vendors)

Florence: Giardini Fortezza (120 vendors)

Lucca: Piazza Antelminelli (230 vendors)

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): Via XXIV Maggio
(60 vendors)

Montelupo Fiorentino (Florence): downtown
(120 vendors)

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For more events and activities,
visit the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Pinterest page,
www.pinterest.com/usagitaly.



ENTERTAINMENT & TRIPS

Music Café

Sept. 14, 7:30-11 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre, Caserma Ederle
Music Café nights are casual improv jam nights for music lovers by music lovers. Great music and amazing community talent await. Entry is free and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Fall Flea Market

Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Library parking lot, Caserma Ederle
Get out of the house and search the sales at the annual flea market. Vicenza Military Community families have cleaned out and are looking to move their wares.

Sunday Night Football

Sept. 16, 23 & 30, 7-10 p.m.

Warrior Zone, Caserma Del Din
Head to the Warrior Zone on Sunday nights and root for your favorite team. Kick back in the lounge area while enjoying hot food and cool drinks. Takes place every Sunday until the Super Bowl (Feb. 3, 2019). Watch your favorite teams go the distance on the big screens.

Bowling

Check the FMWR calendar
The Arena, Caserma Ederle

Bowl at the Arena. There is daytime bowling, Two for Two Tuesday, Sunday bowling specials, hourly and evening bowling, and family movie nights. Stop by the Arena for more information, or go online at <https://italy.armymwr.com/calendar> to get dates, times and cost.

Oktoberfest Express

Sept. 22 or Sept. 29, 3 a.m., \$125
Family Bus, ODR, Caserma Ederle
Party Bus, Del Din Shoppette

Oktoberfest is a 16-day festival held in Munich that lasts from late September to the first week of October. More than 5 million people attend the festival every year, consuming over 7 million liters of beer on average. Traditional Bavarian foods — including *Würstl* (sausage), *Brezel* (pretzel), *Käsespätzle* (cheese noodles) and sauerkraut — are also an important part of the celebration. Must bring passport.

Darby Youth Trip: Gardaland

Sept. 22, 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

\$16 and €41 entry fee

*Sign up by Sept. 14

Youth Center, Camp Darby

Youth are invited to join Child & Youth Services as they spend the day in Gardaland. Bring money for dinner. Cost includes transportation, supervision and lunch and snack.

Caving the Buso della Rana

Sept. 22, \$85

10:30 a.m. **Del Din Shoppette**

11 a.m., **ODR, Caserma Ederle**

Head underground to explore the dark tunnels of the Veneto's largest cave system, the *Buso della Rana*, with more than 34 kilometers of explored tunnels. This trip is for persons age 16 years old and older only. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

Adriatic Sea Fishing

Sept. 29, \$85

ODR, Caserma Ederle



Colosseum, Rome (Photo by Karin J. Martinez)

See what it's like to fish on a charter fishing boat. The boat will anchor off of a known fishing area and stay stationary for several hours while we fish for 3-6 pound mackerel. The trick for this type of fishing is to set your hook at the proper depth and be ready for when you feel a strike. ODR promises a fun day with fresh air on the sea, but cannot guarantee that you will catch fish. This type of fishing requires patience and attention to detail. Ages 16 years and older recommended. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

Fall Bazaar

Sept. 28, 4-8 p.m.; Sept. 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Golden Lion, Caserma Ederle

It's that time of year again. At this community favorite, vendors from different parts of Europe will be at Caserma Ederle to sell their products. Whether looking for a unique purchase or that perfect gift, you are sure to find it at the bazaar. Shopping opportunities include wine, cheese, chocolate, olive oil, furniture, ceramics, art and jewelry.

Mount Pasubio 52 Tunnels Hike

Oct. 6, 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$50

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Join Outdoor Recreation to hike the road called 52 *Gallerie* (tunnels). The route is more than 10 miles long, with many scenic views to enjoy along the way. We will stop for lunch at a mountain *rifugio*. Built in 1917, the road was used to provide lateral lines of communications and supplies to the Italian V Corps in the Pasubio area. The *Gallerie* were needed to quickly move troops and equipment along a line out of sight and artillery fire of Austrian and Hungarian enemy forces.

Paragliding

Oct. 13, \$140

7:30 a.m., **ODR, Caserma Ederle**

8 a.m., **Del Din Shoppette**

Experience the unique thrill of soaring through the air, catching thermals, with your feet dangling during a tandem paraglide jump. Paragliding is a seated parachute activity, and each participant will be paired with an instructor. The amount of time spent in the air while paragliding can vary based on the temperature and weather conditions. Expect the time from takeoff to landing to be about 15-25 minutes.

Paintball

Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$65

ODR, Caserma Ederle

Get the adrenaline pumping and eliminate your opponents with this fast-paced and extreme sport. Join Outdoor Recreation as they visit a favorite local field to play Speedball, a variation of paintball where the playing field is composed of a maze of bunkers that is mirrored on both sides. Use your own gear or borrow from Outdoor Recreation.

Darby Trip: Rome Express

Oct. 27, 5 a.m.-11 p.m., \$75

*Register by Oct. 19

Pay at snack bar, Bldg. 305

Camp Darby

Enjoy this day trip to the beauty and history of Rome. Participants will enjoy ample free time to walk the streets, view the sights, and take in the attractions of this ancient city. Minimum of 25 participants required for this trip to take place.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Interviewing Skills

Sept. 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Learn effective strategies so that you will be prepared to make a great first impression, answer questions effectively and land your next position. This class takes place every third Tuesday of the month. Sign up no later than two days before the class. Call DSN 634-6884/7500, comm. 0444-71-6884/7500, for more information.

Spouse Sponsorship Training

Sept. 18, 1-2 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Learn how to be a successful sponsor at this training. Participants will learn about available resources and the sponsorship process. This is a fun and friendly open forum that allows for discussion, comments and questions. Help make someone's transition to Italy better. Sign up today.

Volunteer Organization

Point of Contact Training

Sept. 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

Need to track volunteer hours for your organization? Register to be an Organizational Point of Contact (OPOC). Training will highlight use of the VMIS system; managing volunteer opportunities; and certifying volunteer hours. Training takes place the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Creative Journaling

Sept. 18, 1:30-3 p.m., \$8

Arts & Crafts Center

Caserma Ederle

Develop a deeper connection with your creative self through journaling. Let loose and explore with colors, shapes, lines, and your words all at once. Price includes materials and mixed media journals.

English as a 2nd Language

Sept. 19 & 26, 2-4 p.m.

Sept. 21 & 28, 9 a.m.-noon

ACS, Bldg. 108, Caserma Ederle

English as a Second Language introduces clients to the fundamentals of the English language. Participants can enjoy learning and speaking basic English together.

Del Din Resiliency Through Art

Sept. 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Library, Caserma Del Din

Head into the Del Din Library to enjoy this program that focuses on the process of personal expression through art in a small group setting. Participants will find art naturally therapeutic in this facilitated program. No prior art experience is needed or required.

Beginning Photography:

Camera Settings

Four-week class that takes place

Sept. 19 & 26, Oct. 3 & 10

6:30-7:30 p.m., \$45

Arts & Crafts Center, Caserma Ederle

If you are brand new to photography or have been stuck in "Auto" mode this whole time, then this beginner's photography workshop is for you!

This is much more than an introduction or crash course to your digital camera, this class takes an in-depth look at all of those confusing modes and dials, and shows you how to use them.

Bringing Baby Home

Sept. 20, 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. Registration encouraged. Call ACS to register, DSN 634-7567/6020, or comm. 0444-71-7567/6020.

FITNESS & SPORTS

Group Fitness Class Schedule

Fitness centers

\$5 per class/\$35 for 10 classes

The Ederle and Del Din fitness centers have plenty of great classes to help everyone get in shape. Open to all skill levels. Classes include Zumba, cycling, taekwondo, yoga, power pump and many more. Self-defense classes are \$12 per class/\$70 for monthly pass.

Darby PiYo Live

Sept. 18 & 25, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sept. 21 & 28, 7:15-8:15 a.m.

and 11-noon, \$5/10 for \$35

Fitness Center, Camp Darby

PiYO Live is an intense, low impact cardio workout. A unique total-body conditioning workout that combines the muscle-sculpting, core-firming benefits of pilates with the strength and flexibility training of flowing yoga movements, all in one class. A fat burning, low-impact workout.