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## Prosecco Market

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## Wyvern of the Month

Find out who the most Motherly Wyvern is on page 6!

## Looking to Travel?

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# PASSPORT

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



TSgt FELICIA BENAVIDES, DFAC

TSgt Felicia Benavides exceeds expectations daily and leads a team of 31 members, overseeing 2 dining facilities. She organized the quarterly Mongolian meal - a customer favorite at the LDV DFAC - which led to a 25% increase in customer usage of the facility. TSgt Benavides also led the installation of two new cash registers, training 13 staff members on the new capabilities. These registers enhanced the operation for Aviano patrons by adding credit card/tap to pay options to the facility, and also reduced the wait time for customers by 50%. TSgt Benavides also went TDY in support of current tensions between Ukraine/Russia, where she set up feeding and lodging contracts for joint forces in the area.

## TEAM OF THE MONTH



CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FLIGHT

Faced with a substantial manning constraint, Civilian personnel not only overcame several daunting challenges, but excelled while doing it. The Non-Appropriated Fund section was tasked with implementation of the increase of minimum wage to \$15 an hour, processing 197 pay adjustments in just under two weeks. While the US Team suffered from a %50 staff reduction, they were able to receive firm offers, which will result in 26 employees on-boarding in April. Additionally, the Foreign National Team was lauded by Tri-Service for their last-minute ability to step in to provide interpretation services at critical conditions of employment negotiations.



# PASSPORT

## WYVERN OF THE MONTH

up for our family whether it's helping shuffle kids, getting us through Cornell notes, her famous cookies to brighten our days.... The list goes on and on. She's a positive role model for my children. We couldn't be more thankful to have such a good human in our lives as a fill in mom, an Auntie and a dear Friend. We love you Mrs Lauren!

An individual that fits for this months prompt is Mrs. Lauren Rush. Lauren came into my children's life about three years ago and she had been a constant ever since. She always shows



LAUREN RUSH

***Keep an eye out on all our social media platforms for June's Prompt!***

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.

## SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

SrA Nicholas Vider was an excellent sponsor for his recent, incoming team member. He was meticulous in ensuring he sent the member all the information they would need for a seamless PCS, and took care to welcome the member upon their arrival. SrA Vider made sure his new colleague felt comfortable in their workplace, provided lots of helpful tips and info about the area, and mapped out various services that would be useful. Thank you for being a great sponsor, SrA Vider!



SRA NICHOLAS VIDER, 31 OSS





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**Beginning in April 2022**

**Weekly group session on Thursdays  
at the Joy Center-Aviano Clinic**

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⇒ **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GI BILL:** VA Representative, Michael Leahy  
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# ARRIVAL

**MAY**

**1ST - 7TH**

**Moving out of Dorms**  
AFRC | Wed, May 4th

**Prosecco Market**  
Community Center | Fri, May 6th

**Lunch @ Castello Di Spessa**  
ITT | Sat, May 7th

**MAY**

**8TH - 14TH**

**DoI Vocational Track / Career  
& Credential Exporation**  
AFRC | Thur, May 12th

**Aviano Primavera Bazaar**  
Fri, May 13th - Sun, May 15th

**Latin Night @ LBV**  
LBV | Fri, May 13th

**Plitvice National Park**  
ITT | Sat, May 14th

**Stella River Cruise**  
ITT | Sat, May 14th

**Tuscany (Hot Springs)**  
ITT | Sat, May 14th - Sun, May 15th

**MAY**

**15TH - 21ST**

**Beginner's Canyoning**  
ODR | Sun, May 15th

**Basic Italian**  
AFRC | Mon, May 16th

**Monthly Membership Meal**  
LBV | Wed, May 18th

**DoL Employment Track**  
AFRC | Thurs, May 19th - Fri, May 20th

**Sunset Soiree:  
Grappa Pagura**  
ITT | Fri, May 20th

**The Murph Challenge**  
Fitness | Fri, May 20th

**Picnic BINGO**  
Community Center | Fri, May 20th

**Pisa & Lucca**  
ITT | Sat, May 21st

**Skydive Venice**  
ITT | Sat, May 21st

**MAY**

**22ND - 31ST**

**Hike to Freikofel**  
WWI Open Air Museum  
ODR | Sun, May 22nd

**Sponsorship:  
Taking Care of our Own**  
AFRC | Mon, May 23rd

**Final Friday + 5K Run**  
LBV + Fitness | Thurs, May 26th

**Amalfi Coast  
(Capri, Sorrento, Pompei)**  
ITT | Fri, May 27th - Mon, May 30th

**Puglia  
(Alberobello, Matera)**  
ITT | Fri, May 27th - Mon, May 30th



# ARTS & CRAFTS



## May Madness!

*May the Sales be with you!*

It's Madness this May at the Arts & Crafts Store.  
Different daily discounts are happening all month long!

**PLUS**

May 4th: Wear Star Wars attire & receive 20% off  
your Craft Store purchase!

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## Art Classes

*Art Classes with Elena*

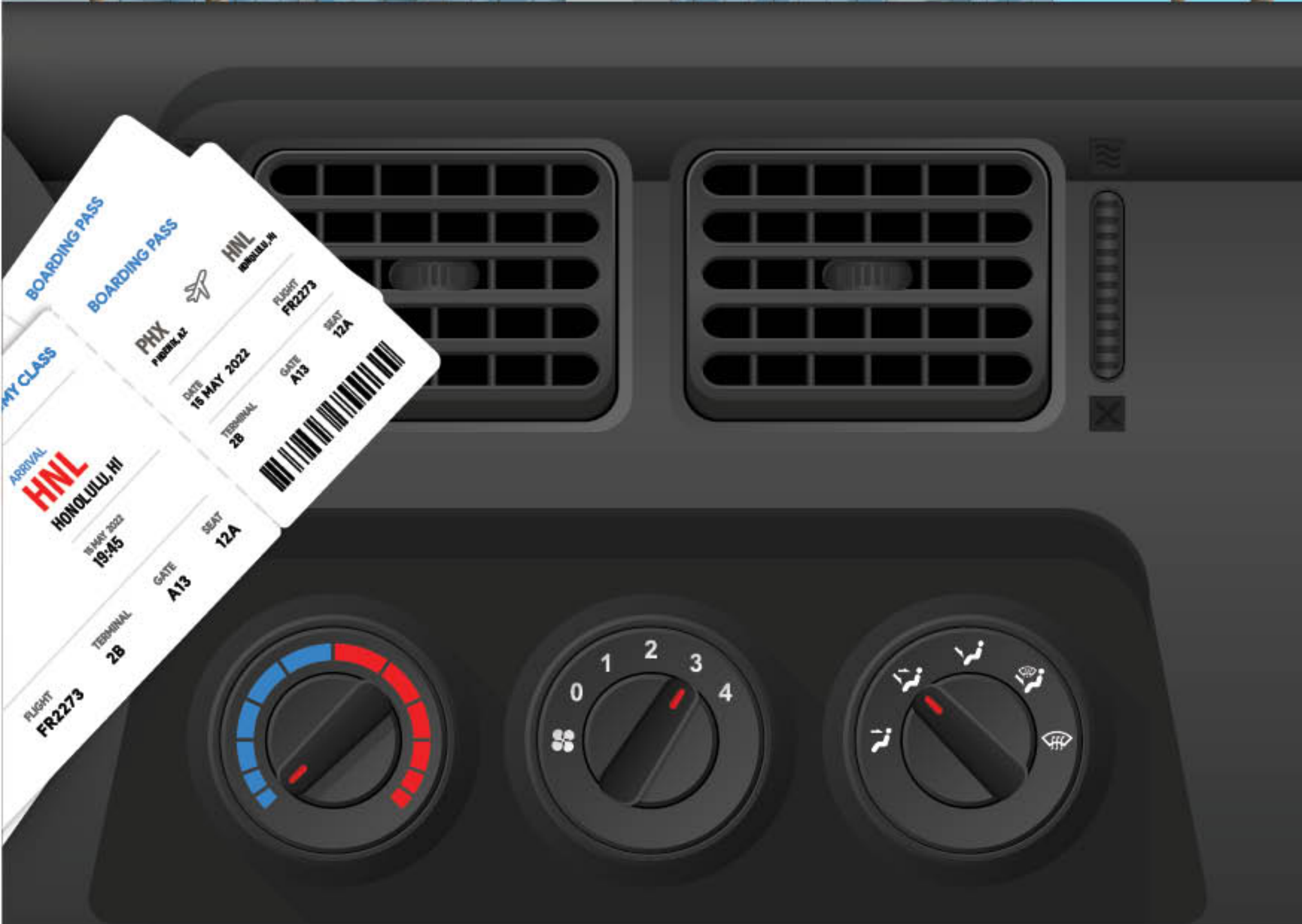
Ages: 6-10 & 18+

*Paint with Melinda*

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







# AUTO HOBBY | May Special

Prepare for the Summer Heat with Our May Special!  
**\$30 Cooling System Check**

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**STUDY GUIDES & PRACTICE EXAMS:** CLEP/DSST, ACT/SAT, AP COURSES, LSAT, MCAT, GRE, NURSING, TEACHING, DENTAL ASSISTANTS, IT, AND MORE!

## 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 themed crafts around Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and bugs!

### ► *May Story Time*

**When:** Tuesdays at 10:30 AM. Come enjoy wonderful read-alouds of our favorite children's books!

### ► *Lego Club*

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

## Spices of the World:

### ► *Spice Up Your Life!*



Join the Library on a culinary journey around the world! May's Spice of the Month is **Onion Powder**: high in vitamins B & C, iron, manganese, calcium, and potassium! Stop by the Library this month for your free bag of Onion Powder\*, and check out our selection of cookbooks & recipes that incorporate it. *\*first come, first served, while supplies last. one bag per family, please.*





## Special Events:

- *Summer Reading Program: Read Beyond the Beaten Path | Registration Begins May 2nd*

Sign up to join us for this year's Summer Reading Program, which officially begins Monday, June 6th! Create an account at [aviano.beanstack.org](http://aviano.beanstack.org) for yourself, then list all the readers in your family. After you register, stop by the Library to pick up your FREE t-shirt for each reader! Summer Reading is for all ages—even adults! We have fun prizes for every age category—*plus*—the top reader in each age bracket will win a grand prize, sponsored by local community partners!

- *Unicorn CRAFTernoon*

**When: Thursday, May 12th at 2PM.** Join us for a special afternoon of unicorn-themed crafts, including painting a sun-catcher, making unicorn slime and more! Ages 6 and up, please. Materials are limited; reservations required. Please call the Library to reserve your place.

- *Basic Sewing Demonstration*

**When: Tuesday, May 24th at 1 PM.** One of our librarians will demonstrate the basics of using a sewing machine. This class is for people who have never used a sewing machine and want to learn how! **Bonus:** The library now has one sewing machine available for checkout! Crochet and Knitting kits, too!



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

If so, come to the Library on the **third Thursday of each month at 2 PM** 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, May 19th at 2PM | This month's project: A Soap-Powered Boat!**



# AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER

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## WYVERN WELCOME

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
MAY 4TH & 5TH, 11TH & 12TH,  
18TH & 19TH, 25TH & 26TH  
7:30AM - 3:30PM

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.

**BENVENUTI TOUR—PART OF  
WYVERN WELCOME**  
MAY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH

**PLAN MY MOVE**  
MAY 3RD & 17TH, 8 - 10AM

**KEY SPOUSE CONTINUING EDUCATION**  
MAY 4TH, 10 - 11AM

**MOVING OUT OF THE DORMS**  
MAY 4TH, 2 - 3:30PM

**BUNDLES FOR BABIES**  
MAY 6TH, 9AM - 12PM

**SPONSORSHIP - TAKING  
CARE OF OUR OWN**  
MAY 9TH, 9 - 11AM & 23RD, 2 - 4PM

**INITIAL COUNSELING /  
PRE-SEPARATION COUNSELING**  
MAY 10TH, 8AM - 12PM & 24TH, 1-5PM

**BALSAMIC TASTING TOUR**  
MAY 10TH, 8AM - 4PM

**KEY SPOUSE SEXUAL ASSAULT  
RESPONSE / SUICIDE AWARENESS**  
MAY 11TH, 10-11AM

**US HOME BUYING SEMINAR**  
MAY 11TH, 2 - 4PM

**DOL VOCATIONAL TRACK / CAREER &  
CREDENTIAL EXPLORATION**  
MAY 12TH, 8:30AM - 4:30PM

**BASIC ITALIAN: A SURVIVAL  
LANGUAGE & CULTURE CLASS**  
MAY 16TH, 9 - 11AM

**KEY SPOUSE MENTOR TRAINING**  
MAY 18TH, 10 - 11AM

**DOL EMPLOYMENT TRACK**  
MAY 19TH/20TH, 8AM - 5PM

**AVIANO SPOUSE ORIENTATION @ MDG**  
MAY 25TH, 9 - 10:30AM

**UNDERSTANDING USAJOBS: FEDERAL  
EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP**  
MAY 25TH, 1:30 - 4PM

**HEART LINK: MILITARY 101**  
MAY 31ST, 8AM - 2:30PM

Every Friday, join us for a tour of the local area. Learn to shop at an Italian grocery store, explore a local market, and experience a wine tasting. The tour is free, but participants pay for their own lunch. Alternate duty location for those attending that week's Wyvern Welcome, others call after 12 PM on Wednesdays for Space-A.

For those departing Aviano, attend ideally 4-months prior to your DEROS. Learn out-processing requirements from base agencies (TMO, Finance, Post Office, etc.) Spouses encouraged to attend.

Come get your continuing education, Key Spouses! Offered quarterly by the A&FRC, appointed Key Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

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

Financial awareness on costs of raising a child. Members receive DoD Mandated Birth 1st Child Financial Touch Point training. Air Force/Guardians receive a \$50 Gift Card from AFAS.

Prepares sponsors to meet the myriad of requirements and needs of inbound members and families. Required training/annual training for all newly-assigned sponsors.

The first mandated step of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP). Start as early as 24-months but NLT than 12-months prior to your date of separation or retirement. E-mail the Aviano TAP team for details at 31FSS.FSH.UTAP@us.af.mil

Tantalize your taste buds at a balsameria, followed by a visit to an outlet mall with free time for lunch.

Annual required training for all Key Spouses/Key Spouse Mentors.

Learn about loan types, selecting real estate agents, negotiating the deal and the closing process on CONUS home buying (for stateside purchases only).

Service members pursuing further technical training will receive guidance on selecting schools, certification finder web tools, and the application process.

Not quite an Italian language class, but an introduction to typical greetings, directions, traveling, shopping, & other survival techniques.

Training required of all newly-appointed Key Spouse Mentors.

Service members wishing to enter the post-military workforce will learn various job search techniques, labor market information, resume, interview skills and more.

Spouse Newcomers. Great opportunity to ask questions regarding employment and education opportunities and to connect with agencies and other spouses. Includes a walking tour of the medical facilities.

Helps you navigate the Federal employment process on USAJobs and teaches how to build a federal resume.

For spouses with less than 5 years of AF affiliation. Increase awareness of the AF mission, customs, traditions, protocols, and available resources/services. Great opportunity to network with other spouses! Lunch will be provided.



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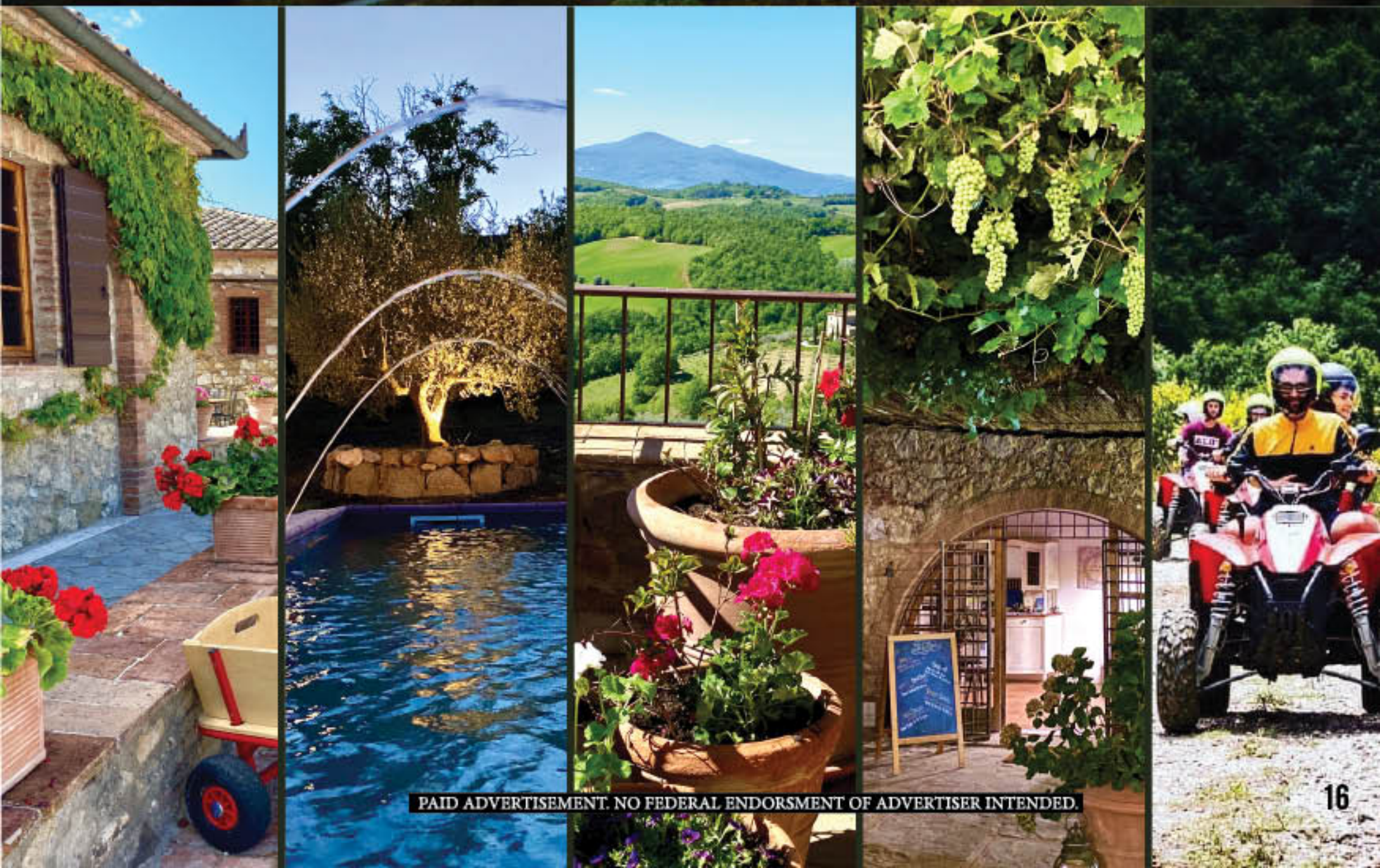
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# COMMUNITY CENTER



## **Mother's Day Craft Takeaway**

Only \$7 for a beautiful, fun craft kit to do at home. Makes a great gift for Mom! Call the Community Center from May 2nd - 5th to reserve your craft!

## **Prosecco Market**

*Friday, May 6th*

11AM-5PM at Wyvern Square

Raise a glass to our 2nd Annual Prosecco Market! Five wineries from the famous Prosecco region will be on-site with local products & tastings, in addition to a brewery and assorted vendors with honey, crafts, Mother's Day balloons, and more! Admission is free; bring euro cash for purchases from vendors.

## **Picnic Bingo**

*Friday, May 20th*

On the LBV Lawn\*

Doors open at 5PM, Game begins at 6PM

\$15 for initial book, per player/ \$6 additional book.

\*In case of rain or inclement weather, Bingo will be moved to the Community Center.

## **Flea Market**

*Thursday, May 26th*

2PM-6PM at BX Parking Lot

Price:

\$10 - for 1 car space & 1 table

\$5 - car space only

\$5 - additional table



**Contact the Community Center for more information and to sign up for May events!**







# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN May

## MONDAY | MAY 02

- Summer Reading Program: Read Beyond the Beaten Path Registration Opens Library

## TUESDAY | MAY 03

- Plan My Move A&FRC

## WEDNESDAY | MAY 04

- Key Spouse Continuing Education A&FRC
- Moving out of Dorms A&FRC

## WEEK OF MAY 02-06

- Caregiver Appreciation Week CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

## FRIDAY | MAY 06

- Preteen Lumpia Making with Ms. Jasmine Aviano Youth Programs
- Teen Chill Out Night, Nerf Wars Aviano Youth Programs
- Prosecco Market Community Center
- Bundles for Babies A&FRC

## SATURDAY | MAY 07

- Mother's Day Paint + Sip LA BELLA VISTA CLUB
- Lunch @ Castello Di Spessa INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL

### Every Tuesday

- Taco Tuesday —LBV
- Story time with Mr. Eric —Library (In-person)

### Every Wednesday

- Initial TA Briefings —Education Center
- Wing Wednesday & Fried Chicken Family Dinners To-Go —LBV
- Wyvern Welcome —A&FRC
- Adult Yoga (Age 17+) - Afternoon —Community Center
- Lego Club —Library

## SUNDAY | MAY 08

- Mother's Day Hike + Wine Tasting Outdoor Recreation

## MONDAY | MAY 09

- Sponsorship—Taking Care of Our Own A&FRC

## TUESDAY | MAY 10

- Initial Counseling / Pre-Separation Counseling A&FRC
- Balsamic Tasting Tour A&FRC

## WEDNESDAY | MAY 11

- Key Spouse Sexual Assault Response / Suicide Awareness A&FRC
- U.S. Home Buying Seminar A&FRC

## THURSDAY | MAY 12

- Unicorn CRAFTernoon Library
- DoL Vocational Track / Career & Credential Exploration A&FRC

## MAY 13-15

- Aviano Primavera Bazaar

## FRIDAY | MAY 13

- Latin Night LA BELLA VISTA CLUB
- Musubi & Karaoke Night Aviano Youth Programs

### Every Thursday

- Trivia Night —LBV
- Wyvern Welcome —A&FRC
- Adult Yoga (Age 17+) - Morning
- Yoga for Kids (Age 6-10)
- Yoga for Teens (Age 11-16) —Community Center

### Every Friday

- 1/2 Slab Smoked Ribs and Pulled Pork —LBV
- Benvenuti Tour —A&FRC



## **SATURDAY | MAY 14**

- Plitvice National Park  
INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL
- Stella River Cruise  
INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL
- Tuscany (May 14-15)  
INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL
- Family Horseback Ride  
Outdoor Recreation

## **SUNDAY | MAY 15**

- Beginner's Canyoning  
Outdoor Recreation

## **MONDAY | MAY 16**

- Basic Italian  
A&FRC

## **TUESDAY | MAY 17**

- Plan My Move  
A&FRC

## **WEDNESDAY | MAY 18**

- Monthly Membership Meal  
LA BELLA VISTA CLUB
- Key Spouse Mentor Training  
A&FRC
- Monthly Membership Meal  
LA BELLA VISTA CLUB

## **MAY 19-20**

- DoL Employment Track  
A&FRC

## **THURSDAY | MAY 19**

- Project STEAM Workshop  
Library

## **FRIDAY | MAY 20**

- PIE Ice Cream Social for Moms  
Child Development Center
- Sunset Soiree: Grappa Pagura  
INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL
- Parents' Night Out  
Aviano Youth Programs
- Preteen & Teen Girls' Hula Dance Off  
Aviano Youth Programs
- Stargazing at Joy Center  
Aviano Youth Programs
- The Murph Challenge  
Dragon & Wyvern Fitness Centers
- Picnic Bingo  
Community Center

## **SATURDAY | MAY 21**

- Pisa & Lucca  
INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL
- American Kids Run  
Aviano Youth Programs
- Skydive Venice  
Outdoor Recreation

## **SUNDAY | MAY 22**

- Hike to Freikofel WWI Open Air Museum  
Outdoor Recreation

## **MONDAY | MAY 23**

- Sponsorship—Taking Care of Our Own  
A&FRC

## **TUESDAY | MAY 24**

- Basic Sewing Demonstration  
Library
- Initial Counseling / Pre-Separation  
Counseling  
A&FRC

## **WEDNESDAY | MAY 25**

- Aviano Spouse Orientation @ MDG  
A&FRC
- Understanding USAJobs Workshop  
A&FRC

## **THURSDAY | MAY 26**

- Final Friday (on a Thursday)  
LA BELLA VISTA CLUB
- Family Movie Night  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
- Final Friday 5K  
Dragon & Wyvern Fitness Centers + La Bella Vista

## **MAY 27-30**

- Puglia (Alberobello, Matera)  
INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL
- Amalfi Coast (Capri, Sorrento, Pompei)  
INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL

## **WEDNESDAY | MAY 31**

- Heart Link: Military 101  
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MAY EVENTS CALENDAR:

# LA BELLA V



FEATURED MAY EVENT:



## Latin Night | Friday, May 13th | 4PM-Close

Bust out your salsa shoes because we'll have a DJ playing all your favorite songs. Drink specials will be available!



## Mother's Day Paint & Sip May 07th | 6-9PM

Calling all Mothers out there: Join us on your special day for a relaxing evening of art-making, good drinks and conversation! **Call LBV for more information and to reserve your spot by May 4th.**

Follow us online for other programming announcements throughout May!  
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# LBV CLUB



## Monthly Membership Meal May 18th | 5-7PM

Only \$5 for members! (Non-members: \$18/adults, \$10/kids, free/kids under 3) **Call for more information and to reserve your spot by May 12th at 3PM!**



## Monthly Trivia Night Every Thursday in May | 5-7PM

We've got the questions—but do you have the answers? Grab some food & a drink and put that random knowledge to good use! Prizes awarded for the winners



## Final Friday (on a Thursday!) Thursday, May 26th | 3:30PM-Close

Come celebrate the last Friday of the month *on a Thursday* in honor of Memorial Day Weekend! We're kicking things off with a 5K run at 3:30PM in partnership with 31FSS Fitness Centers—see page 32 for more details! Then, stick around LBV afterwards for drink specials and other entertainment.

VIEW OUR LUNCH MENU ONLINE →





# GET REFRESHED!

## MAY SPECIALS



### ROSE GOLD LEMONADE

Raspberry Syrup, Fresh Peaches, & Lemonade. Available iced only.

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# BOWLING

## MAYSPECIAL



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### We're spicing things up!

Enjoy a tasty order of 2 fajitas, paired up with grilled peppers & onions, and our fan-favorite waffle fries. Served with salsa & sour cream.

Fajitas available with Beef every Wednesday in May, and with Chicken every Friday in May. That's twice the chance to enjoy!



# Parents' Night Out

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



**Friday, May 20th | 6-10PM**

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 May 18th. 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→



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AREA 1→ AREA F



## Come Join Our Team!

Calling all wonder-makers, craft-imagineers 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 **Child and Youth Program Assistant**. Call us with any questions!

## Drop-in & Hourly Care is Now Available:

Area 1 CDC: Drop-in/hourly care available for 1-5 yr-olds. All immunizations must be up to date. PCS drop-in care is free with voucher and hourly care is \$7.00 per hour. Please call 632-8247 for additional information!

## Facility Closures:

Area 1 & Area F facilities closed May 27th & 30th for the USAFE Family Day & Memorial Day

## Special Events:

- **Caregiver Appreciation Week | May 2nd-6th**
  - Parents are welcome to bring items for staff potlucks @ Area 1 & Area F on Friday, May 6th by 10AM
  - We appreciate your support!*
- **PIE—Ice Cream Social for Moms | Friday, May 20th**
  - 3:30PM @ Area 1 & Area F
  - All ages are welcome!
- **Memorial Day Celebration & Family Movie Night | Thursday, May 26th**
  - Join us in wearing Red, White & Blue @ Areas 1 & F in honor of our nation's fallen heroes
  - Movie viewing begins at 5:30 PM @ Flight Line CDC





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# AVIANO YOUTH PROGRAMS

## May Events

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

### America's Kids Run

Saturday, May 21st  
11AM

### Parents' Night Out

Friday, May 20th  
6PM-10PM

See page 27 for more details!

## SCHOOL AGE CARE

Registration for Summer Care will be opening soon!

If you are in need of summer care and are not currently enrolled in SAC, please visit [MilitaryChildCare.com](http://MilitaryChildCare.com) to request care.

## YOUTH SPORTS

May Means: More Turbo Sports!

Watch the Aviano Child & Youth Programs Facebook Page for the announcement on which sport we will be hosting.

Registration for June Sports Camps Opening This Month!

Be on the lookout for week-long camps for: Basketball, Volleyball, Cheer, Archery, & Soccer



# PRETEEN PROGRAMS

In honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Pre-Teen Programs will be hosting the following events for youth ages 9-13:

## Making Lumpia with Ms. Jasmine

Friday, May 6th  
6PM - 8:30PM

## Musubi & Karaoke Night

*\*Sponsored by Torch Club*  
Friday, May 13th  
6PM - 8:30PM

## Preteen & Teen Girls' Hula Dance Off

Tahitian & Hula Dance Lessons  
Samoan Fire Dance Show  
Friday, May 20th  
6PM - 8:30PM

## Preteen PrimeTime Memberships Available!

Register through CYPBMS.

# TEEN PROGRAMS

Ages: 13-18

## Weekly Activities:

Monday - The Arts / UPS Road Code  
Tuesday - Money Matters Workshop  
Wednesday - TRIPLE PLAY  
Thursday - Keystone Leadership Club  
Friday - Open REC and Special Events

## Teen Chill Out Night- Nerf Wars

Friday, May 6th  
6PM - 8:30PM

## Stargazing at Joy Center

Friday, May 20th  
6PM - 8:30PM

## Preteen & Teen Girls' Hula Dance Off

Tahitian & Hula Dance Lessons  
Samoan Fire Dance Show  
Friday, May 20th  
6PM - 8:30PM

## Teen Center Memberships Available!

Register through CYPBMS.







## Interclub with Golf Pordenone @ Golf Pordenone

- *Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>*
- *First Tee Time: 9AM*
- *45€ / Player\**

Join us for our first Interclub of the year! Tournament will be Individual Stableford Format, and tee times will be assigned. A maximum of 30 players will represent Alpine Golf Course.

*\*Lunch and cart not included. Please inform Alpine Golf Course when signing up if you would like to reserve a cart. Must have established Handicap to play. Call the Pro Shop with questions or to sign up!*



# DRAGON & WYVERN FITNESS CENTERS

## THE MURPH CHALLENGE

Friday, May 20th • 7AM-7PM

At the Fitness Track (the one used for PT testing)

The Murph Challenge exercises can be performed in any order, without any rules or repetitions.

Participants must register online for their time slot.

**SIGN-UP**



## WEIGHT LIFTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Monday, May 23rd - Friday, July 8th

Do any type of strength training exercises to earn "LB'S" towards your 24,000 lb. goal! Registration open from May 9th-22nd.

**SIGN-UP**



## FINAL FRIDAY 5K

Thursday, May 26th\* • 3:30PM

Really earn that Final Friday celebration! The 5K can be run or walked; trail starts at the Base Theater and ends at LBV. \*Special date due to the Family Day.

**SIGN-UP**







# OUTDOOR RECREATION



## MOTHER'S DAY HIKE & WINE TASTING

**Sunday, May 8th • \$50 Adults (18+)  
\$30 Children (6-17) / \$15 Children (0-5)**

Trip Includes: A 1.5-hour guided hike through the hills of the Collio Wine District, a local wine tasting (adults only) with small snacks, and transportation.

Requirements: Please bring water & snacks / pack lunch. Wear comfortable hiking shoes or boots. Min. 6, Max. 19 Participants.

## FAMILY HORSEBACK RIDE

**Saturday, May 14th • \$100 Adults (18+)  
\$50 R4R / \$40 Children (6-17)**

Trip Includes: A family day with horseback riding for adults, pony rides for children, an optional carriage ride, wine tasting (adults only), pizza for lunch, and transportation.

Requirements: Wear close-toed shoes and long pants. Min. 6, Max. 19 Participants.





## BEGINNER'S CANYONING

**Sunday, May 15th • \$90 (Ages 7+) / \$20 R4R**

Trip Includes: 2 hours of beginner canyoning, guide, equipment, and transportation.

Requirements: Wear a bathing suit or spandex (for under a wet suit), and hiking boots or hiking shoes that can get wet (no water shoes). Bring a towel and a change of dry clothes, water and snacks. Min. 6, Max. 19 Participants.



## SKYDIVE VENICE

**Saturday, May 21st • \$270 / \$70 R4R**

Trip includes: Tandem jump with an experienced instructor & transportation.

Requirements: Ages 18+, Max weight is 220 pounds (no exceptions). Please wear close-toed shoes and layers. Bring euro for snacks or pack a lunch, as you may be waiting for others to finish their jump. Min. 6, Max. 20 Participants

Note: Photo & video are not included, but may be purchased at the location.

## HIKE TO FREIKOFEL WWI OPEN AIR MUSEUM

**Sunday, May 22nd • \$50**

Trip Includes: A 9-mile guided hike with a max altitude of 600 meters, and transportation

Requirements: Hiking boots are required for this terrain. Please wear layers, and bring a rain jacket or poncho in case the weather suddenly changes. Bring a head lamp for the tunnels and bunkers. Pack water, snacks and a lunch. Min. 4, Max. 7 Participants.

Notes: Expect at least 4 hours on-trail. This hike is not suitable for those that experience vertigo or a fear of heights.







# INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL

# MAY TRIPS

## LUNCH AT CASTELLO DI SPESSA



MAY 7TH  
\$85

## PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK



MAY 14TH  
\$110 / \$55 (DAP)

## SUNSET SOIREE: GRAPPA PAGURA



MAY 20TH  
\$65

## PISA & LUCCA



MAY 21ST  
\$135 / \$70 (SAI)





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### STELLA RIVER CRUISE



**MAY 14TH**  
**\$100**

### TUSCANY (HOT SPRINGS)



**MAY 14TH - 15TH**  
**\$300**

### PUGLIA (BARI, ALBEROBELLO & MATERA)



**MAY 27TH-30TH**  
**\$495**

### AMALFI COAST (CAPRI, SORRENTO & POMPEI)



**MAY 27TH-30TH**  
**\$545**



# FSS Directory

Commercial: 0434-30-XXXX

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## Airman & 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: 8:30AM-6PM, Sat: 9AM-6PM

Closed: Sundays & holidays

**Wood Shop**—Thur: 2PM-6PM, Fri-Sat: 9:30AM-6PM

Closed: Mon-Wed, Sundays & holidays

**Engraving**—Mon-Fri: 9AM-5PM

Closed: Family Days, Weekends & holidays

## Auto Hobby Shop

☎ 2277

Mon-Fri: 8:30AM-6PM, Sat: 9AM-6PM

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## 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: 9AM-2:30PM

Fri: 9AM-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-4PM

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

## 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

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## Information Tickets & Travel

☎ 3107

Mon-Fri: 10AM-6PM

Closed: Family Days, holidays, & every third Thursday 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 Tuesday at 12PM  
CAC Appts: See 31FSS website for hours & link

## Mulligan's Grill

☎ 7386

Mon-Fri: 7AM-1PM  
Closed: Weekends

## NAF Human Resources

☎ 5747

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 7:30AM-4:30PM  
Wed: 7:30AM-1:30PM  
Closed: Weekends, holidays, & family days

## Outdoor Recreation

☎ 8623

Mon, Tues, & Fri: 10AM-6PM  
Closed: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays  
Sundays & holidays

*\*Reservations should be made Mon + Tue  
Fridays are for equipment pick up only*

## Post Office

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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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