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Army Family Action Plan addresses top issues

Story by Sgt. Ryan Hall
Special to the Darby Digest

The Camp Darby community joined the Army in celebrating a quarter of a century of helping Soldiers and family members with the Annual Army Family Action Plan.

March 4-5, Camp Darby community members convened for the 2009 AFAP to discuss everything from shopping privileges at the post commissary to the availability of language classes at Camp Darby.

Camp Darby's top three issues this year included a desired support for privately-leased overseas housing, a streamlined command sponsorship process, and the improvement of cooking facilities within on-post barracks housing.

Staff Sgt. James Brooks believes the AFAP experience helped enhance his leadership qualities.

"As a NCO, it gives me a better grasp on the community, and what's going on and how my soldiers are feeling or how soldiers feel about what they can see going on in the community," said Brooks.

One event facilitator, Jenny Wassom added that the event's setting provides a certain level of motivation that's downright contagious.

"When I came into it, personally, I had the attitude that I'm just going to be here at Camp Darby for a couple more months, but once you start hearing the issues, you're like yes, yes, that is a big issue at Camp Darby, and yes, let's get motivated and let's change this," said Wassom. "It's wonderful to feel like you are a part of something that's changed the community."

Issues will now be forwarded to the next higher level for the IMCOM-Europe AFAP.

Spring Fest
April 11 is the community Easter Egg celebration open to the entire Camp Darby community. Free food, games and visit from the bunny.

Vet visiting
The Vet will have Camp Darby clinic on April 1-2. To make an appointment, call DSN 632-8485 or 0434-30-8485 and be sure to say that you are calling for the Camp Darby clinics.

Daylight Savings time
Don't forget to "spring ahead" an hour on March 29.

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Top three issues for Camp Darby

Support for private leased housing OCONUS

Scope: There is limited support for private lease housing for DOD personnel OCONUS. Since English is not spoken in most OCONUS locations an interpreter is a necessity for: finding a house, lease negotiations, connecting utilities, maintenance issues, emergency response, and understanding laws and regulations.

Recommendation: Establish a separate section in the Housing Office OCONUS dedicated to private lease housing issues

Streamline Command Sponsorship Process Across DOD

Scope: Length of time for command sponsorship approval too long from date of application. Lack of command sponsorship prohibits full integration into the military community in such areas as: employment opportunities, base access, and vehicle license. It adversely affects the physical, material, mental and spiritual state of well-being of the sponsor.

Recommendation: Streamline command sponsorship approval process across DOD. Establish a timeline.

Substandard Culinary Facilities in Barracks

Scope: Many installations are closing their DFACs leaving service members to prepare their own meals in their living quarters. Current communal kitchens are insufficient, outdated, under-stocked, and overcrowded. Service members forced to use inadequate cooking facilities, are left with unhealthy meal plans, lacking proper dietary requirements and decreasing not only service members' health, but also morale. Service members resort to unsafe and unauthorized cooking methods in their barracks.

Recommendation: Equip all individual living quarters with kitchenettes having stove top burners

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U.S. Army Garrison Livorno 2009 NCO Induction Ceremony



"Army NCO- No One is More Professional then I..."

"We are all leaders from E1 all the way through the upper echelons of military life, but to receive the formal recognition of now being an NCO is special."

SGT Ryan Hall
AFN Livorno

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Being inducted into the Non-Commissioned Officer Corp is a time honored tradition. Camp Darby held an induction ceremony for seven Soldiers: Staff Sgt. Joshua Eubanks, Staff Sgt. Ekachai T. Steinhorst, Staff Sgt. Thomas Garrard and Sgt. Nicole L. McCabe, all Soldiers with the 511th Military Police Platoon, Sgt. Christopher J. Everett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno, Sgt. James Wassom, U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno and Sgt. Jennifer R. Livingston and Sgt. Ryan S. Hall from AFN Livorno.

USAG Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez told the community members gathered at the ceremony that throughout the army's history, the NCO has been a pivotal figure, but never more so than today with our full spectrum of operations.

"As we embrace our ever-growing and ever-changing responsibilities, our leaders trust our judgment and support our decisions, because they know we are the 'Backbone of our Army'," said Rodriguez. "We are NCO Strong and Army Strong, Hooah!"

Inductee Sgt. Hall added that "the Army, (and our nation), depends on us to shape our junior enlisted soldiers into the kind of warriors we need them to be.

"For anyone in any career field to be successful, proper and thorough training is paramount and NCO's do that job," said Hall. "In fact, the way that we train our troops needs to reflect that that they are 'America's Finest' and our up and coming warriors can live up to the title...live up to the expectations that are placed upon them."



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

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Several initiatives are taking place in the Camp Darby community to enhance safety while celebrating Month of the Military Child in April.

The Camp Darby Livorno Unit School has joined in by enhancing the social studies program by taking children on field trips to better know the community and their relative's workplaces, according to Elementary school teacher, Stephanie Marra.

"We went to parent's workplaces so that the children know what the grown-ups do and what responsibilities their parents take every day," Marra said "This type of program is meant to make children feel more comfortable and accept the change of a new duty station".

As part of the school program, on March 18, a group of elementary children visited the USAG Livorno security office and had their thumb print taken.

USAG Livorno, Force Protection Officer, James Cole, talked to the children about the importance of fingerprints and how they are useful in the identification process of individuals, since they are unique and they stay the same all your life.

"The antiterrorism program and school security program work hand in hand to ensure that our school is as safe as we can make it," said Cole. "With the support of the DARE officer, who provides an invaluable service to the school and the community, we try to cover all aspects of security and crime prevention."

The main focus of the entire program as Staff Sgt. Thomas Garrard, Military Police Officer, and USAG Livorno DARE Officer added is to protect the children.

"Children are the base of the society, we must teach them and show them how parents do their job responsibly, they follow the rules, and they go back to their families," said Garrard. "It's very important that children are aware of the rules, they follow them, and they know the consequences if safety rules are not followed."

The DARE officer works at the school every day and helps to ensure safety awareness for the entire school environment. He educated children on following safety rules for internet, neighborhood, bus safety, car seat safety and bike safety.

"DARE offers free service for all children in the community, this has a positive impact on the community, it enlivens the way we all can go safely, eliminating stress and discomfort coming from having problems," Garrard said.

Other Month of the Military Child events include an all day Child Safety Identification and general Safety awareness day at the Elementary school gymnasium will be held on April 1. Garrard adds, all aspects of safety will be covered including the possibility to create a fingerprint card for your child and recommends parents take advantage of the educational material that will be available that day.

"We encourage parents to use the resources to educate them on protecting their children," said Garrard. "Parents should always know who the children go out with, where they go, and if parents have to say no always address positive alternatives and explain the reasons why."

April 11, at 2 p.m., there will be a bicycle safety class in the Camp Darby photo lab parking lot and April 16, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., a child car seat inspection will be available courtesy of the USAG Livorno Safety office, in the parking lot in front of the post office.

"Safety programs are up and running all year round, but we celebrate the 'month of the military child' enforcing some aspects of child safety in an effort to recognize the importance of our children and show how much we care for them," emphasized Garrard



Keiden MrCreery has his thumb print taken by USAG Livorno Force protection Officer, James Cole during the school visit to parent's workplaces, March 18.

Service members' overseas cost of living allowance to decrease starting in May

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

HEIDELBERG, Germany –U.S. Army Europe Soldiers will see a drop in their monthly cost of living allowance payments starting in May, finance officials announced this week.

Officials at the Department of Defense Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Committee said overseas COLA is designed to help keep service members' purchasing power about the same as their counterparts stationed in the continental U.S.

"The allowance is intended to offset the high costs of some goods overseas, but only to a level equal to what families are experiencing in CONUS," Stephen Westbrook, director of the per diem committee told delegates to the U.S. European Command Quality of Life conference March 11. "It is not intended to reimburse service members' expenses, nor is it designed to compensate for non-availability of items."

"The bottom line is that prices in the United States are rising at a higher pace than in Europe, so the gap has narrowed and COLA is going down accordingly," said Col. Mary L. Ensminger, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Directorate of Financial Management and Comptroller.

Finance officials said the reduction will be phased in from May through August to ease the financial burden on service members, finance officials said.

For example, a service member in the pay grade of E6 with three family members will see his monthly COLA rate drop from the current \$628 to \$418.67 by August in increments of about \$52.33 per month during that period, according to estimates provided by officials at USAREUR's 266th Financial Management Center.

Annual survey data from Germany and the rate of inflation data collected in the United States during the last two years show the purchasing power gap has narrowed from 24 to 16 percent because the prices of goods and services in the U.S. are rising at a greater rate than in Germany, finance officials said.

Westbrook recommended that families pay attention to financial trends in the United States to better understand changes to their overseas COLA.

"Remember that you receive COLA only when the cost of living in your area is higher than it is in the United States," he said.

Daylight savings time to affect some AFN TV programming

By George Smith
AFN Europe

Starting Monday, some popular AFN radio and TV shows temporarily air an hour earlier than regularly scheduled because of the U.S. switch to Daylight Saving Time. The time switch mostly affects live sporting events on TV. On radio, the "Connections" show ends at 5 p.m. instead of 6. Other changes mostly impact the AFN Europe Power Network late afternoon and evening shows, which all start an hour earlier than the regularly scheduled time through March 29:

1700 Rush Limbaugh

1800 Dr. Laura Schlessinger

1900 National Public Radio's Talk of the Nation

2000 Ed Shultz

2100 National Public Radio's All Things Considered

The U.S. springs forward an hour at 0200 Central European Time on March 8, 2009. However, Central Europe springs forward an hour at 0200 local time on March 29, 2009. The American Forces Network Broadcast Center in California says the shift to Daylight Saving Time means, in some cases, that they have to delete a TV program from the schedule until all the nations observing Day Light Savings Time sync up. The Broadcast Center says it is minimizing program shifts. Still, since live programs originate from the United States, some program changes are unavoidable.

For details on exactly how Day Light Savings time is impacting AFN radio and TV schedules, go to afneurope.net.

Political Commentary – The Choice is Yours!

By George A. Smith

AFN Europe Operations Manager

The key to understanding why political commentary airs on the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) and American Forces Network (AFN) Europe is DoD regulation 5120.20-r, which says military networks should offer their overseas audience the same type and quality of shows airing in the United States. That's why AFRTS airs Limbaugh, Ed Shultz, Keith Olbermann, Bill O'Reilly, Jon Stewart Lou Dobbs and similar programs.

The shows feature popular Stateside personalities who make a living voicing bold, provocative statements seen by some as entertaining, and others as offensive. The hosts' attention-grabbing style, coupled with the U.S. elections, resulted in a spike in the number of people contacting AFN Europe and *Stars and Stripes* wondering why a DoD-run organization such as AFN Europe carries shows with hosts critical of the President, Congress, the military, or a political party.

American Forces Radio and Television Service spokesman Larry Sichter says, "AFN has an obligation, backed by Congressional mandate, to provide our audience access to the same variety and diversity of programming they would enjoy if they were back in the States. We seek the programs the majority of Americans tune into...in other words, we let the marketplace decide. If it's popular, we try to get it on AFN."

Sichter adds something you'll frequently hear when you listen to AFN radio, "The broadcast of any programming on AFN does not constitute an endorsement by the Department of Defense."

Still, everyone from the leaders to the on-air talent at AFN Europe fully realize how sensitive politics can be. AFN Europe's 33rd Commander, COL Scott Malcom, says the subject of political commentary is "One of the toughest programming challenges we face. The challenge is increased because we must appeal to an extremely broad demographic with very diverse desires for radio and television programming. Our just concluded survey indicates our audience is split down the middle regarding political commentary on our PowerNet radio service. The bottom line is that we strive to replicate for our overseas audience the same options they might reasonably have if they were stationed in the United States. In any case, we do not endorse any particular show over the other."

AFN Europe airs conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh weeknights at 6 PM Central European Time (CET) on the Power Network and liberal host Ed Shultz at 9 PM. Both shows air live. You may hear an additional conservative view-point show, Sean Hannity, and an additional liberal view-point show, Alan Colmes, if you have an AFN decoder and tune in the Voice Channel.

On the television side, AFN Europe airs all of the political commentary shows offered by AFRTS.

Despite the variety of political commentary on AFN Europe radio and TV, audience members often request shows that represent their view point be expanded, or run at a better time. They also ask that shows that don't represent their opinion be canned, or pushed to a different time slot. Others suggest AFN monitor shows in advance, and edit out statements that are disrespectful to the President, the Congress or the military.

Editing shows is a clear "no go." The regulation governing AFRTS operations is clear that editing out statements is censorship, and never allowed.

AFN Europe and AFRTS feel the best way to handle controversial programming is to leave it to the individual. "We strive to provide our overseas audience with a choice and let them decide for themselves what they want to see and hear. There is no requirement for our audience to listen to anything they personally disagree with," says Sichter.



Hundreds of children are killed or injured every year in vehicle accidents. Even a 20-mph collision can send an unrestrained child into a dash board with a 400-pound impact force. The easiest and most effective answer to preventing these injuries is to use child safety seats. No matter how carefully we drive, we can't always avoid an accident. However, the one thing we can do is protect our children by ensuring they're restrained in a properly installed child safety seat anytime they're in a moving vehicle.

Child safety seats work by keeping children from being thrown about inside a vehicle or, even worse, ejected during a crash. The seat absorbs some of the crash impact and also distributes crash forces more evenly over the child's body. There have been documented instances where rescuers pulled infants unharmed from smashed child seats held together only by their fabric. During those accidents, the child seats acted as "cocoons" that protected the precious lives strapped inside them.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motor vehicle injuries are the leading cause of death among children in the United States. Yet, many people prefer to make excuses, even while placing their children in great danger. They'll say things like:

"My child doesn't like being in a car seat." "It's too hard to get the car seat buckled in." "We are only going to the store."

CHILD SAFETY SEAT RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ✦ Seat all children 12 years and younger in the backseat and ensure they are properly restrained every time they ride with you.
- ✦ Whenever possible, children 2 years old and younger should ride in safety seats secured to the vehicle's backseat. The middle of the backseat is the safest location for a child safety seat.
- ✦ Children under 1 year old and weighing less than 20 pounds should ride in a rearward facing seat. If a vehicle such as a standard-cab pickup doesn't have a backseat and the child must ride up front, ensure the passenger air bag is turned off.
- ✦ At 1 year old and 20 pounds, children can ride in a forward-facing seat equipped with internal harnesses. When a child reaches the manufacturer's height and weight limit of his forward-facing seat, he should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat used in combination with an adult lap and shoulder belt.
- Children are ready for an adult safety belt without a booster when:
 - ✦ They can sit against the back of the seat and bend their knees over the seat's edge.
 - ✦ The lap belt makes good contact across their hips.
 - ✦ The shoulder belt makes good contact across their chest and collarbone.
- ✦ Read the child safety seat instruction manual and your vehicle owner's manual to ensure you properly install the seat.
- ✦ Be sure the child safety seat is installed tightly. If you can move the seat more than an inch side to side or front to back, it's not tight enough.
- ✦ Replace any car seat that was used during a motor vehicle crash.

Age	Type of Seat	General Guideline
Infants	Infant seats and rear-facing	All infants should <i>always</i> ride rear-facing until they are at least 1 year old.
Toddlers/Preschoolers	Convertible seats	It is best to ride rear-facing as long as possible. Children 1 year of age and older can ride forward-facing.
School-aged children	Booster seats	Booster seats are for older children who have outgrown their forward-facing seats.
Older children	Seat belts	Children who have outgrown their booster seats should ride in a lap and shoulder belt.

CHILD SAFETY SEAT SHOPPING TIPS:

No one seat is the "best" or "safest." The best seat is the one that fits your child's age and size, is correctly installed, fits well in your vehicle and can be used properly every time you drive.

Don't decide by price alone. A higher price does not mean the seat is safer or easier to use.

Avoid used seats if you don't know the seat's history. Never use a car seat that:

- Is too old.** Look on the label for the date it was made.
- Has any visible cracks.**
- Does not have a label with the date of manufacture and model number.**
- Does not come with instructions.** You need them to know how to use the seat.
- Is missing parts.** Used car safety seats often come missing important parts.
- Was recalled.** You can find out if a child safety seat has been recalled by calling the manufacturer or by contacting the Auto Safety Hotline at 888-DASH-2-DOT (888-327-4236) or NHTSA at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/childseat.cfm

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & TOOLS:

For more information on child restraint systems, visit the NHTSA website at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>

1946: 442nd Infantry Regiment

By Pat Skelly

Senior Historian, Gold Star Museum and Education Center, Iowa National Guard Vice-President and Historian, 34th Infantry Division Association

442nd Infantry Regiment - Narrative History - December 1945:

The 442d football team, after a short layoff with the close of the regular season, played the champion 351st team from the 88th Division on Dec. 25 at the Yankee Stadium, Italy, as a special treat for sports fans. Going into the game as underdogs, the 442d eleven dominated the game and won a hard-earned 7-6 victory over the previously unbeaten and un-scored on representatives from the "Blue Devils".

442nd Infantry Regiment - Narrative History - January 1946:

With the Regiment well in the spotlight in the field of athletics, the 442d eleven journeyed to Gorizia to engage the 351st team of the 88th Blue Devil Division in a return football game. On Jan. 1, 1946, the two teams played to a 13-13 deadlock. The 442d eleven was well on the way to a repeat victory only to have the plucky opponent come up from behind in the final moments of the game and complete several passes in a desperate attempt, tying up the ball game.

Postscript: At the time of these reports, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was headquartered in Livorno and attached to Peninsular Base Section, while the 88th Infantry Division was headquartered in Gorizia and attached to British XIII Corps.

Photos of the 442nd RCT-88th Division football games were taken and provided by Terry Shima, who was the former 442nd RCT Public Relations. Mr. Shima adds that the 442nd RCT also dominated in the swimming competition in Rome.



442nd RCT-88th Division football at Udine. Jan 1946



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.

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

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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

Military One Source



Military One source provides free private services and information:

- Counseling
 - Educational Materials
 - Interpretation/Translation
- Stateside: 1-800-342-9647
 Overseas: 800-3429-6477
 Overseas Collect: 484-530-5908
 TTY/TDD: 1-866-607-6794
 En Espanol: 1-877-888-0727

ACS Spotlight: Coming Events

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

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



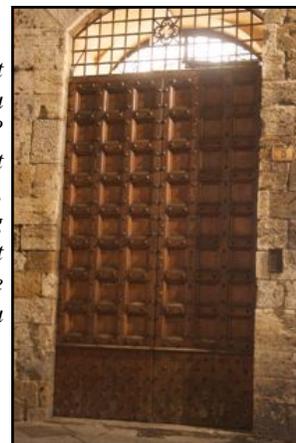
Coming in June

- ⇒ 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 Sherie at sheriedc@yahoo.com for further information.

CCD Classes

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

Holy Day Mass and Service Schedule

Holy Thursday	Thursday	April 9	Mass at 4 p.m.
Good Friday	Friday	April 10	Mass at 4 p.m., Service at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Saturday	April 11	Service at 5:30 p.m.
Easter	Sunday	April 12	Mass at 10 a.m., Service at 11:15 a.m.



Beach Splash

Friday April 17th at 4:00 p.m. in the DCC

*US Personnel only can purchase from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- **Rent an Umbrella or Cabana for the season**
- **Purchase Beach Seasonal Passes**
- **Pool passes will be available on date TBD**
- **Door prizes including a Free Umbrella for the Season**
(Your choice of umbrella from Row 5 thru 11)
- **Music**
- **Free refreshments**
- **Surf Simulator**

For Beach Splash, 2 umbrellas and 1 cabana can be rented. A second cabana can be rented (upon availability) after April 20th.





Beach & Pool Pricelist* 2009

Darby Resident Pass

Single

Beach only	\$ 45
Pool only	\$ 50
Beach and Pool	\$ 80

Family

Beach only	\$ 90
Pool only	\$105
Beach and Pool	\$175

Beach Rentals

Umbrella, Rows 1-4	\$350
Umbrella, Rows 5-11	\$280
Umbrella, Rows 5-11* (E1-E4)	\$200
Cabana	\$360
Umbrella & Cabana, Rows 1-4	\$700
Umbrella & Cabana, Rows 5-11	\$630

Beach Parking**

Car	\$ 3 (Mon-Fri)
Car	\$ 5 (Sat-Sun)
Large vehicle	\$ 8
Bicycle	\$ Free
Moped or motorcycle	\$ 2

* For US personnel only

** Parking does not include entrance fees

Beach Daily Entrance Fees

Adult	\$ 3
Child (6-12)	\$ 2
Child (5 and under)	Free

*Purchasing a seasonal umbrella or cabana includes entrance fees.

Pool Daily Entrance Fees

Adult	\$5
Child (6-12)	\$3
Child (5 and under)	Free
Sea Pines Aquatic pass Single	\$30
Sea Pines Aquatic pass Family	\$65

*Passes Will Be Sold At the Beach Splash and Outdoor Recreation Only (Pool passes will be available on date TBD). Payment at Outdoor Recreation only In Dollars. EUROs will be accepted only at the Beach Splash at a 1 to 1 exchange rate.

*A limit of 2 umbrellas and 2 cabanas can be rented per family for the season, depending on availability.



ITR 633-7589

- Republic of San Marino March 28
- Download a copy of the 6-month (April 2009 through Sept. 2009) trip calendar today! Log onto: www.livornomwr.com

Darby Community Club 633-7855

- Texas Hold'em at the Darby Community Club. Free pasta to all Texas Hold'em players March 27.

Outdoor Recreation 633-7775

- Ski trips available every Saturday to Abetone or Monte Cimone with ODR Great packages are available for those without ski equipment.

Darby Lanes

- Check out our new dollar days on Thursdays

Fitness Center 633-7440

- If you are looking to get into shape for no money at all, check out Eileen's list of classes. There's something scheduled almost every day of the week, and the best part is, it's free

Visit the lovely San Rossore National Park
Sunday, April 26 from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

sponsored by

A Day in the Park



*** Pony rides**

Advance registration is required
Kids 4-14 years of age
Cost Euro 5.00
10-minute pony ride according to youth ability

*** Horseback riding**

3:00 and 5:00 p.m.
Advance registration is required
Must be 14 years of age
Cost Euro 19.50
14-18 year olds must have parental authority signed prior to ride. Ride lasts 1.5 hours long

*** Carriage rides**

3:30 p.m.
Advance registration is required
No age limit
Cost Euro 7.50 kids/9.50 adults



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COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT

featuring **KATHY &
THE WILD BILLY'S**

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 10:30 P.M.

Free entrance for all U.S. ID card holders and Camp Darby LN's
Ride the mechanical bull for only Euro 3.00 per person

MARCH INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL

21 March

Zagreb: Capital of Croatia
\$64.00

21 March

Venice & Gondola Ride
\$64.00

21 March

Castles of Bavaria
\$95.00

28 March

Pisa & Bologna
\$79.00

28 March

Guided Asolo & Bassano Del Grappa
\$59.00

28-29 March

Cinque Terre
\$324.00

4 April

Guided Trieste & Mirimare & Duino Castles
\$64.00

4 April

Guided Salzburg & Salt Mines
\$79.00

4 April

Legoland Express
\$119.00

6 April

Parco Zoo Natura Viva
\$69.00

9 April

Mirabilandia Amusement Park
\$69.00

10 April

Butterfly House & Minimudis
"Miniature World" Theme Park
\$69.00



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ITT
632-3107



Four Person String Scramble Golf Tourney

Fri, Mar 27. Tee off is 12 noon. Tourney is a four person string scramble using 10% of 4 players handicaps combined. String length issued is based on team handicap. Cost is \$25 per person plus green fees.

POC: Carney Park Golf Course, 081-526-4296

Easter Extravaganza

April 11, Carney Park, 11 a.m.– 2 p.m.

POC: DSN 629-4722

ITT Upcoming Tours

Lake Garda & Gardaland - Tue, Apr 7 - Fri, Apr 10

Corfu, Greece - May 21 - May 25

Tunisia - Mon, Jun 15 - Mon, June 22

Russia - Wed, Jun 24 - Wed July 1

Bruce Springsteen in Concert, July 19

POC: MWR ITT, 626-4330/629-7906

www.mwritt.org

Angels and Demons Tour; Path of Illumination

Sat, Apr 18. An incredible journey; discover the Illuminati and their secrets. The Path of Illumination; understand how to solve the many puzzles and enigmas. The Altars of Science; decode the secret messages hidden in Bernini sculptures and Galileo texts. The Church of Illumination; take a glimpse of “il Passetto”, the secret passage that links the Vatican City with the Castel of Sant’ Angelo. Cost is €120 per person and includes round trip transportation, a Pearls welcome drink, ITT tour leader assistance, and a full course dinner.

POC: MWR ITT, 626-4330/629-7906

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Elton John and Tim Rice’s AIDA

Naples Community Theater presents Elton John and Tim Rice’s AIDA. Show dates are April 17, 19, 24, 25 & 26 at the Naples Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under and are on sale NOW at both MWR ITT locations, at www.mwritt.org or at the door.

POC: MWR ITT, 626-4330/629-7906

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Navy Support Activities
Naples is located South of
Camp Darby off A1 and is
roughly 5 hours drive.

For lodging visit
<https://www.navy-lodge.com/>

For Trip information visit:
www.mwritt.org

Vicenza ITR / ODR Trips

- Every weekend ODR takes you to the slopes so all ODR for information on equipment and fees at 634-7453. April 11, ODR head to Kronplatz for snowboarding or skiing. Take advantage of the free snowboard instructions. If you love the powder hit the slopes every weekend with ODR. Call for information on equipment and fees at 634-7453.
- All Level Bike Ride along the Mincio River between Peschiera & Mantova on this easy paced level path. The ride is approximately 45 km and is appropriate for all levels of experienced riders. March 28, 10 a.m. Call ODR for information 634-7453.
- Lipiza Horse Show-The Lipizzaner horses are world famous for their talent and beauty. ITR takes you behind the scenes to the horse school and stud farm in addition to seeing the horses perform. Call 634-7094 to reserve this trip for March 29.
- Family Fun Exploring - Explore the Valsanzibio maze and the beautiful baroque garden in the

Eugean hills, March 25, 8:15 a.m. If you are a chocolate lover you'll enjoy the Euro Chocolate Festival in Lugano Switzerland on March 28. The streets are lined with hundreds of chocolate themed stalls offering tastings, cooking classes and games. For information on booking these tours call 634-7094.

You will now find information about the top 10 requested destinations, answers to the most frequently asked questions, and links to the most popular sites in the area on www.vicenzaMWR.com or call 634-7453.

Caserma Ederle is located North of Camp Darby off A4 and is roughly a 3 1/2 hours drive.

For lodging visit www.vicenzamwr.com/

FMWR Activities visit: www.vicenzamwr.com

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MARCH 13 - 29, 2009

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY MATINEES AT 2 P.M.
TICKETS: \$15 ADULTS & \$12 YOUTH. BOX OFFICE: CALL 634-7281

www.vicenzaMWR.COM

Compiled by Chiara Mattiolo

Verdemura

The city of Lucca will host the second edition of Verdemura on March 27-29. Over 100 booths will display all kind of merchandize related to open air life. Anything from outdoor furniture to gardening tools, fruits, vegetables flowers and plants. The 5 Euro ticket can be purchased at the site, no fee for children under 14 years.

For additional information go to www.verdemura.com

Expo Pisa

The traditional spring fair will take place in Pisa, Ospedaletto area from March 27 to April 5. The fair will be open daily from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The entrance is free Mon. thru Fri. on the week end the cost is 5 Euro.

For additional information call 050-777176

www.expo-pisa.com

Farmer's market in Pisa

March 28, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Pisa, do not lose your occasion to taste and buy locally produced biological food at a convenient price. This monthly appointment with the farmer's market collects products from family managed farms of the Pisa countryside. Bread, oil, honey, wine, pecorino cheese, vegetables, as well as locally produced soaps, and textile products will be displayed and sold.

The market will be in Piazza Cairoli, for additional information you can contact Gas.P! Gruppo Acquisto Solidale Pisa

web: <http://gasp.versacrum.com/>

Oil Fest

In Borgo a Mozzano (LU) on March 28 and 29 there will be the oil fest. Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the fair starts with a guided tour of the olives area, the tour will last until approximately 3 p.m. Following the tour, from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., it's the occasion to taste not only the locally produced oil, but also other local products like cheese, ham, and mushrooms in oil. On March 29 at 9.30 a.m. there will be a fun walk among the olive trees, followed by an award ceremony to recognize the best oil producer. The event will be followed by a chain saw ability contest. To conclude the oil fest the city will host a ball in the town theater. The participation is free, and open to the public.

For additional information call 0583 – 888881 or 835748

Tuscany's tantalizing **spring**

Spring has arrived in Tuscany and that means it's time to enjoy the clean, crisp air and colors bursting against the crystal blue skies.
By JOYCE COSTELLO

Spring break is right around the corner, April 5-11 and it's the perfect time to let Camp Darby be your springboard to all the treasures of Tuscany. It doesn't matter if you want to see art and visit museums, shop at antique markets, wander about medieval cities, try to push over the Leaning Tower of Pisa, or take the kids to Vinci or and the Collodi Amusement park, there is something for everyone in Tuscany.

Hike Cinque Terre

Cinque Terre, or the five lands by the sea, are quaint seaside villages built on steep cliffs that have been connected by nature hiking trails, a special train and ferries. It is the ideal place to visit to enjoy the fresh sea air and cool Mediterranean breezes and since peak season doesn't start until April, the trails and towns aren't over crowded.

ITR Trip April 8

Eternal Rome

Who can resist the eternal city of Rome? Visit the Vatican and the Sistine chapel then stroll over to the Colosseum and Pantheon. Enjoy lunch by Trevi Fountain and don't forget to make a quick visit to the Spanish steps. The Roma Opera Virtuoso will perform Mozart's last Requiem Mass on April 9 at the Teatro Argentian or catch the Rome vs. Bologna Soccer match live on April 5 at Stadio Olimpico.

ITR Trip April 9

Forever Florence

Whether your looking to see great masterpieces of art and sculpture or you want to take advantage of the end of season sales in the open air leather market, Florence is always bustling with events and energy. For something different, check out the World Sacred Music Week April 3-10 at St. Stefani al Ponte Church or the Sagra of the sweet, fried rice fitters April 5 at Montagnana, Florence.

ITR Trip April 10

Wine tasting at medieval San Gimignano

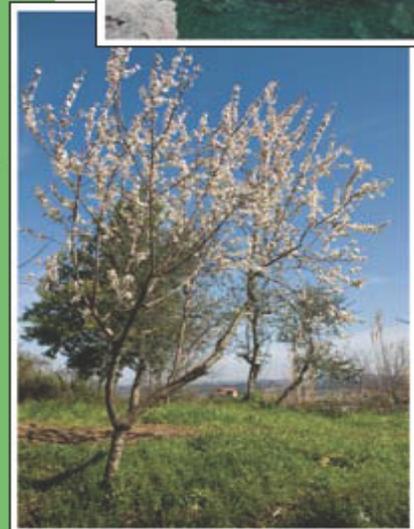
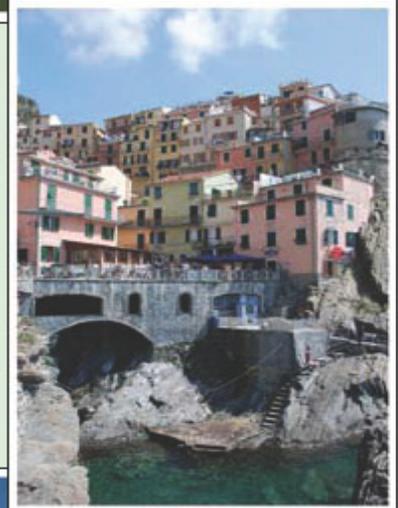
Tuscany boasts the most famous wines in Italy like the full bodied Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, aromatic Chianti and crisp Vernaccia di San Gimignano. Other events in San Gimignano include the Easter Market in the area by the Piazza Matteotti and Piazza Gramsci and the Procession of the Cross on April 10 beginning at 7 p.m. This ancient procession has been celebrated in San Gimignano since 600 AD.

ITR Trip April 11

How to book a trip

Contact Camp Darby ITR at DSN 633-7589/Civ. 050 54 7589

Where to Stay Sea Pines Lodge has hotel rooms, log cabins and camp grounds. Make your reservation by calling DSN 633-7225/ Civ. 050 54 7225 or e-mail lodging@eur.army.mil



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