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# THE GRAPE VINE

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LET'S LEARN!

## PLAYFUL LEARNING

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## CHECKMATE, WYVERNS

Watch an Italian Human Chess Game—more info on pages 35-36

## SELL YOUR STUFF

At the End of Summer Flea Market —see page 18 for details

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Let's learn, Wyverns! Look out for our pop-up facts in this month's issue!



The History Office &  
Comando Aeroporto di Aviano invite you to the:



## THE MONTHLY OPEN HOUSE OF THE ITALIAN AIRFORCE MUSEUM

*Experience the extensive history of  
Aviano Air Base and the Italian Air Force!*

Thursday, September 29th | 10:30AM - 12PM | Location: The ITAF Club  
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### Other Upcoming Open House Dates:

Thursday, October 27th

Thursday, November 17th

Thursday, December 15th

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



DUANE SCHAUL, MAIL ASSISTANT

Mr. Duane Schaul works in the Official Mail Center, where he goes above and beyond on a daily basis to serve 58 units across the base. He expertly ensures all mail being used for government business is handled properly, in compliance with all DoD & USAF regulations. His years of postal service have allowed him to truly enhance mission effectiveness and improve processes in both the OMC and Main Post Office. He also continuously mentors Airmen across the Wing, consistently demonstrating a work ethic that is second to none. Mr. Schaul was key to process improvements & preparations which earned the OMC its "Outstanding" rating for the recent Postal Operations Inspection. Thank you, Mr. Schaul!

## TEAM OF THE MONTH



OFFICIAL MAIL CENTER

The Aviano Official Mail Center ensures official government mail is processed in a timely manner and in accordance with all DoD, USAF and USPS regulations. They serve 58 diverse units and 118 unit mail clerks, and are responsible for \$25K worth of postage. The team is skilled at keeping costs down while providing excellent service to its many customers. Last month, they skillfully handled over \$15K worth of evidence, merchandise and government property, ensuring zero loss of accountability for the USPS' most secure postal service. The OMC processed more than \$150K worth of unit purchases that were received amid FY22 end-of-year, and received an "Outstanding" rating for the 2022 Postal Operations Inspection. Great work, team!

# WYVERN OF THE MONTH



WILL COLLIER

## Wyvern Nation, check out September's Wyvern of the Month!

### Give it up for Will Collier!

Will was nominated by MSgt Dominique Brigman. MSgt Brigman had this to say about Will. "I would like to nominate Will Collier more affectionately known as "Mister Will" by all of the children at the Area F CDC. Mr. Will leveraged both his love for the children and his graduate school education and benchmarked a new classroom for children who are entering Kindergarten this year. This class incorporates more hands-on learning objectives and helps them to be better prepared for school. There is not a day that goes by that he doesn't greet us with a smile, genuine enthusiasm, and tells us something new that our son has learned. Mr. Will is an awesome teacher, who often uses his own resources to ensure the children are always engaged and comprehending the lesson plan. Ask any parent who crosses his path and they will tell you he is more than deserving of this recognition!"

**For October's Wyvern of the Month:** For October's Wyvern of the Month we want you to nominate the Spookiest Wyvern you know!

This can be someone that does an amazing job decorating/celebrating the spooky season.

Email us at [31fss.marketing@gmail.com](mailto:31fss.marketing@gmail.com) to nominate a Wyvern, including a photo and a short description pertaining to the monthly prompt. The Wyvern of the Month will be featured in our monthly Grapevine magazine.

**Submissions are due September 15th by 4PM.**

## SPONSOR OF THE MONTH



MSGT CHARLES WETZEL, 31 MXG

MSgt Charles Wetzel embodied everything a good sponsor should be when welcoming his newest teammate. He reached out early on, provided a welcome letter, info package and details on utilizing the First 31. He was available by phone or email for any questions the incoming member had, met him upon arrival, and ensured he was set up for success. The incoming member indicated it was the best sponsor welcome he has ever received in his career! Thank you, MSgt Wetzel, for being a shining example of a great sponsor!





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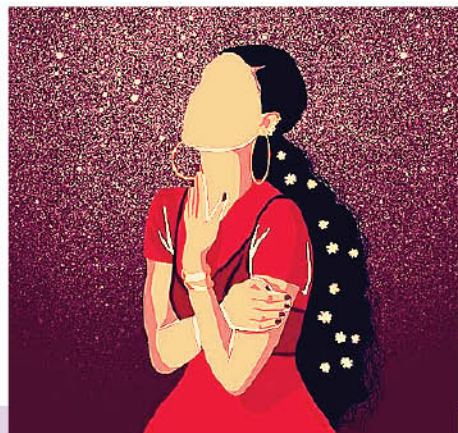
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MORE ABOUT OUR  
AVIANO LOCATION



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# EDUCATION CENTER

The Education Center's Customer Service section will be open from 8AM-1PM, Mon-Fri, throughout the summer. Note that testing, training and university hours will remain 7:30AM-4:30PM

⇒ **INITIAL TA BRIEFINGS:** Covers everything you need to know to get your education started using Military Tuition Assistance. Mandatory for Airmen that have never used TA. In person briefings every Wednesday at 9AM at the Education Center (Building 147, Area 1). First come, first served!

⇒ **COMMISSIONING TOWN HALL (VIRTUAL):**  
<https://www.31fss.com/force-support/education-center>

⇒ **THE DOD SKILLBRIDGE PROGRAM** is an opportunity for members to gain valuable civilian work experience through specific industry training, apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days of service. For more information, visit [dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov](https://dodskillbridge.usalearning.gov) and email us at: [31fss.fsde.edcenterstaff@us.af.mil](mailto:31fss.fsde.edcenterstaff@us.af.mil)



Albert Einstein was born in Germany; but lived in Italy, Switzerland, and Czechia until he moved to the U.S. in 1933.



⇒ **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GI BILL:** VA Representative, Michael Leahy  
[michael.leahy@serco-na.com](mailto:michael.leahy@serco-na.com) | 39-0444-714843 / 314-646-4843

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## WYVERN WELCOME

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

@ MASS BRIEFING FACILITY

SEPTEMBER 7TH & 8TH, 14TH & 15TH,

21ST & 22ND, 28TH & 29TH 7:30AM - 4:30PM

Held at the Mass Briefing Facility, this 2- day workshop introduces newly-arrived members to Aviano. Mandatory attendance for Active Duty and GS civilians, spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Bring extra copies of your PCS orders, a copy of the front & back of your CAC and a copy of the photo page of spouse's no-fee passport & Italian Visa to apply for the Codice Fiscale.

## PLAN MY MOVE

SEPTEMBER 6TH & 20TH 8-10AM

For those PCSing, separating or retiring, attend ideally 4-months prior to your DEROS month. Learn about out-processing requirements from base agencies (TMO, vehicle shipment, clearing housing, mail forwarding, etc.) Spouses encouraged to attend.

## DITCH THE DORMS

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2-3:30PM

Ready to move off-base? Learn about costs associated with moving off-base & how to manage utilities. Home Fuels will brief about the unpredictable Italian utility bill system.

## INITIAL COUNSELING /PRE-SEPARATION COUNSELING

SEP 7TH & 13TH, 8AM-12PM & 23RD, 1-5PM

The first mandated step of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP). Start as early as 24-months but NLT than 365-days prior to your anticipated date of separation or retirement. E-mail the Aviano TAP team for details at 31FSS.FSH.UTAP@us.af.mil

## SPONSORSHIP - TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 9-11AM

Become the best sponsor ever! This course prepares sponsors to meet the myriad of requirements and needs of inbound members and families. This is required training for all newly-assigned sponsors as well as annual training

## UNDERSTANDING USA JOBS: FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1:30-4PM

Introduction to help you navigate the Federal Process, NAF & USAJobs and how to build a federal resume.

## KEY SPOUSE MENTOR TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 15TH, 10-11AM

Training required of all newly Appointed Key Spouse Mentors.

## BUNDLES FOR BABIES

SEPTEMBER 16TH, 9AM-12PM

Financial awareness on the cost raising a child. AD members receive DoD Mandated Birth 1st Child Financial Touch Point training. Air Force/Guardian AD Participants receive a \$50 Gift Cert from AFAS.

## BASIC ITALIAN INTRO - A SURVIVAL LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASS

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 9-11AM

Not quite an Italian language class, but designed to assist in learning conversational Italian in everyday situations. Topics include: typical greetings, directions, traveling, shopping, & other survival techniques.

## VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1:30-3PM

Volunteers are needed to support on and off-base agencies, both on a regular basis and for one-time events. This workshop provides training and guidance for all volunteers accepted into new positions or looking to fill a position.

## AVIANO SPOUSE ORIENTATION

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 9-10:30AM

Spouse Newcomers. Great opportunity to hear from agencies regarding employment, education, and more! This is a great way to connect with other spouses and learn about resources and activities available at Aviano.

## INSPIRED TO GET HIRED

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1:30-4PM

Want to boost your confidence? This workshop will teach you important and valuable interviewing skills.

## US HOME BUYING SEMINAR - STATESIDE ONLY

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2-4PM

Considering buying a home stateside? Learn the basics on loan types, selecting real estate agents, negotiating the deal, the closing process.



# Arts & Crafts

## September Monthly Specials

25% off Kid's Crafts, Paint and Glitter

10% off all Tulle

25% off all Art Activity Baskets

**September 1st-10th:**

*Come in and Celebrate Writing Week*

Receive 15% off All Wood Letters & Numbers

**September 25th:**

**COMIC BOOK DAY**

Receive 15% off Tracing & Graphite Paper,  
Drawing Pads and Selected Artist Packs

## Arts & Crafts Classes

**Art Classes with Elena**

Ages: 6-10 & 18+

**Paint with Melinda**

Ages: 7-13, 14-17 & 18+

*Contact Arts & Crafts store  
for more information*



# AUTO HOBBY

## September Special



**Early tires were white.**  
Manufacturers added zinc oxide to the rubber for strength which had the side effect of turning them white.



# ROLL INTO FALL!

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## **Weekly Wonders:**

### ► *Take-N-Make Crafts!*

A new, free craft will be available each Monday in front of the Library (while supplies last)! This month features crafts like dinosaurs, apples, magic colors, and more!

### ► *September Story Time*

**Every Tuesday at 10:30AM**

Come enjoy wonderful songs, playtime, and read-alouds of our favorite children's books!

### ► *Lego Club*

**Wednesdays from 2:30-4PM:** Strengthen your creativity and engineering skills with Legos! Build whatever you can imagine! All ages welcome. Lego blocks provided.



# START NEW GAME

PLAY

## Attention Teens:

### ► *Video Games After School!*

Our Switch, PS4, and Xbox One video game consoles are back for after-school fun! Teens 14+ can get games & controllers at the front desk after school to play on our two large screens upstairs. Those under 14 must be accompanied & supervised by a responsible caregiver who is 14+.



In 2010, the U.S. Air Force created the Condor Cluster, a super computer built from over 1,700 Sony PlayStation 3s.

## Special Events:

### ► *Homeschool "Libratory"*

**Thursday, September 8th at 10:30AM:** A special program for our Homeschool families! During the school year, on the 2nd Thursday of every month, meet us at the Library for a cool lab project! You'll learn about an art or science concept, then get hands-on with a related project. *September's "Libratory" Feature: A Rubber Band Car*

# Project



## Do your kids love building, engineering, & experimenting?

If so, come to the Library on the third Thursday of each month to participate in our STEAM project! Our STEAM projects focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math in a fun and inventive way. All supplies are provided. Ideal for school-aged children!

**Thursday, September 15th, 2PM | This month's project: Egg Drop!**



An Airman first broke the sound barrier.  
In 1947, then-Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager  
broke the sound barrier in his Bell X-1  
rocket-powered aircraft.

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SEPTEMBER  
1ST - 10TH

*A Weekend in Cinque Terre*  
ITT | Fri-Sun, Sep 2nd-Sep 4th

*A Weekend in Prague*  
ITT | Fri-Sun, Sep 2nd-4th

*End of Summer  
Flea Market*  
Community Center | Fri, Sep 9th

*Hike & Via Ferrata at  
Tre Rifugi Loop*  
ODR | Sat, Sep 10th

*Grape Stomping*  
ITT | Sat, Sep 3rd

*Ditch the Dorms*  
MFRC | Wed, Sep 7th

*Virtual Cooking Class  
with Luca Manfe*  
Community Center | Sat, Sep 10th

*Marostica  
(Human Chess Game)*  
ITT | Sat, Sep 10th

SEPTEMBER  
11TH - 17TH

*Sailing in Trieste*  
ODR | Sun, Sep 11th

*Munich Oktoberfest  
Express*  
ITT | Sat, Sep 17th

*River Rafting in  
Slovenia*  
ODR | Sat, Sep 17th

*Sunset Soiree at  
Agribirificio Romano*  
ITT | Fri, Sep 16th

*Grape Stomping*  
ITT | Sat, Sep 17th

*Aviano Marathon*  
Fitness | Sat, Sep 17th

SEPTEMBER  
18TH - 31ST

*Horseback Riding  
& Wine Tasting*  
ODR | Sun, Sep 18th

*Munich Oktoberfest  
Express*  
ITT | Sat, Sep 24th

*Skydive Venice*  
ODR | Sat, Sep 24th

*Basic Italian*  
MFRC | Wed, Sep 21st

*Gardaland Oktoberfest*  
ITT | Sat, Sep 24th

*Self-Care BINGO*  
Community Center | Fri, Sep 23rd



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Notice: The Community Center has moved to Bldg. 110 on Area 1 (second floor). Please stop by to visit us at our new location!

# September Events by Community Center



## End of Summer Flea Market

Friday, September 9th | 2-6PM | @ Wyvern Square (BX Parking Lot) | \$5 entry fee (including car boot space), plus \$5 per table requested

Purge your lightly used items for cash!



## Virtual Cooking Class with Luca Manfe

Saturday, September 10th | Doors open at 5PM, Class starts at 6PM | @ the LBV Lawn

Learn how to make classic Friulian dishes, Frico and Polenta, with MasterChef winner, Luca Manfe!

\*Rain location: inside LBV



## Self-Care BINGO

Friday, September 23rd | Doors open at 5PM, Game starts at 6PM | @ the LBV Lawn | \$15 for the 1st card per player | \$6 for each additional card

Bring your own blanket or chairs, and order dinner from LBV! Call to prepay with card; cash only at the event.




## Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, September 30th | Doors open at 5PM, Movie starts at 5:30PM | @ the Area 1 pool parking lot

Camp out with your blankets, chairs & snacks! Screening **Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness** (2022, PG-13). Food will be available for purchase from the Bowling Center.

# September



## THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 1ST

- Writing Week Activities Begin (Sep 1st - 10th)  
Arts & Crafts
- Pumpkin Spice Season Begins  
Deja Brew

## FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 2ND

- Cinque Terre (Sep 2nd - 4th)  
Information, Tickets & Travel
- Prague (Sep 2nd - 4th)  
Information, Tickets & Travel

## SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 3RD

- Grape Stomping  
Information, Tickets & Travel
- Dungeons & Dragons  
La Bella Vista Club

## TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 6TH

- After-School Clubs Begin  
Teen Center
- Plan My Move  
Military & Family Readiness Center

## WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 7TH

- Ditch the Dorms  
Military & Family Readiness Center
- Initial Counseling/Pre-Separation Counseling  
Military & Family Readiness Center

## THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 8TH

- Home school "Laboratory"  
Library

## FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 9TH

- End of Summer Flea Market  
Community Center
- Country Night  
La Bella Vista Club
- Minute to Win It Social  
Teen Center

## SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 10TH

- Marostica (Human Chess Game)  
Information, Tickets & Travel
- Hike & Via Ferrata at Tre Rifugi Loop  
Outdoor Recreation
- Virtual Cooking Class with Luca Manfe  
Community Center
- Interclub Golf Tournament  
Alpine Golf Course

## SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 11TH

- Sailing in Trieste  
Outdoor Recreation

## MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 12TH

- Sponsorship - Taking Care of our Own  
Military & Family Readiness Center

## TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 13TH

- Initial Counseling/Pre-Separation Counseling  
Military & Family Readiness Center

## WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 14TH

- Understanding USA-jobs Workshop  
Military & Family Readiness Center

## THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 15TH

- Project STEAM  
Library
- Key Spouse Mentor Training  
Military & Family Readiness Center

## FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 16TH

- 90's Night  
La Bella Vista Club
- Bundles for Babies  
Military & Family Readiness Center
- Parents' Night Out  
Child Development Center & Aviano Youth Programs
- Pre-Teen Open Rec Night  
Aviano Youth Programs
- Sunset Soiree at Aggibrificio Romano  
Information, Tickets & Travel



**EVERY MONDAY**  
Take-n-Make Crafts  
Library

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
Story Time with Mr. Eric  
Library  
Taco Tuesdays  
La Bella Vista Club

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
Wyvern Welcome Day 1  
M&FRC  
Initial TA Briefings  
Education Center  
Wing Wednesday &  
Fried Chicken Family  
Dinners To-Go  
La Bella Vista Club  
Lego Club  
Library

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
Wyvern Welcome Day 2  
M&FRC  
Trivia Night  
La Bella Vista Club

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
Benvenuti Tour  
M&FRC  
Cosmic Bowling  
Aviano Lanes

**SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 17TH**

- Aviano Marathon  
Fitness Centers
- Grape Stomping  
Information, Tickets & Travel
- Munich Oktoberfest Express  
Information, Tickets & Travel
- Dungeons & Dragons  
La Bella Vista Club
- River Rafting in Slovenia  
Outdoor Recreation

**SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 18TH**

- Horseback Riding & Wine Tasting  
Outdoor Recreation

**WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 21ST**

- Basic Italian: Survival Language/Culture Class  
Military & Family Readiness Center

**THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 22ND**

- Star Wars Trivia  
La Bella Vista Club

**FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 23RD**

- Family Movie Night  
Child Development Center
- Self-Care BINGO  
Community Center
- Operation Night Hoops  
Teen Center
- Initial Counseling/Pre-Separation Counseling  
Military & Family Readiness Center

**SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 24TH**

- Munich Oktoberfest Express  
Information, Tickets & Travel
- Gardaland Oktoberfest  
Information, Tickets & Travel
- Skydive Venice  
Outdoor Recreation

**SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 25TH**

- Comic Book Day  
Arts & Crafts

**MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 26TH**

- Aviano Spouse Orientation  
Military & Family Readiness Center

**WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 28TH**

- Inspired to Get Hired  
Military & Family Readiness Center
- US Home Buying Seminar  
Military & Family Readiness Center

**FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 30TH**

- Oktoberfest  
La Bella Vista Club
- Final Friday @ Vern's Pub  
La Bella Vista Club



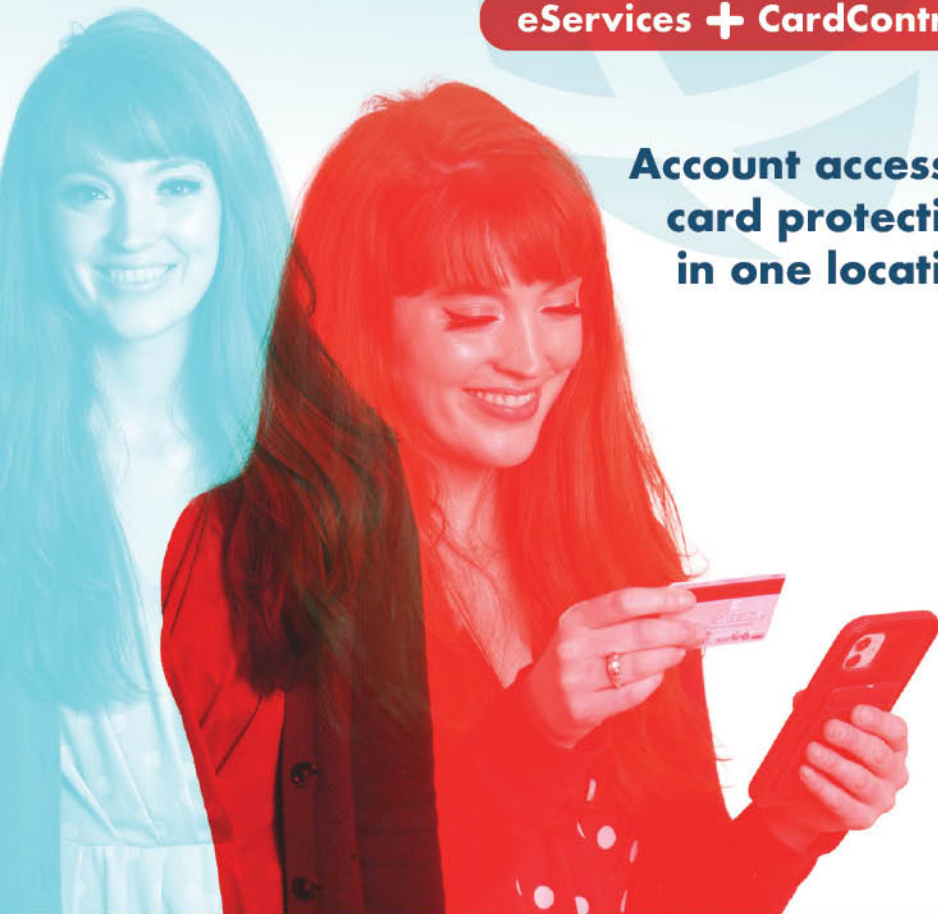
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Happy  
Learning,  
Wyverns!

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## Think you know a **Wyvern** of the Month?

Every month, we take to social media to find our next **"Wyvern of the Month!"** Keep an eye on the 31FSS Facebook & Instagram pages for our next, themed call for nominations!

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR:

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## FEATURED SEPTEMBER EVENT:

**Oktoberfest | Friday, September 30th | 4PM-Close**  
**\$30 Members | \$40 Non-Members**

Grab your dirndl or lederhosen - we're raising a glass for Oktoberfest! Your entry fee includes a special Oktoberfest stein, 3 beers, and a delicious buffet. Call or stop by LBV to **reserve** your spot by **September 23rd**. Prost! **18+ only**



**Dungeons & Dragons**  
**Saturday, September 3rd & 17th**  
**6:30-8:30 PM**

It's time! Grab your fellow D&D fans and come play at the Club the first & third Saturdays of every month. Plus, when you buy LBV food, you get a re-roll! **Call LBV to sign up.**

Follow us online for other programming announcements throughout the month!

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# I S T A C L U B



## Country Night

**Friday, September 9th | 8PM-Close**

Kick off the weekend in your boots & country best! We'll be playing all your favorite country jams starting at 8PM. Come line dance, two step, or just enjoy the country vibe!



## 90's Night

**Friday, September 16th | 8 PM-Close**

Ready for a 90s playlist that's all that and a bag of chips? We've got you! Throw on your 90s best and get jiggy with us! 18+ only after 8PM.



## Trivia Nights

**Every Thursday in September | 6 PM**

We've got the weekly trivia, but do you have the answers? Plus, the last Thursday of every month now features a special, THEMED trivia night! *Awaken your inner Force & play Star Wars trivia on September 22nd!\**

*\*Special date due to ALS graduation on Sep 29th*



## Final Friday at Vern's Pub

**Friday, September 30th | 4PM-Close**

Our monthly celebration of everything you've accomplished! Grab a drink & give a cheers at this all-ages event, featuring a bouncy castle for the kids & a free member's buffet. Our sponsor, STEAM, will also be serving up some delicious, free samples\*! Come on out - you've earned it!

*\*while supplies last*

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# FEELIN' LIKE FALL, Y'ALL



Pumpkins are grown on every continent except Antarctica.



## CHAI PIE

Pumpkin sauce, chai tea, milk, and a splash of heavy whip. Available hot or iced. Grande: \$4.50 / Venti: \$5.00 / Venti iced: \$5.25

## PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE

Featuring a perfect blend of cinnamon dolce & pumpkin sauce. Available hot or iced. Grande: \$5.25 / Venti Hot: \$5.75 / Venti Iced: \$6.00



There are more than 45 different varieties of pumpkin.



# SEPTEMBER BOWLING SPECIAL

## STRIKE PLATTER

COMBO

Every **Friday** in September, we're serving up our famous Strike Platter! Enjoy 2 chicken tenders, cheese sticks, and onion rings for only **\$9.50!**



## COSMIC BOWLING

We're turning down the lights and turning up the music every **Friday & Saturday** from 4-7PM!

## LUNCH N' LANES

Order any combo meal at the snack bar from 11AM-1PM, and receive 30 minutes of bowling for **FREE!\***

*\*per person*



# Parents' Night Out

A "Give Parents A Break" Voucher-Eligible Event!

Friday, September 16th | 6-10 PM

**Relax & unwind, or hit the town—the decision is yours!  
Take some time all for yourself this month.**

**Locations (varies by age):**

**Area 1 CDC (6 weeks–5 years)—call 632-8247 to register**

**Aviano Youth Programs "AYP" (Kinder–12 years)—call 632-7575 to register**

**Cost: \$28/child (\$23 for siblings)\***

Registration closes on September 14th.

*Note: current immunizations records, to include the flu shot, are required at the time of registration*

*\*This event could be FREE if you qualify for a 'Give Parents A Break' Voucher!*

Scan here for details→



## Special Events:

**• Family Movie Night | Friday, September 23rd @ the Flight Line CDC**

Our internal CDC Families are invited to join us for an evening of fun! Bring your own dinner, snacks, and lawn chairs.

## We're Hiring!

Calling all wonder-makers, craft-imaginers and curiosity-cultivators! We want you to join our learning crew at the CDC! We're looking for energetic, committed team members who are excited to work with children aged 6 weeks to 5 years. You'll receive high-quality training & many other benefits! Apply today at [usajobs.gov](https://usajobs.gov) by searching for Youth Programs Assistant. Call us with any questions!





# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AVIANO AB 2022 SPORTS DAY & DFAC COOK-OFF WINNERS!



## 2022 DFAC COOK-OFF WINNERS:

1ST PLACE: LANCE CHUNN, SEQUORIA CHUNN & TOM NIEWULIS

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3RD PLACE: ROCHELLE EVERETT, EBONY HARMON & MARY ELISE TAYLOR



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# Aviano Youth Programs



## School Age Care

*Parents' Night Out*

Friday, September 16th | 6-10PM

See **page 27** for all the details!

*Need Before & After School Care?*

Just create a profile on [MilitaryChildCare.com](http://MilitaryChildCare.com), and request a spot on the waitlist!

## Pre-Teen Programs

*Pre-Teen PrimeTime Membership*

\$30 per Month | Ages 9-12

Includes afternoon access to Pre-Teen PrimeTime, plus discounts on field trips & special events!

*Pre-Teen Open Rec Night*

Friday, September 16th | 6-10PM

Join us for a super fun evening just for pre-teens ages 9-12!



# September Events

Youth Programs | School Age Care | Preteen Programs | Teen Center | Youth Sports

## Teen Center

*Teen Center After-School Clubs start September 6th!*

Memberships are now only \$20/month for access to the Teen Center  
Monday - Friday. Open from dismissal - 6PM.

### WEEKLY CLUBS

Monday- The Arts

Tuesday- STEM

Wednesday- UPS Road Code

Thursday- Keystone Leadership Club

Friday- Triple Play

## Friday Night Special Events

*Teen Center Minute to Win it Social*

Friday, September 9th | 6:30-9PM @ AYP | Ages 13-18 | Cost: \$10

Includes dinner and a drink!

Join us for a night of fun challenges! We will have 10 mini games where you can work together to beat the clock.

### *Operation Night Hoops*

September 23rd | 6:30-9PM @ AYP | Ages 13-18 | Cost: \$10

Includes dinner and a drink!

Come show us your skills on the court with our monthly basketball night! Not into Basketball? That's okay! We'll have other activities available, as well!

# INTERCLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

WITH GOLF CLUB PORDENONE @ ALPINE GOLF COURSE



**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10TH  
9AM SHOTGUN START**

**\$45 for non-members\* | \$35 for members\***

The tournament will be Stableford format. All players must have a valid handicap.  
Max Players Representing Each Course: 30 Alpine Golf & 30 Golf Pordenone.

\*price includes round of golf, cart, lunch & prizes





The first official Air Force Marathon was held on September 20th, 1977, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Air Force.



The world's oldest Marathon runner was 101 years old!



# AVIAN MARATHON



FREE 5K FUN  
RUN SIGN UP



VOLUNTEER  
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## 09.17.22

### 7:30 MEET-UP TIME

Running Path begins at Dragon Fitness Center, continues on Area F Perimeter Road

### 5K FUN RUN

FREE ONLINE SIGN UP WITH QR CODE | NO TIMING OR RACE PACK

### HALF MARATHON

LATE SIGN UP \$40 | IN-PERSON SIGN UP REQUIRED | RACE PACK INCLUDED | TIMED

### 10K

LATE SIGN UP \$25 | IN-PERSON SIGN UP REQUIRED | RACE PACK INCLUDED | TIMED

### FULL MARATHON

LATE SIGN UP \$50 | IN-PERSON SIGN UP REQUIRED | RACE PACK INCLUDED | TIMED



The Appalachian Trail receives about 2 million recreation visits annually.



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# OUTDOOR RECREATION

## September Adventures!



The Dolomites are about 250 million years old and are composed mainly of sedimentary rocks and limestone.

### 1 HIKE & VIA FERRATA AT TRE RIFUGI LOOP

**Saturday, September 10th • \$50**

**Trip Includes:** A guided, moderate hike of 9km with 600 meters elevation gain, including a beginner-level Ferrata (Sentiero Atrezzato Spinotti), all equipment, and round-trip transportation.

### 2 SAILING IN TRIESTE

**Sunday, September 11th • \$180 (18+) / \$50 R4R**

**Trip Includes:** A beautiful, 6-hour sail aboard a 46 foot vessel, lunch on board, and round-trip transportation.

### 3 RIVER RAFTING IN SLOVENIA

**Saturday, September 17th • \$120 / \$30 R4R**

**Trip Includes:** A 2-hour guided rafting tour through a beautiful, Slovenian river, lunch, and round-trip transportation.

### 4 HORSEBACK RIDING & WINE TASTING

**Sunday, September 18th • \$120 / \$40 R4R**

**Trip Includes:** A 1.5 hour horseback ride, wine tasting, and round-trip transportation.

### 5 SKYDIVE VENICE

**Saturday, September 24th • \$270 / \$70 R4R**

**Trip Includes:** Tandem jump with an experienced instructor & round-trip transportation.

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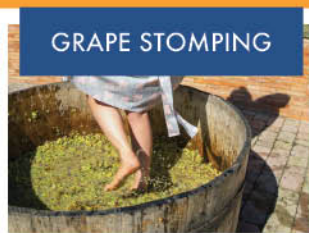
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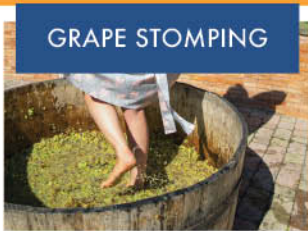
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\$530



GRAPE STOMPING

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
\$75



GRAPE STOMPING

**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
\$75



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OKTOBERFEST EXPRESS

**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
\$95 • DAP: \$50



GARDALAND  
OKTOBERFEST

**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
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# CKETS & TRAVEL SEPTEMBER



## MAROSTICA (HUMAN CHESS GAME)



**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

\$120 • DAP: \$60

## SUNSET SOIREE AT AGRIBIRRIFFICIO ROMANO



**SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

\$60

## MUNICH OKTOBERFEST EXPRESS



**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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## Military & Family Readiness Center

☉ 5407

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM-4:30PM

Closed: Weekends, holidays, family days & every third Thursday at 12:30PM

## Arts & Crafts Center

2989

☉ Retail—Mon-Fri: 9AM-5PM, Sat: 9AM-5PM

Closed: Sundays & holidays

**Wood Shop**—Thur: 2PM-5PM, Fri-Sat: 9AM-5PM

Closed: Mon-Wed, Sundays, & Holidays

**Engraving**—Mon-Fri: 9AM-5PM

Closed: Family Days, Weekends & holidays

## Auto Hobby Shop

☉ 2277

Mon-Fri: 9AM-5PM, Sat: 9AM-5PM

Closed: Sundays & holidays

## Aviano Lanes Bowling Center

☉ 7487

Grill Tue-Thur: 7AM-5PM

Fri: 7AM-7PM

Sat: 11AM-7PM

Cosmic Bowling Fri-Sat: 4PM-7PM

Lanes Tue-Thur: 7AM-5PM

Fri: 7AM-7PM

Sat: 11AM-7PM

Closed: Sundays, Mondays & holidays

## Child Development Center

☉ Area F:5199 - Area 1:8247

Mon-Fri: 6:30AM-5:30PM

Closed: Weekends, down days, family days, & holidays

## Civilian Personnel Office

☉ 7307

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 7:30AM-4:30PM

Wed: 7:30AM-1PM

Closed: Weekends, holidays, & family days

## Community Center

☉ 5479

Mon-Fri: 8AM-4PM

Closed: Weekends & holidays

## Deja Brew

☉ 2739 Area 1

Mon-Fri: 7AM-3PM

Closed: Holidays & weekends

☉ 6012 Area F

Mon-Fri: 6:30AM-5:30PM

Sat & Sun: 9AM-3PM Closed: Holidays

## DFAC - La Dolce Vita

☉ 8206

Mon-Sun, Family Days, Holidays, Down Days:

Breakfast: 6-8AM Lunch: 11AM-1PM Dinner: 5-7PM

## Education Center

☉ 5330

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM-4:30PM

Closed: Weekends, holidays, & family days

Customer Service: Mon-Fri: 8AM-1PM

## Fitness Centers

☉ 7459 Dragon

Mon-Fri: 5AM-9PM

Sat & Sun: 9AM-4PM

Down Days & Holidays: 9AM-4PM

☉ 7574 Wyvern

Mon-Fri: 2PM-8PM

Ask about 24-hour access!

Weekends, Down Days & Holidays: Closed

## Golf - Alpine Golf Course

☉ 7386

Mon-Sun: 7AM-6PM

## Home Fuels

☉ 5083

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8:30AM-3PM • Wed

Closed: Every 3rd Thursday at 12:30PM

## Information Tickets & Travel

☉ 3107

Mon-Fri: 10AM-6PM

Closed: Family Days, holidays, & every third

Tuesday at 12:30PM

## Italian Mensa

☉ 7297

Mon-Fri: 7:30-9:30AM & 11AM-2PM

Closed: Weekends, family days, & holidays



## La Bella Vista Club

☎ 4303

Lunch Mon-Fri: 11AM-1PM

Dinner Tue-Thu: 4PM-10PM

Fri: 4PM-11PM

Sat: 6PM-9PM

Verns Pub

Tues-Thu: 4PM-10PM

Fri: 4PM-2AM

Sat: 6PM-10PM

## Library

☎ 5382

Mon-Fri: 10AM-5PM

## Lodging - Mountain View Lodge

☎ 4040

## Manpower

☎ 7308 Chief Line

☎ 4065 Superintendent Line

## Marketing

☎ 5080

Mon-Fri: 9AM-5PM

Closed: Weekends, holidays, & family days

## Military Personnel Flight

☎ 5404

Mon-Fri: 7:30AM-3:30PM

Closed: Every 3rd Tuesdy at 12PM

CAC Appts: See 31FSS website for hours & link

## NAF Human Resources

☎ 5747

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 8AM-4:30PM

Wed: 8AM-1:30PM

Closed: Weekends, holidays, & family days

## Outdoor Recreation

☎ 8623

Mon, Tues, Thur, & Fri: 10AM-6PM

Closed: Wednesdays, Saturdays

Sundays & holidays

## Post Office

☎ 7119

Parcel Pick Up

Mon-Fri: 10AM-6PM Sat: 10AM-2PM

Finance

Mon-Fri: 10AM-5PM Sat: 10AM-2PM

Customer Service

Mon-Fri: 10AM-4PM

Registered Mail

Mon-Fri: 10AM-4PM

Customer Service & Registered Mail closed Sat.

All operations closed on Sun, holidays, & family days.

☎ 8010

Official Mail Center

Mon-Fri: 10AM-4PM

Closed: Weekends, holidays, & family days

## Youth Programs

☎ 7575

Operations Desk

Mon-Fri: 6:30AM-6PM

School Age Care

Mon-Fri: 6:30AM-6PM excluding school hours

Preteen Programs

Times vary, reservations required for each event

Teen Programs

Times vary, reservations required for each event

Youth Sports & Fitness Programs

Times vary, reservations required for each event

Closed: Weekends, holidays, & family days

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