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Week ending 23 January 2026



Operation Shingle to be commemorated in Anzio and Nettuno

Twenty events are to be held in Anzio and Nettuno to mark the 82nd anniversary of Operation Shingle.

21 January

945am Wreath-laying at Il Graffio della Vita monument, Anzio.

1015am Wreath-laying at the Lt Eric Walters and Caduti Dello Sbarco monuments, Anzio.

11am Remembrance service at the Monumento Lanuvio, Anzio.

22 January

830am Remembrance service at the CWGC Beachhead Cemetery, Anzio.

10am Wreath-laying at the Caduti Monument in Pizza Garibaldi, Anzio.

1130am Remembrance service at the Caduti Monument in Piazza Cesare Battista, Nettuno.

1pm Remembrance ceremony at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery, Nettuno.



23 January

10am The three-day Face of War exhibition of the works of Brummett Echohawk, a native American who served in the US 45th Division in Anzio, opens in the Nettuno Council room. The exhibition is curated by Professor David D'Andrea of Oklahoma State University.

1130am Price of Peace seminar in L'Istituto di Istruzione Superiore Apicio-Colonna Gatti, Anzio.

24 January

10am The Angel's Camp re-enactment centre on Salus Beach, Nettuno and the military theme area in Piazzale San Rocco, Nettuno open.

1030am A military vehicle procession will take place on the Anzio to Nettuno road.

11am Wreath-laying at the US 3rd Infantry Division memorial in Via Acciarella, Bosco di Foglino.

230pm March of peace to Nettuno's Caduti Monument.

25 January

10am A historical exhibition opens at Piazzale San Rocco, Nettuno.

10am-12noon A baseball exhibition will be held on Salus Beach, Nettuno.

8am-4pm A special amateur radio event is scheduled at Spiaggia delle Sirene, Nettuno.

1-3pm A swing and jazz concert will take place Nettuno's Piazzale San Rocco.

27 January

930am Laying of a floral homage at the plaques in Anzio for HMS Sparta; the 1st Battalion of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry and the 1st Battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.



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Remembering events in the upper Sangro in January 1944

The photograph below was taken by Oberleutnant Anton Wehinger (see portrait) of the 578th Grenadier Regiment on 19 January 1944 of members of the 2nd Battalion of the London Irish Rifles captured in an attack in the upper Sangro River valley. The London Irish lost five men killed; 12 wounded and 19 taken prisoner.

Anton Wehinger was awarded an Iron Cross in January 1945 and survived the war. He died in 2012.

We are grateful to Alessandro Teti in Castel del Rio for his help in researching this story.

For a full account of the action, go to: <https://www.irishbrigade.co.uk/original-war-diaries-1942-to-1945/war-diaries-of-2-london-irish-rifles/war-diaries-of-2-london-irish-rifles-1944/2-lir-january-1944/e-company-montenero/>

This episode of All My Brothers about the 38 (Irish) Brigade includes an account of the battle:

<https://youtu.be/4i90Ti7ysWI>



Winterline Association to celebrate 20th anniversary



On 15 March, The Association Winterline Venafro will celebrate its 20th anniversary and the 18th year of the operation of the War Museum Winterline Venafro.

“We are reaping the fruits of our labour with the success achieved!,” says Association Wintrline’s Luciano Bucciano (*standing centre in the photograph on the left*). “I anticipate that we are planning to organize something to celebrate this important anniversary together so stay tuned!...”

The Winterline Museum can be visited every weekend all around the year. Visits must be booked in advance. Entry is free.

You can find out more here: <https://www.winterlinevenafro.it>

The Monte Cassino to Rome Peace Walk 2026

The second Monte Cassino to Rome Peace Walk will begin at the gates of the Abbey of Monte Cassino at 10am on Tuesday 7 April and finish in St Peter's Square on the morning of 15 April.

The nine-day walk will mark the anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Italy.

It will follow the Cammino di San Benedetto from Monte Cassino to Roccasecca, birthplace of St Thomas Aquinas and from there proceed to Arce overlooking the Via Casilina to Rome, the walled town of Strangolagalli and Ripi. The walkers will then transfer to Nemi in the Alban Hills and follow the Via Francigena to Castelgondolfo and the Appian Way to the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls in Rome. For more information, contact Edmund O’Sullivan. Edmundosullivan1@gmail.com.