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Monday Lunches

Every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. get your hot dog or hamburger plate at Pvt. Nakae Square. Raised funds will help reduce the cost of this year's Army Birthday Ball June 6.

Parking Change

Parking along Christian Street in non-designated parking spots will be prohibited. The reason for this change is traffic flow and safety issues. Temporary barriers will be placed to mark the no parking zone until signs can be posted and the curb painted.

Mark your Calendar

April 11 Spring Fest
April 15 Open house at the Camp Darby Library
April 17 Beach Splash
April 22 Earth Day
April 29 Colts Cheerleader
Visit community calendar on garrison web site.

Helping fellow soldiers by supporting Army Emergency Relief

By Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

At Camp Darby, the Army Emergency Relief Annual Fund Campaign kicked off on March 31, with a cake cutting ceremony held in Pvt. Masato “Curly” Nakae Square.

“AER is important because it is for the Soldiers; we take care of our own, so in essence, AER is about ‘Soldiers taking care of Soldiers,’ said Sgt. Ryan Hall, AER Point of Contact for Camp Darby 2009 Campaign.

Elizabeth Speck, AER Coordinator for Camp Darby, explained that in order to receive support, Soldiers in need must fill in a written request.

“Soldiers in need must see their Commander or senior enlisted leader, and fill the appropriate form. If they meet the requirements they will receive the funds needed within 24 hours,” said USAG Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez

Per Lt. Gen. Robert E. Foley, AER, Director, last year donations from Camp Darby totaled \$3, 544 while AER assistance amounted to \$24, 754.

“I am the Point of Contact for the Headquarters and Headquarters Com-
pany, and as of the first day of cam-



Capt. Robert Tarr, USAG Livorno Director of Emergency Services, writes a check in support of the Army Emergency Relief Annual Fund Campaign, at the kick off ceremony, March 31, in Pvt. Masato “Curly” Nakae Square.

paign, we already collected \$2,000,” said 1st Sgt. Raymond Laverenz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. “The goal for the Camp Darby Community this year is to double or triple the amount that was collected last year.”

Rodriguez added that AER assistance is available to all Soldiers and their immediate Family, wherever they are located and the amount of assistance is only limited by a valid need.

“I ask Camp Darby soldiers to be generous in supporting AER, for this project is greater than us; it’s not just about giving, but supporting the needs of somebody else,” Rodriguez said. “We need to realize that there may be a time when we may be

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THE YEAR OF THE NCO

Congratulations to Camp Darby

NCO of the Quarter: SSG Christopher Lemaire, 511th MP Platoon

Soldier of the Quarter: SPC Keith Owens, Health Clinic



Camp Darby NCOs and Soldiers,

We will have our NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Board on May 21 at USAG HQ Conference Room.

Eligible NCOs and Soldiers from HHC USAG-Livorno, 511th MP Platoon, 3/405th AFSB, USA Health Clinic, USA Dental Clinic, 839th Trans Bn, AFN Livorno, and 497th MCT may compete. NCOs will be in the ranks of Corporal through Sergeant First Class with less than 18 years of service. Junior Enlisted Soldiers will be in the ranks of Private through Specialist promotable with less than 8 years of active federal service. Candidates may have no record of UCMJ, AWOL, court martial or civilian conviction during his/her current assignment. Candidates may not be flagged IAW AR 600-8-2

Questions will come from the following topics:

NCO Creed, NCO History, NCO Development Program, and the NCO Evaluation Report Program.

Board Member: Soldier Support Activities and Army Programs; PMCS; Supply Economy; Education Programs; Sponsorship; React to IED, First Aid; 9-line MEDEVAC; Army Physical Fitness Program/APFT; Uniform and Awards; Drills and Ceremonies; MOUT, Weapons; Land Navigation and Map Reading; Battle Focused Training; Army Warrior Tasks & Drills (AWT); U.S. Army History, Military Leadership and Developmental Counseling; Current Events; Military Justice; Chain of Command/NCO Support Channel; CBRN.

NCOs and Soldiers, please have your supervisor call Sgt. Everett at DSN 633-7345 so that he can add your name to the board schedule. I expect to see at least a total four NCOs and four Soldiers. Each unit can send more than one NCO and Soldier to participate. Please remember that these boards prepare our personnel for future boards, i.e. promotion boards, SGT Morales Bd and Audie Murphy Bd. It also can be used as a bullet comment for an NCOER. Centralized promotion boards at DA look for those personnel that go the extra mile; they tend to get selected for promotion quicker.



Lt. Col. Steven Cade
U.S. Army Garrison
Livorno Commander

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the ones in need; emergencies can happen and we want to be ready to respond.”

Rodriguez explained that AER solicits donations from Soldiers because they are the beneficiaries of the AER assistance. Donations are strictly voluntary; however, unsolicited donations from the general public will be accepted.

According to retired Col. Dennis Spiegel, AER Deputy Director for Administration Secretary, Paternity Leave will be an authorized category for AER assistance. Soldiers granted Paternity Leave may seek AER assistance for required travel and related maintenance expenses such as transportation, lodging, and food.

“The recognition of paternity leave is a great plus to the AER program,” Rodriguez said. “Now, if a young soldier, whose other half is going to deliver in the United States wants to assist his child’s birth, AER can help take care of some of the associated expenses.”

Rodriguez said AER could not continue to support soldiers and families without the financial support of generous people.

“Camp Darby is a small installation with a big heart,” said Rodriguez.

The AER Campaign will run until May 15.



1st Sgt. Raymond Laverenz, AER Point of Contact for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Elizabeth Speck, ARE Coordinator for Camp Darby, and USAG Livorno Installation Commander, Lt. Col. Stephen Cade, kick off the Camp Darby’s 67th Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign with a cake cutting ceremony on March 31, in Pvt. Masato “Curly” Nakae Square.

Child Abuse Prevention Month



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Sherie Colegrove, Army Community Services, special events contractor (left) hands out to Morgan Neubert, a cup cake and information package at the Child Abuse Prevention Month kick off ceremony in the Pvt. Masato "Curly" Nakae Square, April 1.

Informational material was distributed to children and parents to increase child abuse awareness.

"It is very important for the parents to learn what the signs of a possible disturbance can be," said Colegrove. "Parents should step in at the first sign, and investigate".

Army shows its concern for Army Family, children

By **Drew Andersen**

U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim Family Advocate Program specialist

MANNHEIM, Germany – The Department of Army has shown its concern for the most vulnerable members of the Army Family, our children, by setting aside every April as the month for a focus on the prevention of all forms of child abuse.

Because a child must depend on adults for care and nurturing throughout its infancy and early childhood years, it is particularly disturbing to see a child abused in any manner.

Most people are aware of the more alarming aspects of child abuse such as physical or sexual abuse by adults which make headline news when they are exposed in the media.

But in 2009, the Army asks us to also focus on the often “hidden effects” of child abuse that have, sadly, become so commonplace, that they have lost visibility: ordinary neglect.

Yes, child neglect is also a form of abuse. Although it may not show the visible scars of wounds from beatings or torture that produce scare headlines, there is an effect that is far worse in some respects: *invisible* scars.

These are the scars that are psychological in nature. They are found in children who are neglected by their primary caregivers, their own parents. These are the children who are poorly clothed, inadequately fed, ashamed of their home environment – either because of poor housekeeping or unsanitary living conditions, lacking in age-appropriate toys, books or stimulation; never taken to any outside entertainment by their parents whether it be a movie, play, concert, zoo or just a simple outdoor picnic; rarely, if ever to a place of worship.

These children often exhibit behavioral problems that are noticed by others whether it be their neighbors, playmates or teachers. Their studies often suffer because they have not been given any positive reinforcement or taught the values of self-discipline in their own homes. These are the children whose parents have never met with school personnel unless there is a problem. They often have difficulty making friends or behave in a shy or withdrawn manner in the presence of others.

Because they cannot interact in healthy relationships within their own peer groups due to deficient communication skills or poor self-image, they “act up” in inappropriate ways or become involved in “gang behaviors” that are antisocial or negative. In a word, these children are lacking in LOVE.

Sadly, as an adult, you may have been one of these children. Because you lacked good behavior modeling in your own home you are unable to provide it to your own children. You encounter problems in your own married, social or business life because you, too, are lacking in love.

How can you break this cycle? Seek professional help.

You owe it to yourself, your partner and your military community. But most of all, you owe it to that child whom you have brought into this world. Try to see that wounded part of you in that hurting child and give them the kind of love that you missed at that age and still ache for!

<http://www.mwrgermany.com/MA/ACS/FAP.htm>

Safety Day at School



Erin Laverenz, (left) has her fingerprint taken by Carabinieri Appuntato Scelto Antonio Infantino, during a Safety Day held on April 1 at the Livorno Unit School Gym.

DARE, Carabinieri, and Fire Department displayed their equipment to show the students how they perform their daily duties.

DARE Officer Staff Sgt. Thomas Garrard said it is important to show the students, as well as the parents that there are the same crimes throughout the world but at the same time there is also the same prevention. All security forces work closely for the same goal of ensuring security awareness. (By Chiara Mattirollo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

Transportation Soldiers compete to be named “NCO of the Year”

By Spc. Trey Harvey

Special to the Darby Digest

Being a good leader requires a great deal of strength, determination and patience and that was very evident as two very determined soldiers set out to prove that they were worthy of being called 598th transportation Group Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

The two Soldiers, Sgt. Scott Yeager and Staff Sgt. James Phillips, made the trip from the Netherlands to Camp Darby, to prove they were physically and mentally fit along with being able to show that they could zero their weapons and put bullets on their targets.

“This competition’s taught me responsibility, it’s taught me to grow up and it’s taught me to be a better person,” said Yeager “It’s also taught me that there is something worth aspiring to.”

Phillips added that touching the lives of so many troops makes his career worthwhile.

“To be able to mentor and train those soldiers and to go through the things that I’ve been through over the years, these are what makes it most important to me and stands out the most.”

After a great deal of preparation, experience and mental focus, Sgt. Yeager was named the 598th Transportation Group NCO of the year.

The Camp Darby event was a brigade-level competition and winner Yeager will go on to compete in the headquarters’ surface, deployment, and distribution command competition in Hawaii.

Photos from top to bottom: Sgt. 1st Class Emilio Frijas, 839th Transportation Battalion tests Staff Sgt. James Phillips on his map overlay reading ability; Staff Sgt. George Long test Sgt. Scott Yeager on sending a NBC report; Staff Sgt. James Phillips and Sgt. Scott Yeager plot their points on a map for the land navigation portion of the competition; Sgt. Scott Yeager and Staff Sgt. James Phillips shoot azimuths from the starting point at the Camp Darby training site. (Photos by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)



Defibrillators: fitness center life savers

By Tom Hlavacek

Installation Management Command-Europe FMWR

HEIDELBERG, Germany – The American Red Cross reports that each year some 500,000 Americans die of cardiac arrest.

And when started promptly, cardiopulmonary resuscitation can save victims by supplying oxygen to the brain and other vital organs. But in many cases CPR by itself cannot correct the underlying heart program; an automated external defibrillator is needed to return a normal heart rhythm.

Accordingly, since 2004 the Installation Management Command-Europe Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation sports and fitness staff has bought and placed AEDs into all staffed fitness centers throughout the region. The organization made a second bulk buy in 2008 to make AEDs available for outdoor recreation trips and other physical activities.

To ensure the equipment is used properly during emergencies, fitness staff members undergo annual training to stay current on defibrillator procedures – which has saved lives.

These steps are taken because “customer safety and well being remain a top priority for us,” said Jim Mattingly, chief of IMCOM-Europe sports, fitness and aquatics.

As such, region fitness centers recently completed voluntarily recalls by AED manufacturers Medtronic and Zoll, with the later calling for a change in batteries that came with initial orders. The Federal Drug Administration has also issued a safety alert on AEDs built by Welch Allyn; however, that product is not used in region fitness centers.

Defibrillators on Camp Darby are located at the Livorno Army Health Clinic and at the Fitness Center. If you have questions about defibrillators or want to learn how to use AED, contact the Livorno Health Clinic at DSN 633-7357 and ask for the Chief Nurse, Maj. Garrison.



Automated external defibrillators placed in various Department of Defense facilities – along with trained service members and civilian employees – have been credited with saving the lives of heart attack victims. (DoD photo)

April is Sexual Assault Prevention month

April 8 - Teal Ribbons will be passed out to service members and families to show we take a stand against sexual assault and to promote change in our Military.

April 22 - Denim Day is an international promotion event in response to the Italian Supreme Court's overruling of a rape conviction in 1999. An Italian woman was raped, and when the case went to trial, the jury found her assailant guilty.

The Supreme Court then overturned the ruling, saying that jeans are so difficult to remove; the assailant could not have done so without the victim's help.

To honor Denim Day, the community is encouraged to wear jeans to work in order to promote awareness of the misconceptions about sexual assault. There is no excuse and never an invitation to rape.



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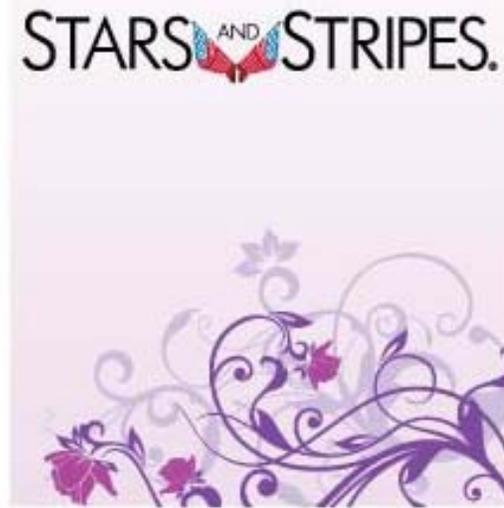
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Local Boy Scout attains Eagle Scout rank

Story and photos by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Becoming an Eagle Scout is one of the most challenge things a young man can aspire to do in his teens, but James Speck of Camp Darby, Italy was able to achieve the coveted rank this year.

One of the requirements to reach this rank is to plan and execute an Eagle Scout Leadership Project.

James learned that after a safety inspection performed by the Camp Darby Safety officer, it was determined that the children's playground located adjacent to the Army Lodging, Casa Toscana, did not meet safety requirements due to uneven and hard ground.

James decided this would be something that the community could really benefit from and made it his project.

"I have family members and friends who like to use this playground and to me this was a way to give back to the community that helped me become the person that I am," said James. "Plus, by helping others I can be a positive example to my younger brother Stephen."

According to Command Sgt. Maj. William Berrios, who was assigned to Camp Darby during the time of James project, James team provided a total of 223.5 man hours, saving the community approximately \$4,360.50.

James added that the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers volunteers played a crucial role in helping him meet his goal.

"I really appreciate the Soldiers, Airmen and civilians who came out on their weekends and helped dig and haul pea gravel," said James. "I've always admired the many people who have mentored and helped me in my journey to become an Eagle Scout, and I hope that I can be like them and be a good role model for others."

His mother, Elizabeth Speck, said she is very proud of her eldest son.

"James really grew in his ability as a leader because of the support and mentoring of some many volunteers across Darby;" continued Elizabeth, "Boy Scouts is all about growing leaders and I'm glad troop #76 is here for our young boys."

James added the hardest thing about working on the playground project for him was keeping focused and dedicated and not losing site of the goal during the project.

"Becoming an Eagle Scout is hard work, but I think that Boy Scouts gives young men great opportunities to learn outdoor skills, and how to be a better person along the way and is good way to learn life lessons in fun environment," said James.

Photos:(Top) James Speck takes the Eagle Scout oath during the USAG Livorno community awards ceremony (bottom) Lt. Col. Steven Cade, USAG Livorno commander presents James Speck with his Eagle Scout certificate.



Make sure spring cleaning, fire safety go hand-in-hand

Installation Management Command-Europe public affairs

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Now that spring is here, many people will gravitate towards a yearly tradition called “spring clean up.”

In conjunction with Installation Management Command’s Fire Safety Campaign running now through October, spring cleaning can also be an ideal time to check homes and yards for dangerous and combustible materials and unsafe conditions.

According to Gerald A. Adams, IMCOM-Europe fire protection specialist, people should take a few minutes to plan their safety clean-up day.

“You will want to check each room in your house, including the attic and basement,” he said. “Also, don’t forget the garage, yard and storage shed. Spend the time to protect our families and our properties.”

Spring clean up does not mean people have to tackle the job in one weekend, explained Adams.

“Take your time and determine what you need versus what to get rid of. Of course, only you can decide what must stay and what should go,” said Adams. “Spring cleanup is very important in maintaining good housekeeping practices.”

Here are some helpful hints when doing your spring clean up:

Remove weeds, dead trees and bushes from around homes, fences, and sidewalks.

Store paints, thinners and other flammable/combustible liquids in original containers and away from any heat, sparks or flame and ensure that they are kept under lock and key and out of reach of children and pets. Contact your local Environmental Office for the proper procedures in discarding unwanted flammable and combustible containers to include herbicides and pesticides.

- Keep the attic free from combustibles.
- Get rid of all newspapers and magazines that are no longer in use. Remove boxes, old furniture, and appliances left in the yard or inside the garage. Recycle cardboard boxes, plastics, and glass items, make arrangements to have those discarded items picked up and removed from the premises. Donate serviceable items to charity or better yet, have a garage sale. It does not take long for these items to accumulate around the home and around business facilities.
- Check porch, garage, and backyard lights to ensure that they are in working order.
- Make sure electrical, plumbing, heating; air conditioning systems are in good working order.
- Maintain custodial supply storage areas, work areas, garages, homes, in an orderly and fire safe condition.

Check and correct things like frayed or damaged appliance cords, wiring, fuses or breakers.

Check for water leaks, especially near electrical appliances.

Check your smoke detector and replace your battery twice a year as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association.

Check your Fire Extinguisher by visually inspecting the pressure on the gauge to ensure that it is within the green zone. If the pressure has dropped into the red zone, it will need to be recharged if capable. Check for cracks in the hoses, visible damage, and ensure that the nozzle is not obstructed in anyway.

Make sure all doors and windows open easily for fast escapes.

Check for good clearance between heating appliances and combustibles. A clearance of 36 inches should be provided at all times.

Evenflo Expands Recall of Majestic™ High Chairs Due to Fall and Choking Hazards

Hazard: Plastic caps and metal screws on both sides of the high chair can loosen and fall out, allowing the seatback to suddenly fall back or detach from the high chair. Children can fall backwards or fall out of the high chair and suffer bumps and bruises to the head, broken bones, abrasions, cuts and bruises. Detached hardware also poses a choking hazard to children.

Description: The expanded recall involves Evenflo Majestic™ high chairs, model numbers: 3001395, 3001395A, 3001604, 3001700, 3001713, 3001713A, 3001730A, 3001732, 3001733, 3001742, 3001742A, 3001756, 3001821A, 3001840A, 3001845, 30011848, 3001852, 3001932, 3002719 and 3003845 manufactured between January 23, 2007 and December 31, 2008. The model number and date of manufacture are located on a white label/sticker on the seatback. "Evenflo" is printed on the label and on the front of the tray. Models showing a year of manufacture of 2009 in red ink are not included in the recall.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled high chairs and contact Evenflo to receive a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Evenflo at (800) 233-5921 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.evenflo.com

Best Buy Announces the Recall of Certain Insignia 26-Inch Flat-Panel LCD Televisions Due to Fire Hazard

Hazard: The television's power supply can fail, posing a fire and burn hazard to consumers.

Description: This recall involves Insignia 26-inch flat-panel LCD televisions, model number IS-LCDTV26. The model number is printed on the back of the television and the word "INSIGNIA" is printed on the bottom front. No other Insignia model televisions are involved in this recall.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled televisions and contact the Best Buy hotline to receive a gift card for the value of a replacement television.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Best Buy at (800) 233-0462 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT daily, or visit the firm's Web site at www.bestbuy.com

Lakeshore Learning Materials Recalls Children's "What's Inside? Soft Toy" Boxes Due to Choking Hazard

Hazard: The head of the stuffed butterfly toy can detach from the body, posing a choking hazard to children.

Description: The recalled product is a soft, multi-colored box with a different color on each side. "What's Inside?" is embroidered on the front of the box and symbols of a lion, flower and purple butterfly are stitched on another side. Each feely box contains ten small stuffed pieces. The piece affected by this recall is the pink and purple butterfly. Sold by: Lakeshore Learning Materials stores nationwide and Toys To Grow On™ catalogs from September 2008 through February 2009 for about \$40.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled product away from children and contact Lakeshore to receive a free replacement butterfly.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Lakeshore Learning Materials at (800) 428-4414 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at www.lakeshorelearning.com

Clothing Irons Recalled by Conair Corporation Due to Fire Hazard

Hazard: The clothing iron can overheat, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Conair has received three reports of overheating, including two fires resulting in property damage. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves Conair clothing irons with model numbers DPP1500, DPP1500R and DPP3500. The model number is printed below the soleplate. No other models are included in this recall.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately unplug and stop using the recalled clothing irons and contact Conair to receive a free comparable product.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Conair at (800) 687-6916 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.Conair.com

SunKids Convertible Cribs Recalled by Suntech Enterprises Due to Entrapment and Suffocation Hazards

Hazard: The sides of the crib are made of mesh that expands, creating a gap between the side and the crib's mattress if it's not zipped into place, or a gap between the side and an added mattress. A young child can slip into this gap and become entrapped or suffocate. Also, the crib's drop side can fail to fully latch posing a fall hazard to young children.

Description: The recall involves the SunKids convertible crib/playpen/bassinet/bed with model number PY256. "SunKids" is embroidered on the bottom left of the crib's drop side. The convertible cribs have a drop side rail, stationary side rail, canopy assembly, and bassinet. The sides of the convertible crib are fabric and mesh. The mattress support, bassinet, canopy, and bed skirt are covered in fabric. The fabric and the mesh were sold in navy blue, light blue, pink, beige, white, beige checker, and pink heart.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled convertible cribs and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Suntech Enterprises toll-free at (888) 268-8139 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.



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Community News for USAG Livorno

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Welcome Home and Grand Opening of Service Member and Family Readiness Center (SFRC)

After many months of planning, building, and interior decorating, the SFRC in Bldg. 428, finally opened its doors for business on Friday, February 27th at noon.

The Welcome Home and Grand Opening celebration began with a ribbon cutting event by BG Belinda Pinckney, Army's Diversity Task Force Commander, LTC Steven Cade, USAG Livorno Garrison Commander, LTC Tammy Cobb, 31st Munitions Commander, Ms. Rebecca Cade, Camp Darby Family Readiness Senior Advisor and Ms. Evelyn Watkins, Army Community Service Officer.

Recently returned Airmen from contingency operations and Families were recognized.

The all-new facility features the Yellow Ribbon Room with four computers for E-mail, web-cam capability, a full kitchen, a cozy living room with flat screen TV, VCR/DVD player and XBOX, a conference room and a fun kids room, complete with an array of toys, books, games and small scale furniture, a training room with TV and internet capability, and information and referral.

Come to visit and utilize the many services and opportunities provided to help ease the stress of deployment. Attend the training sessions and classes that are offered by ACS.

Hours: Tues, Weds, Thurs- 10:00-3:00
Telephone: DSN 633-7946



Camp Darby Celebrated Savings with a Week of Events!

Across the country military members and their families were hearing the phrase "Build Wealth, Not Debt" and this was all because of Military Saves Week, Feb 22 to March 1. During the week, Mrs. Elizabeth Speck, Camp Darby's ACS Financial Readiness Manager, reminded community members to assess their savings status, act to improve upon their savings method and set up automatic savings options.

List of Events that occurred at Camp Darby for Military Saves Week

Feb. 22 - March 1

Take the "Saver Pledge" at www.militarysaves.org

February 24, 12:00 p.m.

Cake Cutting in Curley N. Square

February 25 - 26, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Informational Tables set up at the Curley N. Square



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March 2009

Classes & Seminars

RELOCATION READINESS

Benvenuti at Camp Darby

Tuesday April 7, 8:15 a.m. at CSM Shields
Conference Room

New to Camp Darby and don't know where to go to get answers? Learn about Italian customs, culture, local shopping, paying Italian bills and more. Please sign up for the next Benvenuti session by calling ACS. Free childcare, but registration is required.

ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS

Volunteer Action Council (VAC) for OPOCs

April 8, 11:30-12:00 p.m. at ACS
Meetings are usually the 1st Wednesday every quarter.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS

Resume Points Training

March 13, 11:30-12:00 p.m. at ACS
Learn how to make yourself attractive on paper!

Career Fair by visiting professionals

March 24, 9:00-12:00 p.m. in the SFRC
Learn how to make yourself attractive on paper!

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT

Reintegration, Relationships & PTSD

March 11 & 18 10:30 a.m. at ACS
Tips on how to better manage family relationships following a deployment. Please RSVP at ACS for this class.

FAMILY ADVOCACY

Children's Playgroup

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the SFRC
An interactive and educational playgroup for service members and their families with children from birth-3 yrs.

Military One Source



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En Espanol: 1-877-888-0727

FINANCIAL READINESS

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Information

March 10, 11:30 p.m.-12:00 p.m. in the SFRC
Learn the benefits of TSP in this quickie class.

Identity Theft Protection

March 11, 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the SFRC
Learn steps that help to achieve financial freedom and security.

Consumer Rights and Obligations

March 13, 11:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m. in the SFRC
Learn what you the consumer are entitled to and what your responsibilities are during this quickie class.

Financial Record Keeping Training

March 19, 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. in the SFRC
Learn how work ATM/Debit purchases into balancing the checkbook.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Italian conversation & grammar at the Library

Mondays 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

English as a second language at the Library

Tuesdays 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. *Beginners*
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. *Intermediate*



Soldier and Family Readiness Center

Are you an appointed Family Readiness Group Leader? Come to ACS and sign out a key to the building for your meetings.

Army Family Team Building (AFTB)

March 18 & 19, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the SFRC.
Level 1 is an introduction to the military for newcomers.
All trainings are also available online at:
www.myarmylifetoo.com

ACS Spotlight: Coming Events

March	April	May	June
March 18, <i>Cooking Class with Ann Hinckley "Spring into Spring"</i>	April 1, <i>Child Abuse Prevention and Safety Fair</i>	May 8, <i>Volunteer Recognition Ceremony</i>	June 17, <i>Multicultural Wives Club</i>
March 24, <i>ERP Career Fair</i>	April 11, <i>Child ID Day</i>	May 13, <i>Smooth Move</i>	June 17 & 18, <i>AFTB Level 1 Training</i>
March 31, <i>VA Rep. is coming to Camp Darby</i>	April 16, <i>Car Seat Safety Inpection</i>	May 26, <i>Single Service Member Meal</i>	June 23, <i>Money Basics for Teens</i>

God, Get me away from these people!

By Chaplain (Maj.) Kelly Porter

Psalm 120

The first in a series of articles about the Songs of Ascent These Psalms are also called Song of Degrees because they sweep the singer into a climax by Psalm 134. The writer of Psalm 120 is sad about his condition and needs a lift so he takes it to God.

v. 1-2

“I call on the Lord in my distress and he answers me. Save me, O Lord, from lying lips and from deceitful tongues.”

Is it possible to actually hear God? Some people claim to receive messages from God. We think of they are strange, delusional or just plain whacky. In order to know whether that message is authentic we have to be able to gauge it, to judge it. Just as distance is measured against a ruler and all rulers are measured against one universal standard, so too we can know if God speaks to us if it is measured against one of two universal, tangible constants- the Bible. If the messages disagree with the Bible then we have to

choose the latter. Agreeing that God does speak to us, even today we are still left with difficult questions. *How does the Lord answer? What does the Lord say?*

It is easy to be confused about God's speaking to us.

We can hear a message so often it becomes palatable, digestible. Disturbing studies have shown that people hear messages given in authoritative ways and often enough then those messages are acceptable, even if the persons in the study knew the messages were wrong. The acceptance of Nazi propaganda in Germany is a classic example.

We have concepts of right and wrong based on our familiar surrounding, customs, traditions and norms. If a statement fits that traditional lifestyle then as Christians we tend to consider the message to be true about God. “He MUST be that way, it's what I know.” Through Scripture, though, God sets aright our opinions about Him. The question is whether we are willing to adapt to God's description of Himself. In this case the Lord answered the Psalmist through a rescue. He was surrounded by slandering, malicious neighbors but God promised delivery.

v. 3-4

“What will he do to you and what more besides, O deceitful tongue? He will punish you with a warrior's sharp arrows, with burning coals of the broom tree”

The tongue is powerful. It builds or destroys relationships.

Words can build bridges between peoples or tear them down.

Unless a person is a con-artist, a person's words indicate what is in his heart. The words reveal what drives him- his passions, motives and intents. The tongue unchecked will bring on punishment. Here, the tongue will be

attacked and pierced by a warrior's arrow. It will be rendered useless, unable to harm any longer. The broom tree burns intensely so this could be thought of as hot coals, or glowing charcoal. Compare this reference to Isaiah 6 in which the angel cleanses Isaiah's tongue with the coal; only here the burning is not a remedy.

v. 5-6

“Woe to Me that I dwell in Meshech, that I live among the tents of Kedar! too long have I lived among those who hate peace.”

Meshech is the son of Japheth (Gen 10.2), the son of Noah. Some believe the area he resided is in Russia or eastern Turkey south of the Black Sea. The Bible represents Meshech as remote and barbaric. Kedar was the second born son of Ishmael (Gen 25.13). He settled south and east of Israel (today's Arabia). Both locations are far from home. They are remote and foreign. These are also places where fighting took place. Wherever the writer lived, the people around him were like those bloodthirsty savages. In the same way we are aliens in a foreigner country (not Italy). As Christians the world is not our home. The more like Christ we are the more uncomfortable we will be in this world. It will always oppose us. Beware of the Christian who thoroughly enjoys it here, he is slipping into dangerous territory much like Lot did in Sodom. Lot realized too late what kind of place he was living in and barely escaped with his life.

v. 7

“I am a man of peace; but when I speak, they are for war.” Here is the crisis moment for the follower of the God of peace. When those around us stand for injustice, immorality and ungodliness will we have the courage to stand and advocate what is of God? At some point we must be willing to sacrifice ourselves not for a cause, but for righteousness. The world will stand against righteousness and for wickedness. The Psalmist says he is a man of peace so his words promote peace. For us to have

significant influence on others we must first be conformed to God's likeness, we must be like what we advocate.

As a song of ascent remember this song was used as the people traveled up to Jerusalem for a festival worship. Perhaps the Psalmist is reflecting on how nice it is to get away from the stress, ugliness and drain of life and to be around like-minded believers. It was a joy to spend time traveling with them and anticipate refreshing times of worship. Our Sunday mornings and Bible studies and prayer meetings are like that. We can't live in the chapel 24/7 as a Christian commune but we do need those times of refreshing. We need the fellowship of other believers. We need their encouragement and correcting and rebuking and prayers. We need to worship alongside them to know we all struggle and be reminded that God answers when we call on Him. Our travel is a spiritual travel as we move from initial faith to growing in grace and knowledge of God. As you approach Easter continue to read the Songs of Ascent and let the Holy Spirit sweep you up to God's holy throne. †

**Vacation Bible School
2009
Paul and the
Underground Church**



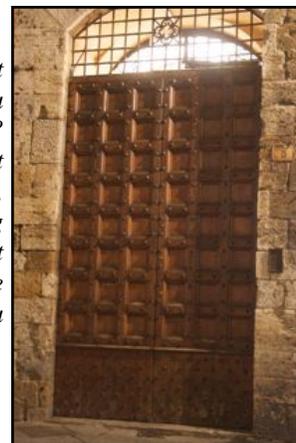
Coming in June

- ⇒ Make a huge difference on Camp Darby—Be A VBS volunteer
- ⇒ See Karen Pryor for more information

The theme is ancient Rome. Currently collecting items to decorate for that theme. Need the following:

- Cardboard
- Robes
- Children's plastic swimming pool
- Cardboard rolls (paper towels, toilet paper)

"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."
- Genesis 4.7



Club Beyond is an ecumenical Christian ministry reaching out to every military teen. Club Beyond is sponsored by military chaplains as a part of the overall Command Religious Program at a military installation.

What's Happening?

Middle School

Monday Lunch	11:30-12:00	
Girls Bible Study	11:30-12:00	
Wednesdays Club	14:30-16:30	Wednesdays (at the school)



Reconciliation

Sun. 9:40-10 a.m. and by appointment

Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion." CCC 1422

Confirmation is being planned in Vicenza for the first week of June. Please contact:
sheriedc@yahoo.com for further information.

CCD Classes

See Fr. Roberto or Lisa Parker for more information about CCD classes.

Schedule of Easter Services

All services held at Darby Chapel, Building 301

Roman Catholic Mass

Holy Thursday	9 April	16:00
Good Friday	10 April	16:00
Easter	12 April	10:00

Protestant

A three part service remembering the phases of Christ's life

Friday	10 April	17:30	<i>The Life and Ministry of the Messiah</i>
Saturday	11 April	17:30	<i>The Suffering of the Messiah</i>
Sunday	12 April	11:15	<i>The Resurrection and Glory of the Messiah</i>

Join others to heed the Chief of Army Chaplain's Call to Fast and Pray for our nation and each other. Pray as you go, pray where you are and pray at the chapel that Wednesday. Send your prayer requests to tokovia.n.sanda@eur.army.mil or drop them in the boxes that will be placed around base on Tuesday 7 April.



A Proclamation of Prayer and Fasting

Whereas the United States Army routinely calls upon its chaplains on numerous and varied occasions to pray on behalf of Soldiers and the entire Army Family;

Whereas, in keeping with individual religious traditions, chaplains exercise their duty to invoke the grace and blessing of Almighty God to be extended to Soldiers and Families, especially in times of acute need;

Whereas the Army has directed a "stand down" and unit training during a 120-day period beginning 15 February 2009 to address Suicide Prevention and Awareness;

Whereas our Army continues to fight a persistent war on several fronts, thus stretching and stressing our forces;

Whereas the Chaplaincy, as spiritual leaders, model faith and belief in the Hand of God to intervene in the course of history and individual lives;

I therefore call the Chaplaincy to a Day of Prayer and Fasting, in keeping with your religious traditions, to be observed on 8 April 2009 that the united cry of our Corps will be heard and answered regarding the protection, preservation, and peace for our Soldiers and Families. I hereby request that you invite your military chapels and religious communities to unite and participate in this solemn occasion.

While a single day of prayer and fasting is proclaimed, I invite and encourage you to maintain a season of prayerful reflection during these challenging times. May God be glorified in the lives of our Army's Soldiers and Families, and may God bless the United States of America.

Proclaimed this 2nd day of March, 2009, Washington, DC.

Douglas L. Carver
Chaplain (Major General) United States Army
Chief of Chaplains

UMUC EUROPE WILL RECOGNIZE OVER 1,000 GRADUATES AT 2009 COMMENCEMENT

HEIDELBERG, Germany--University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) will recognize graduating students at its 57th annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9, at 1400 in the Village Pavilion at Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg, Germany. The ceremony will honor over 1,000 students from across Europe, Africa, and the Middle East who earned their associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree with University of Maryland University College or its partner institution, Bowie State University. Among the 1,000 plus graduates are nearly 50 students who are currently in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Kosovo, and other downrange locations and will be unable to attend the ceremony. UMUC Europe's commencement is the largest of the military-affiliated ceremonies overseas.

The graduating class includes active-duty military students from the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, as well as family members and civilians stationed abroad. Students who will graduate with the class of 2009 have earned degrees in a variety of disciplines, including approximately 475 associate's and 510 bachelor's degrees in the liberal arts from UMUC; and 130 master's degrees with UMUC and Bowie State University in counseling, information systems, information technology, and public administration.

This year's guest speaker will be Norman R. Augustine, the retired chairman and chief executive officer of Lockheed Martin Corporation and a former under secretary of the Army. Mr. Augustine currently serves on the U.S. President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and was appointed by the Governor of Maryland to serve as a member of the Board of Regents for the University System of Maryland. Also attending will be Dr. Susan C. Aldridge, UMUC president, and Dr. Donald S. Orkand, chairman, UMUC Board of Visitors.

FACTS ABOUT UMUC EUROPE GRADUATES

University of Maryland University College and its partner institution, Bowie State University, have awarded more than 60,000 degrees in Europe since 1949. In the 2008-2009 academic year, almost 30,000 adult students enrolled with UMUC Europe at one of 70 sites throughout Europe, Africa, and the Middle East; worldwide, more than 90,000 students enrolled with UMUC.

For over 60 years, UMUC Europe has been the leading provider of educational opportunities to the U.S. military and an innovative pioneer in the development of distance education. To meet the needs of adult students worldwide, UMUC programs extend to more than 150 locations in over 20 countries around the globe. UMUC Europe provides access to traditional face-to-face courses at military installations throughout Europe, Africa, and the Middle East and global access to distance education courses. By combining traditional academic values with innovative learning formats, UMUC helps active duty servicemembers, civilians, and families worldwide achieve their academic goals.

For more information, please visit www.ed.umuc.edu/commencement or contact UMUC Europe at DSN 314-370-6762 or CIV +49-(0)6221-3780



Spouses get sneak preview of the new commissary

Story and Photo by Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

For months, Camp Darby community members have watched the new commissary grow from a hole in the ground to an impressive, modern building. Spouses were recently given a special preview tour of the new facility by commissary manager, Giuseppe Ricci.

“With this new commissary comes a badly needed upgrade in technology, store space and items offered,” said Ricci. “In our new produce section, we are looking to bring in organic items and baby carrots and since we will have a new irrigation system, it will help maintain quality and freshness.”

Ricci added that now milk and eggs will be behind doors which will allow the items to be stocked from behind.

“Customers will no longer have to navigate around the stockers when items are being shelved,” said relieved spouse Tammy McCreery.

According to Ricci, the store will have over 500

new items available.

“The frozen food section alone will be expanded by more than three times its current size,” said Ricci. “I’m trying to bring fresh fish and if people enjoy it and eat it, then we will be able to keep it stocked; dairy products will also be increased to some extent.

Other amenities, which impressed the spouses, were the bathrooms complete with changing tables in both sexes’ rooms.

“Before you had to take your kids outside and over to a cramped bathroom in the corner of the main square, I’m much happier that there are bathrooms inside and that either parent can change diapers now,” said McCreery.

After surveying the store, spouse Amy Iverson said “there is no doubt, this commissary will be infinitely better; the aisles are larger and my kids will be glad about the increase in fresh breads and pastries.”

The new commissary will have a grand opening ceremony on June 5 at 9:30 a.m. with lots of fun activities for all..

Issue Title: Prompt and expected professional service to dependents as per mission statement

Issue Description: Recently my dependent wife had her dependent ID card expire and did not have one to utilize in her possession. A USAG Livorno ID card section representative informed us that he was too busy to address the situation due to other internal activities that were ongoing and invited us to return at a convenient time that the representative stated. I thought that the Army mission for the ID card section was to provide service or ID cards to requesting service members and their dependents during normal duty hours. I did not know that other internal business is more important than providing an ID card to a dependant spouse. Is this the way the Army handles its spouses and does this type of service reflect USAG Livorno Army leadership? I've never experienced this way of treating customers in the Air Force!

Recommendations: Provide leadership training to the entire HHC indentifying how to promptly and courteously meet the needs of dependent spouses over secondary internal ongoing business that could have been postponed for several minutes and not allowed this very uncaring and insensitive situation to have happened to my spouse as it did.

Response: CPT Feagin, HHD Commander
First, I would like to apologize to the below individual for the customer service he or she received when coming to the Military Personnel Division. This was unacceptable, and I have spoken with all of our staff on the importance of customer service and the priority of work for this entire section being built around "customers first." To ensure that this does not happen again, we will continue to train on this area on a regular basis, and add a "Customer Comments" box to ensure we are closely monitoring service and timeliness.

Also, we will work to ensure that any special closures or system maintenance times are posted in advance and sent out to the community by e-mail so that Community Members are aware and able to plan for this.

Your opinion is important

Got an issue that you believe can be solved/ Or maybe your looking for an explanation? Log onto www.usag.livorno.army.mil and click on CAC to submit your issues. Answers will be printed in the Darby Digest.

CAMP DARBY JOBS

CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE EUROPE CAMPUS

POSITION: Field Representative Substitute
OPENING DATE: 24 March 2009
POSTING PERIOD: Until Filled
START WORK DATE: Immediately
LOCATION: CTC Office-Camp Darby, Italy
SALARY: \$9.50 per hour – 10-15 hours/week
BENEFITS: Part time position:
EDUCATION: Associate's Degree from a regionally accredited college or university is required, or one year of college with five years of experience.
EXPERIENCE: Must have at least two years of general office administration experience.
REQUIRED SKILLS: Must be proficient in Microsoft Office Applications and Excel. Must be able to communicate and coordinate effectively and work with an extremely high degree of accuracy. Must be able to work independently, without direct supervision, and under pressure.
DUTIES: Perform a variety of substantive administrative and clerical duties.
APPLY TO: Central Texas College
 DSN telephone number: 634-8153
 CIV: 0039-0444-718153

NAF
JOB FAIR
 April 30, 2009
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 PX Freedom Plaza
 Bring your resume or a completed application form.
 Application forms may be submitted to NAF HR prior to the Job Fair.
 Interviews will be scheduled in the Club from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
 In case of rain the Job Fair will be held in the Darby Community Club
 For more information contact NAF HR office **633-7032**

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Spring Fest Celebration

Saturday, April 11, 2009

at the Community Club

Fun begins at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

YS Scavenger Hunt

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

A visit from
the Easter Bunny!



Face Painting
Crafts
Games
..and more!

Barbeque Lunch
at noon





Daffodil Fest

Fivizzano,(Massa), Italy Until April 19

The City of Fivizzano, near Massa, celebrates the 4th edition of the Daffodil Fest in Villa la Pescigola.

Over 150.00 daffodils of 400 different varieties will be displayed, including the new unusual colors: pink, coral, and salmon.

For those interested in buying bulbs, they can be reserved now for next October.

It is also possible to see the geometric labyrinth made with daffodil bushes.

On Easter weekend and Easter egg hunt will be held for children.

Hours and Cost:

Open on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Easter Monday

Entrance Fee: is 5 Euro

Family ticket including 2 adults and 2 children is 12 Euro

Children 5 to 12 is 2,50 Euro

Children 0 to 4 is free

Ester Egg Hunt costs additional 2,50 Euro

For additional information call: 0187 610 312 / 0585 92 71 09 or

Jazz concert

Andy Gravish Italian quartet in concert in Pisa

On April 4 at Teatro Lux, in S. Caterina Square in Pisa, there will be a special night with great jazz music.

Andy Gravish, one of the most famous trumpet-players in the world will play live in concert with his Italian quartet friends.

This New Yorker artist in the past had many collaborations with the most famous artists of jazz music such as Buddy Rich, Tony Bennet, Sarah Vaughan and last but definitely not least, the legendary Frank Sinatra.

The repertory will include classical jazz pieces, as well as compositions by Andy Gravish.

His music is very particular and shows blues, bebop, and modern jazz influences.

Hours and Cost:

The concert will start at 9.30 p.m. The ticket cost will be 8 Euro and can be purchased directly at the theater's ticket office.

For additional information call Teatro Lux at 050 83 09 43 or visit

www.cinematoteatrolux.it

Indian & Thai

Florence, Italy Thursdays

Every Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at St. James American Church, in Florence, there will be an Indian and Thai cooking class.

It's a fun laid back atmosphere where you can meet some new friends and learn a couple of great recipes.

Students will discover the secrets of traditional Indian and Thai cookery.

The space is limited, therefore, reservation is required; to book a class call Melanie at 345.408.7209.

The cooking class fee is 25 Euro and includes the lunch.

Private cooking classes can be scheduled during the daytime or evening hours and can be organized for anywhere from 1-14 people.

Babysitting service is also available.

For additional information E-mail at spicelab@live.it or visit the web site.

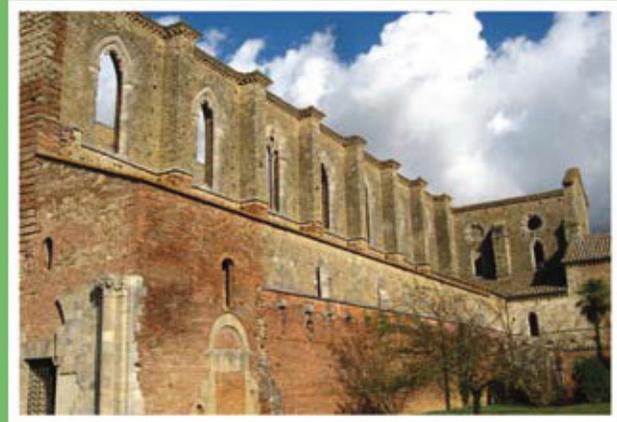
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www.thespicelab.eu

CAMP DARBY

DESTINATION OF CHOICE: SAN GALGANO

England has the story of King Arthur and the sword in the stone, but Italy has the actual medieval sword still in the ground by a Knight turned Monk. Enjoy the serenity of the area and the majesty of the ruins in this fairy tale getaway. Story and photos by Capt Anthony Valenti



San Galgano Abbey is set in the tranquil hills of Southern Tuscany and is definitely off the beaten path. The long abandoned abbey has historical significance because it is believed to be the model upon which the Siena Cathedral was designed and Saint Galgano is almost a contemporary of Saint Francis of Assisi.

According to the local tourist office, little is known of Galgano, other than he became a knight and was reputedly living the lifestyle of a libertine noble until at the age of 32, Galgano renounced his life as a knight and went to live as a hermit on the hills of Montesiepi.

Allegedly in response to the pleas of his family to return, Galgano thrust his sword into a stone in the ground and remains there to this day for visitors to see.

A scientific study in 2001 on the metal of the sword by the

University of Siena confirmed that it is composed of metal from the medieval times and is made in the style of swords from the 12th century.

After Galgano's death in 1181, an abbey was erected and consecrated in 1185. The dome is banded in white marble and terra-cotta in 24 concentric circles, and contains frescoes from the famous Siennese painter Ambrogio Lorenzetti.

The abbey enjoyed almost 150 years of prosperity, until a series of man-made disasters brought about its rapid decline.

In 1550, with only five monks left in residence, the abbot Girolamo Vitelli sold off the valuables from the abbey and even sold the lead roofing tiles from the churches. By the early 1600's there was but one monk in residence, and after numerous attempts to populate the monastery failed, in 1789 the abbey was abandoned to the care of a local noble family. The bell tower collapsed on 6 January 1786.

Today only the roofless abbey, chapter house, and a portion of the cloisters remain intact.

HOW TO GET THERE

The ruined monastery of San Galgano is a two hour drive south of Camp Darby. Take the SS1 south towards Fiumbino for a beautiful coastline drive south of Livorno, and then take SS441 toward Massa Marittima through the serene county side. San Galgano is a short distance past the town of Massa Marittima.

WHERE TO STAY

Camp Darby's Sea Pines lodge is opening an additional eight rustic cabins in April. There are a variety of lodging options available at Camp Darby: camping, trailer hookups, cabins with or without running water and the lodge. Call DSN 633-7225 for more information.

Plan your Tuscan dream vacation at www.usag.livorno.army.mil