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**Monday Lunches**

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**H1N1 Influenza (H1N1) precautions being taken in Europe**

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Military preventive medicine and healthcare experts monitoring the H1N1 Influenza (H1N1) outbreak are advising military personnel in Europe to stay aware of developments and take common-sense precautions to avoid illness.

As of April 27, 48 confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza have been confirmed in three countries, according to the World Health Organization. Mexico reports 18 confirmed cases, the U.S. reports 20 and New Zealand has confirmed 10. Though Mexico reports 103 deaths related to “influenza-like illnesses” none have yet been confirmed to be H1N1 Flu. Suspected cases are being investigated in Australia, Spain and France and Israel.

As a precaution on April 26, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security declared a public health emergency. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said she would prefer the term “declaration of emergency preparedness” similar to preparing for a hurricane.

Military health officials in Europe are monitoring the situation closely.

Dr. (Col.) David Schall, U.S. European Command surgeon, said military health officials will receive an advisory that outlines the symptoms to look out for when treating patients who report to military treatment facilities with flu-like symptoms. He added that health reporting measures are in place that will alert them to any increase in locally reported cases and travel restrictions have not been issued for travel to Mexico. However, anyone planning to travel to Mexico or other affected countries should be informed of the H1N1 Influenza situation.

Dr. (Col.) Evelyn Barraza, ERMC preventive medicine consultant, said Army health clinics are taking extra efforts to identify patients at increased risk for H1N1 Influenza infection.

“Cases mentioned in news reports have been traced to people who live in or traveled to Mexico recently,” said Barraza. “If you’ve traveled there, or had contact with someone who has traveled there recently and think you have the flu, see a doctor. Clinicians are considering the possibility of H1N1 influenza infection in recent travelers presenting with an acute respiratory illness.”

Barraza said respiratory hygiene precautions should be followed during any influenza season: stay at home when you are sick, cover you mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, wash your hands regularly, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth and seek medical care if you are ill.

She said the World Health Organization and Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web sites are both a good source of current information. The CDC Web address is [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and the World Health Organization is [www.who.int/en/](http://www.who.int/en/)

**\*\*\*Special H1N1 insert with more information is on pages 3-7\*\*\***



## THE YEAR OF THE NCO

Next NCO and Soldier of the Quarter competition is May 5. NCO's contact Sgt. Everett at HHD, HQ Building rear to recommend your high-speed troops for the competition.



## "Hole in One" or "Closest to the Pin" fund raiser

The "Hole in One" or "Closest to the Pin" fund raiser is held in order to raise funds for the Army Birthday Ball here at Camp Darby on 6 June 2009. Funds raised will be used to pay for our single service members E1-E3 that live in the barracks or dorms that desire to attend the Army Birthday Ball and to lower the cost of the dinner. Remaining funds will be used to purchase decorations and other required items. This fund raiser takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.– 1 p.m. at the Carnival Grounds across from the Health Clinic.

Anyone with ILS over the age of 18 years old may participate. A person may purchase as many balls as they wish but may only purchase a maximum of 6 balls at a time. If more balls are desired you must return to the line and purchase more balls to allow other people to have a chance.

There is a 30 foot radius circle around the pin, any ball that dose not land inside the circle will not be measured and will not count for a chance at a prize. Each participant's ball that lands within the circle will be measured and recorded. At the end of each event day the four balls closest to the pin will be the only ones recorded and remain on the list until another ball gets closer. If another ball comes closer then the ball furthest from the pin will be removed from the standing list. After each event day an announcement will be made to announce the top four positions and an e-mail will be sent to inform the top four position holders for that day if not present.

If during any of the event days a "Hole in One" is made then the individual that made it will get their choice of prize immediately. An individual may only win one prize with the hole in one, if a hole in one is made then that individual may no longer participate in the event. If an individual makes a hole in one and has a ball in the top four closest to the pin that ball will be removed from the standing list and the top three will remain on the list. This process will continue as a "Hole in One" is made. If four Holes in Ones are made then all balls within the circle will be irrelevant and the event will be over.

Balls and clubs will be provided at no cost but if any participant would like to use their own balls and clubs they may do so after paying the price of the amount of balls they will use. No participant will bring any item except for a club and balls onto the tee box.

The prizes include:

- 1 ea. Vertical Edge Runner 18 speed Mountain Bike with helmet. Value \$140.00 donated by the Camp Darby AAFES.
- 1 ea. 30 min Massage and 30 min Mini Facial. Value \$60.00 donated by the Camp Darby Wellness Center
- 1 ea. Golf Basket set. Value \$35.00 donated by 1SG Laverenz
- 1 ea. Grill Basket set. Value \$35.00 donated by 1SG Laverenz



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## H1N1 Influenza Outbreak Update– FEMA National Report

### H1N1 Influenza - USA

On April 26, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency in the United States. This declaration permits additional preparedness activities to commence, including the release of 25% of the Strategic National Stockpile (50 million treatment courses) of anti-virals. Affected areas will receive the anti-virals initially and then other states, as required.

As of 7:00 p.m. EDT Sunday, April 26, the Center of Disease Control and Prevention confirmed 40 human cases of H1N1 Influenza A H1N1: seven in California, two in Texas, 28 in New York, two in Kansas, and one in Ohio. All cases have displayed relatively mild symptoms, and no deaths have been reported. The virus appears to be treatable with antiviral drugs. CDC has issued a Traveler's Health Alert Notice, stressing the need to be aware of the illness, take precautions against making contact with ill individuals, avoiding others if you feel ill, and seeking medical attention if necessary. - see <http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu>. No additional limitations have been imposed on travel between the U.S. and Mexico borders. CDC is monitoring epidemiological patterns of transmission and working with the World Health Organization (WHO), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and State health officials in investigating the outbreak. (HHS SOC April 26, DHS Leadership Brief April 26)

### Mexico:

Mexico's Health Minister reports 1,400 with influenza-like illnesses, and up to 86 fatalities. Seven new cases of H1N1 Influenza H1N1 have been confirmed (six in Mexico City, one in Veracruz), totaling 30 confirmed cases. The Government of Mexico is continuing steps to limit the spread of the illness, including closing schools, museums, libraries and state-run theatres, and cancelling public events in Mexico City. The United States Embassy in Mexico suspended all visa and non-emergency American citizen services from April 27 – 30, 2009.

### Canada:

CDC reports 26 cases of influenza-like illnesses, all in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Nova Scotia Chief of Public Health Officer has confirmed six of the 26 cases are H1N1 Flu.

### The World Health Organization (WHO)

WHO has identified unconfirmed influenza-like-illnesses in New Zealand (25); Columbia (5); the United Kingdom (2); and Israel (1). The Director-General of WHO has determined the current events constitute a public health emergency of international concern. The Director-General is recommending that all countries intensify surveillance for unusual outbreaks of influenza-like illness and severe pneumonia. (WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan, April 25, 2009; DHS Leadership Brief April 26, 6:00 p.m. EDT)

### FEMA Response to H1N1 Influenza Outbreak

FEMA is coordinating with affected Regions, States, HHS/CDC and Federal and State partners to determine potential requirements. FEMA is conducting, planning, and preparing for possible activations of the NRCC as needed. FEMA Region II RRCC has transitioned to a "heightened Watch Status" and continues to monitor confirmed influenza cases in New York. FEMA Regions V, VI, and IX remain at Watch/Steady State status and continue to monitor confirmed / suspected cases with their State EOCs. FEMA will conduct a VTC with Regional Administrators to prepare for possible future actions in response to the H1N1 influenza outbreak.

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### Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports 64 confirmed cases of H1N1 Flu in the U.S.:

California 10  
Texas 6  
New York 45  
Kansas 2  
Ohio 1

An additional 62 probable cases are being tested: Texas (23); New York (12); Ohio (13); Massachusetts (2); Michigan (1); Indiana (1); New Jersey (5); Nevada (1); New Hampshire (1); Arizona (2) and Illinois (1). Most confirmed and suspected cases of H1N1 Flu in the U.S. remain relatively mild. The CDC has not confirmed any deaths related to H1N1 in the U.S.

*As of April 29, 2009 5:00 a.m. EDT*

**Frequently Asked Questions- H1N1 Influenza**  
**US Army Medical Command Public Affairs**  
**April 27, 2009**

**Q. Is the vaccine Soldiers received in 1976 still good?**

A. The H1N1 Influenza seen in this outbreak has not been previously detected in pigs or humans. The 1976 vaccine was made against a different strain of influenza and would not protect against this one.

**Q. What plans do hospitals have in case of a breakout?**

A. Military and civilian hospitals have emergency response plans for mass casualty situations and epidemics. The military health system developed these plans to deal with emerging diseases, such as pandemic influenza, and are coordinated with the civilian system to ensure close cooperation with the civil authorities.

**Q. Who is most vulnerable to infection or death?**

A. Influenza typically is most dangerous for the very old or very young. According to the World Health Organization Web Site, the majority of these cases have occurred in otherwise healthy young adults. As more is learned about this particular outbreak, there will be more information on who is most vulnerable to this infection.

**Q. Have any Soldiers or other Army patients been infected?**

A. We are aggressively monitoring any soldiers hospitalized for influenza-like illnesses. To date, there have been no confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza in any soldiers or in any patients in Army hospitals.

**Q. What is the Army doing as far as education and prevention?**

A. The Army is working closely with the rest of the Department of Defense and with the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a coordinated response to this outbreak.

**Q. Will the flu shot provided in Fall 2008 protect people from strain of influenza?**

A. This H1N1 Influenza strain is different than the human strains that were used in creating the vaccine in 2008. Therefore, we would not expect any protection from the vaccine for this particular strain. The vaccine will protect against the commonly occurring strains of human influenza.

**Q. Why do 20 infections constitute an emergency or an epidemic?**

A. This is from the HHS website:

The Department of Health and Human Services issued a nationwide public health emergency declaration in response to recent human infections with a newly discovered H1N1 influenza A (H1N1 flu) virus. The formal declaration of a Public Health Emergency (PHE) is a tool that facilitates HHS' preparation and mobilization for disasters and emergencies. For example, PHEs were recently declared for flooding in North Dakota, the Inauguration, and several 2008 hurricanes.

Today's declaration, made under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, will help HHS prepare for prevention and mitigation activities by enabling Food and Drug Administration (FDA) emergency use authorizations of drugs, devices, or medical tests under certain circumstances.

Specifically, today's PHE will enable the FDA to review and issue emergency use authorizations (EUAs) for the use of certain laboratory tests to help detect the newly discovered strain of influenza and for the emergency use of certain antivirals.

"HHS is taking these steps today to be proactive in responding to this new influenza virus by offering national tools in support of community-led preparedness and response efforts," Acting HHS Secretary Charles Johnson said. "The declaration allows us the flexibility, while we learn more about the virus and its impact in the United States, to take additional steps to fully mobilize our prevention, treatment and mitigation capabilities should those actions become necessary."

In addition to the declaration, HHS leaders are working together across operating divisions to coordinate response to the H1N1 flu outbreak. For example, the FDA, the National Institutes of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are working together to develop a vaccine precursor that could be used to develop a vaccine for this H1N1 flu virus.

**Q. Are deployed Servicemembers in danger of infection; what preventive measures are in place across the Army?**

A. Based on the most recent information, deployed service members are at no increased risk of infection. The Army is encouraging everyone to follow the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on what can be done to stay healthy. These recommendations are:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people. If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

**Q. Is this an epidemic or pandemic and what is the difference?**

A. An outbreak is when there is an increase in the number of cases of a disease above the baseline levels. When there are a large number of cases that constitutes an epidemic. When there are multiple sites around the world of large numbers of cases that is a pandemic. The CDC is currently calling this an epidemic, but both military and civilian experts around the world are monitoring this closely.

## Common facts about H1N1 Influenza (from the Centers for Disease Control Web site)

### **What is H1N1 flu?**

H1N1 Influenza is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that causes regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get H1N1 flu, but human infections can and do happen. H1N1 flu viruses have been reported to spread from person-to-person, but in the past, this transmission was limited and not sustained beyond three people.

### **Are there human infections with H1N1 flu in the U.S.?**

In late March and early April 2009, cases of human infection with H1N1 influenza A viruses were first reported in Southern California and near San Antonio, Texas. Other U.S. states have reported cases of H1N1 flu infection in humans and cases have been reported internationally as well. An updated case count of confirmed H1N1 flu infections in the United States is kept at <http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/investigation.htm> CDC and local and state health agencies are working together to investigate this situation.

### **Is this H1N1 flu virus contagious?**

CDC has determined that this H1N1 influenza A (H1N1) virus is contagious and is spreading from human to human. However, at this time, it not known how easily the virus spreads between people.

### **What are the signs and symptoms of H1N1 flu in people?**

The symptoms of H1N1 flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with H1N1 flu. In the past, severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with H1N1 flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, H1N1 flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

### **How does H1N1 flu spread?**

Spread of this H1N1 influenza A (H1N1) virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

### **How can someone with the flu infect someone else?**

Infected people may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 7 or more days after becoming sick. That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

### **What should I do to keep from getting the flu?**

First and most important: wash your hands. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Try not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

### **Are there medicines to treat H1N1 flu?**

Yes. CDC recommends the use of oseltamivir or zanamivir for the treatment and/or prevention of infection with these H1N1 influenza viruses. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaler) that fight against the flu by keeping flu viruses from reproducing in your body. If you get sick, antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and make you feel better faster. They may also prevent serious flu complications. For treatment, antiviral drugs work best if started soon after getting sick (within 2 days of symptoms).

### **How long can an infected person spread H1N1 flu to others?**

People with H1N1 influenza virus infection should be considered potentially contagious as long as they are symptomatic and possible for up to 7 days following illness onset. Children, especially younger children, might potentially be contagious for longer periods.

### **What surfaces are most likely to be sources of contamination?**

Germs can be spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his

or her eyes, nose, or mouth. Droplets from a cough or sneeze of an infected person move through the air. Germs can be spread when a person touches respiratory droplets from another person on a surface like a desk and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose before washing their hands.

**How long can viruses live outside the body?**

We know that some viruses and bacteria can live 2 hours or longer on surfaces like cafeteria tables, door-knobs, and desks. Frequent handwashing will help you reduce the chance of getting contamination from these common surfaces.

**What can I do to protect myself from getting sick?**

There is no vaccine available right now to protect against H1N1 flu. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health: Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way. Try to avoid close contact with sick people. If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

**What is the best way to keep from spreading the virus through coughing or sneezing?**

If you are sick, limit your contact with other people as much as possible. Do not go to work or school if ill. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Put your used tissue in the waste basket. Cover your cough or sneeze if you do not have a tissue. Then, clean your hands, and do so every time you cough or sneeze.

**What is the best technique for washing my hands to avoid getting the flu?**

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Wash with soap and water. or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner. we recommend that when you wash your hands -- with soap and warm water -- that you wash for 15 to 20 seconds. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used. You can find them in most supermarkets and drugstores. If using gel, rub your hands until the gel is dry. The gel doesn't need water to work; the alcohol in it kills the germs on your hands.

**What should I do if I get sick?**

If you live in areas where H1N1 influenza cases have been identified and become ill with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting or diarrhea, you may want to contact their health care provider, particularly if you are worried about your symptoms. Your health care provider will determine whether influenza testing or treatment is needed.

If you are sick, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people as much as possible to keep from spreading your illness to others. If you become ill and experience any of the following warning signs, seek emergency medical care.

**In children emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:**

Fast breathing or trouble breathing, Bluish skin color, Not drinking enough fluids, Not waking up or not interacting, Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held, Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough, Fever with a rash,

**In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:**

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, Sudden dizziness, Confusion, Severe or persistent vomiting

**How serious is H1N1 flu infection?**

Like seasonal flu, H1N1 flu in humans can vary in severity from mild to severe. Between 2005 until January 2009, 12 human cases of H1N1 flu were detected in the U.S. with no deaths occurring. However, H1N1 flu infection can be serious. In September 1988, a previously healthy 32-year-old pregnant woman in Wisconsin was hospitalized for pneumonia after being infected with H1N1 flu and died 8 days later. A H1N1 flu outbreak in Fort Dix, New Jersey occurred in 1976 that caused more than 200 cases with serious illness in several people and one death.

**Can I get H1N1 influenza from eating or preparing pork?**

No. H1N1 influenza viruses are not spread by food. You cannot get H1N1 influenza from eating pork or pork products. Eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe.

## H1N1 flu information in the local Italian Press

### Translation by Chiara Mattiolo

According to "Il Tirreno" Pisa and Livorno edition, April 28, there is no alarm for H1N1 flu in Italy. Although, all the people coming back from risk zones (Mexico and California) presenting flue symptoms have been screened and checked, all results for H1N1 flu have been negative.

There are no travel limitations at the moment, however, Italian Foreign Affairs Minister, Franco Frattini, suggests avoiding unnecessary travel to risk zones. The main concern is frequent flyers. Italy has already predisposed sanitary checks for air and ship travelers.

Eleonora Virgone from Pisa hygiene and sanitary services suggested precautions for those who are going to Mexico:

- Avoid markets or farms where you can actually get in touch with H1N1.
- Always ensure H1N1 meat is well cooked.
- Make sure to wash hands often with soap and alcohol based detergents.
- Avoid touching mouth, nose, or eyes with dirty hands.

She adds that the regular flu vaccine does not protect against H1N1 flue.

Travelers coming back from Mexico, California or Texas with flu symptoms should immediately consult their physician. In Pisa airport, beginning April 29, all the travelers to the United States and Mexico will be issued an informational pamphlet on the H1N1 flu. There have been 11 suspect cases in Italy, four of them in Tuscany, but they have tested negative.

The European Union established that this flu will be now called the "new flu", and not the "swine" flu, since it has nothing to do with the swine themselves, but is a combination between swine, birds and man. The Center for Disease Control refers to it as the H1N1 flu.

## H1N1 Flu Outbreak - International Statistics

The Director-General of WHO, Dr Margaret Chan, determined the current events constitute a public health emergency of international concern, and recommended all countries intensify surveillance for unusual outbreaks of influenza-like illness and severe pneumonia. In a statement April 29, she stated "On the positive side, the world is better prepared for an influenza pandemic than at any time in history; preparedness measures undertaken because of the threat from H5N1 avian influenza were an investment, and we are now benefitting from this investment" said Dr. Chan. "For the first time in history, we can track the evolution of a pandemic in real-time."

April 29, WHO reported there were 148 officially reported cases of H1N1 Flu outside of the U.S.: USA 91 (one death), Mexico 26 (seven deaths), Canada 13, Germany 3, Spain 4, New Zealand 3, Israel 2 United Kingdom 5, Daily updates available on <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

## H1N1 Flu Scam Alert

Most of us wouldn't fall for one of these scams during normal operations but might slip up in the confusion of an emergency. The attacks arrive via an unsolicited email message typically containing a subject line related to the Swine Flu. These email messages may contain a link or an attachment. If users click on this link or open the attachment, they may be directed to a phishing website or exposed to malicious code.

\* Do not follow unsolicited web links or attachments in email messages.

\* Maintain up-to-date antivirus software.

\* Refer to the Recognizing and Avoiding Email Scams (pdf) document for more information on avoiding email scams.

\* Refer to the Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks document for more information on social engineering attacks.

*If you have questions contact your Information Assurance Officer.*

## IMCOM-Europe hosting camp for children with deployed parents

By Ray Johnson

*IMCOM-Europe Public Affairs*

HEIDELBERG, Germany - Installation Management Command-Europe is hosting a summer camp designed specifically for children of deployed servicemembers.

Called Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge - the acronym stands for Adventure, Resilience, Memories, Youth - the June 15-20 program offers not only a welcome break from the family stresses of deployment, but also a chance for "more than 200 kids to meet other youth facing similar challenges," said Joe Marton, Child, Youth and School Services program specialist for IMCOM-Europe Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Middle-school and high-school students currently in grades 6-12 whose active-duty parents have deployed or will be deploying between June 1, 2008, and March 1, 2010, are eligible to apply - and must do so by May 4.

Although the camp is hosted exclusively by IMCOM-Europe Child, Youth and School Services, the camp will have some spaces open to children whose deployed moms or dads belong to the Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps.

Students having just completed eighth grade are considered an eighth-grader for camp attendance and may only apply to the middle-school camp sessions.

The week-long camp, which will be held in Germany, will provide concentrations in; basketball, culinary arts, soccer, and track and field. Plus all will participate in an outdoor adventure program (such as hiking, climbing and canoeing) and healthy living classes.

"We want the experience to be fun but also educational," Marton said.

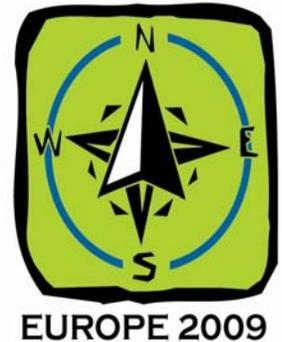
Additionally, the program aims to build positive relationships between military children, noted Marton, who added, "there are scores of stories of these kids building lasting friendships that started in CAC and other similar camps we have sponsored."

Besides Camp A.R.M.Y Challenge, CYS Services will be offering summer programs at every IMCOM-Europe garrison for school-age children, middle-school youth and teens.

As for CAC, a non-refundable \$50 camp registration fee is required when a child is selected to attend the camp. The fee reserves a slot in an assigned session.

Central bus pick-up points will provide transportation to the camps; however, Marton stressed that individualized transportation will not be funded, with families being responsible for getting their sons or daughters to central bus pick-up points.

SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE. Complete information details and application forms - which will be accepted only online - are available at [www.mwr-europe.com](http://www.mwr-europe.com).



## Local library programs highlighted during National Library Week

Story and photos by Chiara Mattiolo  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The National Library Week, besides being a time to celebrate the contributions of the army libraries, was a chance for Camp Darby community members to find out more about local upcoming programs and initiatives.

“The Open House and art display is a good way to let the community know more about our ever expanding services, to spend some time together and to familiarize with our friendly personnel,” said Ronald Van Gemert, USAG Livorno Librarian.

According to Debora Lomi, USAG Livorno Library Technician., being a librarian is more than providing books. Part of the librarian duties is to recommend books based on reading levels and personal interest.

“As a librarian, I know the value of reading and it is part of my job to help children discover that reading can be fun as well as useful,” Lomi said.

In order to encourage the children’s approach to reading, the Camp Darby Library’s program includes a weekly appointment with kids ages 3 to 5; in addition, special story hours are organized to celebrate monthly special events.

The Library also hosts the Army Community Services program of free English language classes once a week, and Susanna Martini, Library Technician offers free Italian classes for children all year round.

“I love to teach Italian to children, during the class I try to make the lesson appealing to the children by playing games, singing songs, and letting them know more about Italian culture,” Martini said.

“The Livorno Library’s programs are continually improving, and customers are welcome to visit and gather information while using the 19 computers available at no cost,” said Van Gemert.

Van Gemert, who has a passion for photos, said that there is a plan for next fall to offer digital photography classes for free at the Camp Darby Library.

He added that the Camp Darby library has over 23,000 books, 950 books on tape, over 2,000 music CDs, and 668 DVDs. Items that cannot be found locally can easily be purchased thru the European shared online catalog.

“Our customers can easily order the books or music by consulting our web site [www.library.eur.army.mil](http://www.library.eur.army.mil). and then place a request with us to order them,” explained Debora Lomi, USAG Livorno Library Technician. “Plus, anyone holding a European Library card can checkout books or music at any of the European libraries and return them to their most convenient library location within Europe.”



**Library Technician Debora Lomi (left) helps customer Marina Selmi to pick a book during the Library Open House held at the USAG Livorno Library April 15.**

## Camp Darby Library highlights hidden talents

*During the celebrations of the National Library Week, April 12-18, the Camp Darby Library hosted an open house and a photo and art display. In this occasion, the community learned about a fellow coworkers who have a passion for the arts. Photos and story by Chiara Mattirolò*

### Sauro Alfaioli

Sauro Alfaioli, an electronic mechanic shop foreman at 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 405th Army Field Support Battalion, has a passion for art that he recently shared at a showing in the Camp Darby Library.

When he was at school it was his favorite subject, and during his childhood he used to attend the school of art.

His art study though was taking too much of his time and attention from his specialized studies of mechanical engineering, so he had to interrupt his artistic career to build his future as an electronic mechanic.

"I remember while I was at school listening to teacher's explanations, I kept drawing; every time I had a piece of paper and a pencil I just let my hand go and draw," Alfaioli said. "Painting has been my passion since I was very young and when I was a little kid, no present was appreciated more than colors and paper."

Alfaioli's preferred art subject is portraits. He uses various types of techniques, but his medium of choice is pencils or watercolors for practical reasons.

"I like using pencils and watercolors because painting with oils produce such a strong smell," said Alfaioli. "If I were to use oils, it would require the use of a separate room just for painting purposes, and in my house I can't afford this."

Alfaioli has participated in many shows and painting contests in the region, but when he was asked to show his art at the Camp Darby Library, he gladly accepted.

"I come to the library as much as I can- they have a good collection of art books, and most of all it is a relaxing, friendly environment where I can use the computer and share my passion for art with other interested people," Alfaioli said.



### Marco Orsolini

Many of us have a secret passion or an unknown talent hidden inside ourselves that is not always discovered.

Marco Orsolini is a refrigeration mechanic at the US Army Garrison Livorno directorate of Public Works; but in his free time, he explores his passion for photography.

"When I was a child my parents gave me as a birthday present, a Kodak camera and a little camera bag," said Orsolini "I realized immediately the importance of that object and started to take good care of it."

Orsolini said that his passion has not been continuous, especially during the transition between the traditional cameras and the digital era.

"Once I became accustomed to the digital camera I also started to appreciate the freedom of clicking without necessarily printing every shot," said Orsolini

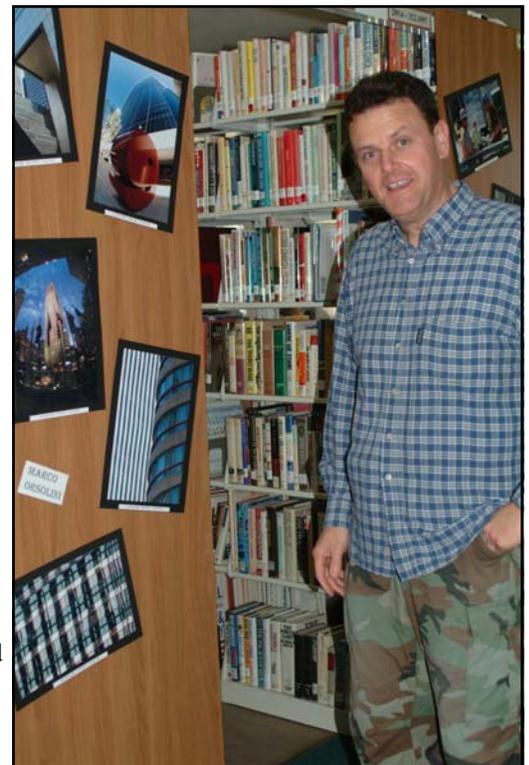
Orsolini said he did not take any specific photography class, but he read as much as possible and sharpened his technique by practicing.

"My camera became my fellow traveler- I took photos while visiting sites, photos of nature, and also portraits, but I never expected to be judged as a good photographer," said Orsolini.

One day, he explained, navigating on the web, he found some photo sites and decided to give it a try and published his photos on the web.

"Immediately after the publication I started receiving positive feedback, and gained more confidence, so I published more, and when the library contacted me for this photography display, I was glad to participate," he said.

Orsolini does not have a preference for subjects, but plans to participate in other photo shows and contests.



# Spring Fling 2009 brings community together

Story and photos by Joyce Costello  
*USAG Livorno Public Affairs*

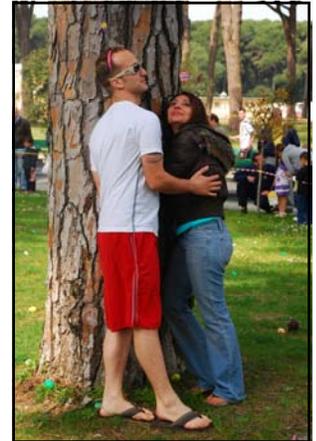
The Camp Darby military and Italian community celebrated Easter with a Spring Fling together on April 11. Children got to participate in a traditional egg hunt, decorate eggs and cupcakes, play games and have their faces painted while parents sat back and cheered them on.

According to U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez, volunteers played a key role in the success of the 2009 Spring Fling.

“We had volunteers from across the community like the 511th Military Police Platoon that helped stuff over 2,000 eggs, BOSS which cooked over 400 hot dogs and many others that made cupcakes, prepared and serve food and helped with the events and games,” said Rodriguez. “Without these volunteers, the Spring Fling would not have been the success it was.”

BOSS President, Staff. Sgt. Brett Patterson, added that he believe this it the best event that BOSS has done in 2009 because it really help to get young Soldiers involved community events so they feel they are an integral part of the community.

The next upcoming community wide event will be the American Beach in Tirrenia opening party on May 22.



# Denim Day defies Italian Supreme court rape ruling

Story and photo by Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Court rulings aren't necessarily perfect as shown by 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, but the Court overturned the ruling, saying that because jeans are so difficult to remove— that there was no way the assailant could not have done so without the victim's help.

Camp Darby members joined the international protest by wearing jeans to work April 22.

"I wore denim because I wanted to be another person who stands up against the excuse of 'she asked for it because of the way she was dressed!'," said Jennifer Houston, Denim Day participant (pictured right). "It's so important to let people know that despite a way a person looks, they still have the right to say no if they are put in an uncomfortable situation."

Victims of sexual abuse or rape can get help on Camp Darby by calling the 24 hour Sexual Assault Response phone number at 335- 771-4989.



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May 22  
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**12:00**  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**12:15**  
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## Driving through Austria and Switzerland requires International Drivers License

By Ron Walters

USAG Livorno Transportation Officer

For all Military and DOD civilians personnel going TDY to German, Via Austria or Switzerland, using a Government NTV must have the following Items:

1. Border Clearance
  - a. Austria: TMP Personnel can attain in 3-5 days (Recommended Country of Travel to Germany)
  - b. Switzerland: TMP personnel need 3-4 weeks (Need routing to US Embassy Switzerland)
2. Insurance: International Insurance is needed on Government NTVs prior to traveling thru either country (TMP will request this for NTVs).
3. International Driver's License (IDL) is required to drive through Austria and Switzerland, yes, with a government vehicle. Your IDL has to be accompanied by a valid Stateside Drivers License and Passport.
4. Your Military (OF 346), SETAF or USAREUR Drivers License can not be used to drive a NTV, POV or Rental vehicle in Austria or Switzerland. These licenses are only honored in NATO countries.
5. Local Nationals (LN) on TDY with an TMP NTV are not required to have an IDL, they only need their European Drivers Licenses.
  - a. LN are still required to attain a Border Clearance and Insurance (DOL TMP request all border clearance and Insurance for NTV).
  - b. If going TDY to Germany with a LN and you don't have an IDL, let the LN drive through Austria or Switzerland...that will leave you free to drive in Germany or Italy.
6. How to attain an International Drivers License?
  - a. Triple AAA, American Automobile Association is one of two organization that is highly recommended by the State Department.

Follow the link: <http://www.aaa.com/vacation/idpc.html>

- b. Download and fill out the application form.
- c. Get two passport size pictures of yourself and sign them on back.
- d. Copy both sides of your Valid stateside Drivers license.
- e. Make a check or Money Order out for \$15.00 to AAA and mail all to the address below:

AAA/IDP  
1000 AAA Dr.  
Heathrow, FL  
32746  
Attn: Mailstop #28

7. Beware of sites that promotes Translations of your license or give you a translated document. They give you a card that looks like a state side drivers license and will say a translation of documents. This is not an official (IDL) and you can't drive on it.

Future policy of the Garrison's TMP is if requesting to a NTV to go TDY to Germany you will have to have a valid IDL.

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# Italian company brings trash talk to Camp Darby

Story and photos by Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Italian trash company, GEOFOR, met with Camp Darby community members to talk about recycling efforts and what individuals can do during Earth Day, April 22.

Davide De Filippi, GEOFOR, brought hundreds of pictorial wheels and pamphlets that explain what trash needs to go where. Community members can pick up extra wheels for free at the Camp Darby Housing office.

Letizia Filindeu, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Environmental office stressed the importance of being aware of local recycling programs and efforts.

“If you think green, the others will do the same,” said Filindeu. “Camp Darby has a recycling program through the Environmental Management Office and anyone can call for information and to clarify how to dispose waste on Darby and outside Darby.”



**Letizia Filindeu, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Environmental office and Davide De Filippi, GEOFOR, showcase a pictorial trash wheel that customers can use to figure out what trash goes in which bin. (left) Lisa Woeber and Clyde explain some of the benefits of earth friendly products available to the Commissary and AAFES.**



**White Dumpster– Paper**  
Yes– newspapers, magazines, advertisement, notebooks, photocopies, boxes used for cereal, pasta, cookies, etc, cardboard boxes (broken down)

No– plastic shopping bags, paper towels, laminate, aluminum foil or paper with food residue, tetrapak/ beverage cartons.

**Car batteries**  
Lead acid batteries must be disposed of only at eco centers. Do not leave batteries next to waste containers or in public places. There is an eco center minutes away from Camp Darby in Tirrenia.

**Sky Blue Containers**  
Bottles and plastic containers with PET, PE, PVC, PP-PS labels in particular.  
Yes– shopping bags, soap, detergents, house and personal cleaning products, cosmetics, plastics used for packaging, Styrofoam packaging, egg cartons, food envelopes and bags, rigid and flexible food boxes (ex. Sliced meats), film and plastic wrap, yogurt, cheese cream and dessert containers, plastic tray inserts, bottles.

## Sweet ‘Thank you’ to Volunteers on Camp Darby

Camp Darby Army Community Services delivered thank you notes and cup cakes to volunteers during Volunteer Recognition week April 19– 25. The annual Volunteer recognition ceremony will be held May 21 at the Darby Community Club. (Photos by Jennifer Houston, Camp Darby ACS).



# Motorcycle Safety Range ready...smart trainer to follow

By David Henry

USAG Livorno Safety Officer

USAG Livorno Motorcycle Safety Foundation Range is once again operational. The Basic Rider Courses and Experienced Rider Courses are available monthly through the summer.

Scheduling is available at the following link;

[http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/management/so\\_atstp.asp](http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/management/so_atstp.asp). The course is located at Camp Darby DOL/TMP, adjacent to the new Commissary.

Additionally available on June 3 is the Honda Stationary SMART trainer. A motorcycle simulator that is an advanced, interactive instructional tool with standard motorcycle controls and realistic traffic situations. It will be located in the Garrison Safety Office, 1st floor of Bldg #302.

## About the Smart trainer

In 2001, aiming at furthering the spread of educational tools for promoting safer riders, Honda developed its second-generation riding trainer, the Safe Motorcyclist Awareness & Recognition Trainer (SMART) which is designed to be cost effective and even more effective as a learning tool. To that end, this entirely new model trainer was developed, which maintains the high performance value of the previous model, but with reduced costs and additional learning features, such as a scooter or automatic transmission operation mode, a lightweight compact design for ease of positioning and installation, and improved graphics.

SMARTrainer does not attempt to recreate the experience of operating a motorcycle, but is focused on demonstrating to the student their ability to learn. We hope you will take to opportunity to review SMART and see its potential as a learning tool for yourself.

### Training for Beginners: (2 courses)

1. Clutch/Throttle/Brake Operation practice mode
2. No Traffic City Riding practice mode

### Hazard Prediction: (14 courses)

1. City Riding practice mode: 10 courses (Riding Evaluation available in City Riding mode only)
2. Touring practice mode: (4 courses)

All courses can simulate either manual or automatic transmission. Background visuals can be set for day / night / fog).



The Smart trainer helps motorcycle riders train

## Traffic on surrounding highway affects computers

Due to construction work and lane rerouting on the Fi-Pi-Li (the highway which connects Florence to Pisa and Livorno) traffic will be delayed and/or increased in three areas. The area around the airport is experiencing lane rerouting. Beware of drivers stopping suddenly as they try to figure out which lane to be in. Ongoing construction work is causing traffic delays between Navacchio and Cascina. Both sides merge down to one lane of traffic on one side. Additionally, traffic flow on the Livorno section of the Fi-Pi-Li heading towards Tirrenia has been altered because the asphalt collapsed in one of the lanes. Measures have been taken to open an alternative route, but it can still cause an increase in traffic flow around Camp Darby, particularly during summer time.

# World War II– walking in the footsteps of heroes

*Story and photos by Davide Del Giudice*

*Special to the Darby Digest*

## Montignoso, Land of Memory

The township of Montignoso is decorated of gold Medal to the Valor Civile for the facts happened in the Resistance and complimentary to its population that she tenaciously remained to her own earth in the hard months of the Gothic Line, challenging the German occupant and under the fire of the artilleries.

An itinerary on the fortifications of the Folgorito Mountain, departing from the houses of Vietina or from the Termo of the Pasquilio, can be a pleasant historical excursion; but is also a visit in the time to the places of the Resistance and the Gothic Line. It is important that what happened doesn't repeat again.

### Secret approach to Azzano

On the evening of April 3, exploiting the coverage of the obscurity, 2nd and 3rd Battalion of the 442nd RCT were brought from Vallecchia to Azzano, where they took lodging in the houses of the hamlet. Hundreds of Soldiers literally crowded in the old constructions in stone, tightly protecting their movement and presence. The Germans were unaware of the troop movement from the departments of the 92a Division.

During the long hours of waiting prior to the mission, the men devoted themselves to the cleaning of the weapons, resting and consuming the fight rations. Local townsmen generously offered polenta cakes or pancakes made from chestnut flour, the only available food in quantity on the spot. However, the department of subsistence (S4) of the 3rd Battalion stowed in reserve to Azzano K-rations and enough ammunition for one day, while the troops themselves brought in the backpack the provisions for April 4 and 5.

During the day, there was a change in the orders of attack: on signalling of a partisan guide, Pacifico Luisi "Sciamino", the Colonel Alfred Pursall, commander of the 3rd Battalion, abdicated the anticipated offensive phase that had to come along the Canal of Corniglia. The partisan, somehow knowing that the Germans had signs of the hostile action and for the night of April 5 were already there where the Americans would have rallied- lined up reinforcements to the lean garrison the strengths of a company stationed on the back of the Carchio Mountain.

For this, according to what brought from "Sciamino", as itinerary was select the Canal di Novello, less guarded but steep. The following evening, as soon as he did dark, the departments received the order to go down for the mule track that conducts near the Serra River from Azzano it Shuts in the place Desiata. The departures of the men began at 10:30 p.m. in single line.

The men of Company L, 3rd Battalion marched with the maximum silence in order to not give up the element of surprise. They made part of the long column with also the Company I and the gunners of the Company M that would have furnished coverage of fire. When they reached on the bottom of valley the Mulino of Ceccotto there was a brief standstill, then the Niseis went up the right slope of the River and began the climb the Canal di Novello.

Lieutenant Koizumi's first Platoon was to the head of the long column, with "Sciamino" and different partisan guides, among which Renzo Rossi of the Group "Vico" and others of the Company "Falco" that they opened the road. During the night the misty blanket was perforated by the full moon that helped a few in the march, but mostly could have exposed their movements.

The journey consisted in a narrow and steep path, besides the itinerary had not been explored never by the American patrols, it trusted us in this case of the work of the guides, particularly "Sciamino" it knew to the perfection the run and the situated German postings to head of the path.



Different men slipped during the march, some fell for meters without being able to stop. However, no cries lacerated the air, as been orderly from the officers. The men feared more being discovered by the Germans than the pain of rolling over rocks and boulders, losing their helmet as it bounced off their heads or falling to their death.

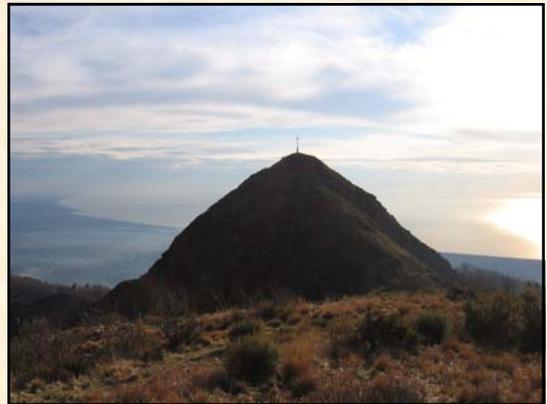
### Surprised to the footstep of Le Forche Pass

The Niseis came near the footstep of the Le Forche Pass just before the 7 a.m. April 6. The attack had to be in synchrony with the movement of the 100th Battalion on the Mountain of Ripa. But the difficulty of the run, caused delays. Fortunately however, it didn't cause any particular problems as the element of surprise up to this moment had worked well. At the pass, Company L turned to the left in direction of the Folgorito and the Company I moved right in the direction toward the Carchio. The 1st Platoon, Company L proceeded on the left, while the 2nd Platoon advanced on the ridge constituting a defensive side.

When 2nd Platoon, Company L advanced, its guide came upon a German sentinel, who was probably feel asleep, and captured him using carbine m1. Being departed two hours from the preparatory artillery fire, perhaps for these Germans the alarm was stopped, this played well for the Niseis. The German immediately gave important information: his comrades slept in a bunker to few about ten meters in direction of the Folgorito.

The prisoner took the Americans to the entry of the cavern, while other soldiers pilled watch on the three captured machine guns. Pfc. Arthur Yamashita, fired a burst of Bar against the dugout. Wounded enemies howled in panic. Seven German exited the caves half asleep and undressed. One of them was so disoriented that he stumbled into one "Booby trap" placed near the entrance of the bunker. The explosion slightly hurt a soldier of Company L.

All the prisoners were escorted to the rear. By 7.30 the foothills of Folgorito to Carchio area were in the hands of the Niseis.



### Toward the Folgorito

Company L advanced toward the Folgorito and after having revolved the hill 907 passing to the left, went slightly down to a secondary ridge that goes down toward the Channel of Corniglia from this. Here the Company commander set up a command post.

The hill 907 was well defended with mines and had a bunker, a posting for machine gun and a single hole for sharp shooter. Besides, to few hundred meters in direction of the Folgorito a howitzer 75/13 was found with attached a field observatory. The howitzer, which had beaten Azzano and the oriental slopes of the Folgorito, was aimed toward this last high ground in the moment in which the Germans realized that the Americans were surrounding it. But it doesn't seem that brooms were shot, perhaps not to strike the same Germans.

The place command of the L was placed along the path that connected the Folgorito with the postings in the place House Landi (or Fontanaccio); it was in a place relatively mended by the German fire, only from the peak of the Folgorito they could be shot on the path that conducts to the feet of the high ground.

The Niseis gave fire coverage from the eyelash of the ridge to force the defenders to lower their heads, allowing their companions to cross hundred meters of open ground to take under then shelter to the Folgorito. To this point one patrols of Nisei it necessarily had to put out fight the postings of House Landi; here the Germans had dug holes and entrenchments from which daily shot on the hamlet of Azzano. When the Americans reacted, the gunners could take shelter in a bunker dug in the mountain and endowed with beds to castle and heater.

### The capture of the observatory

At sunrise, 1° and the 3° Platoon of the Company L were found near the command post of Company; while the 2° Platoon advanced toward Quota 907 in crest, holding protected the right side of the Company L.

The order arrived to attack the Folgorito. 1° Platoon proceeded ahead with the 1° and the 2° Team, along the path from House Landi-Folgorito, while the 3° Team gave coverage in case from the Folgorito. The Germans fired on the advancing troops.

When the first two teams had reached some rocks, above the back of the actual monument to the Gothic Line, the 3° Team went ahead and climbed for some meters on the slopes of the Folgorito; exposing themselves to the draught of a machine gun MG and of marksmen that were waited for to the borders of the lawn on the western slope of the mountain, near a demolished house.

In the meantime the German mortars took to beat the area provoking some wounded, among which the Lieutenant Koi-

zumi, so he gave the command of the 1° Platoon to the Sergeant Genro Kashiwa. In turn the 3° Platoon was framed while it was trying to go up again toward a center of German fire which killed their commander Sgt. Thomas Sagimori; the German fire also provoked different wounded. From the peak of the Folgorito a MG and some fusiliers shot to them it turns, submitting the Niseis to a deadly cross fire. While the commander of the 3° Team Sergeant Casey Casadate tried to effect a recognition, a bullet pierced his forehead. In the attempt to assist him the soldier Tom Nishimoto was killed by another bullet, while Casadate succeeded then miraculously in surviving.

This situation of impasse persisted from the 10 am until toward the 4 pm; to that time the Sergeant Kashiwa explored a path around the base of the mountain. It dealt with an ancient track that allowed from the Fontanaccio to reach Cerreta San Nicola avoiding the scaling of the Folgorito; it was rough but certainly inviting, considering that after few about ten meters it suddenly turned hiding who crossed it to the deadly cross fire.

Two teams (2° and 3°) of the 1° Platoon went up again in single file the slant, while the 1° was waited for on the back, to give possible fire of coverage together with the Bar Shooter of the 3° Team. The scaling developed him without problems and toward the 5 pm, the Niseis they surprised from the back the defenders of the entrenchment that done sign from a convulsive discharge of m1 Garand's, raced down toward north without suffering losses.

Sgt. Kashiwa made to put in safety the entrenchment but he avoided to explore the Northern slope, exposed to the draught coming from the area in direction of hill 907, however the hill were already under attack from the 3° Platoon; in contest three airplanes P51 Mustang striked different bunkers and destroying a German backup department that tried to cross the ravine of the Carchio Mountain, direct toward the Folgorito.

Sgt. Kashiwa accompanied by a soldier explored the path, reached after few meters the entry of the cavern refuge and it let the occupants went out except one that remained hidden. He was killed by the American sentinels some times later, while trying to take back a weapon in the entrenchment. The three prisoners and two guards marched toward the L Company command post, going down from the steep one and exposed itinerary already climbed by the Niseis, but they lost the life during the descent, perhaps in an attempt of escape.

Meanwhile, on the peak of the Folgorito, Sgt. Kashiwa was on watch at the positions just conquered, placing some sentinels in some foxes holes dug close to the observatory, on the trap door of observation, to halves the entrenchment (it came here practiced a hole in the wall to dry to lean out to the infuori) and to his entry.

#### Evacuation of the wounded

It was an arduous enterprise to evacuate the wounded from the battleground up to bottom of the valley, where they could come the military ambulances. To become an idea of the difficulty of the trip, is enough to know that from the Folgorito to the Mill of Ceccotto 12 points of standstill were organized for the stretchers men and if they made then necessary in total 16. The trip was covered in about seven hours. The dangerousness and the uneasiness that introduced the path are effectively illustrated from the application to send four pairs of pants of exchange to the stretchers men that had torn them slipping from the path or entangling itself in the vegetation.

The whole available personnel of the 3° Battalion was used for evacuating the wounded and to supply the troops in fight, was turned also additionally the men of the Platoon to such service Antitank, together with 57 elements of the Company Antitank and 88 of the Company Subsistence. The alpine troops of the 13° Company of the Battalion Intra of the Division Monterosa directed the fire of their 80mm mortars and 75mm howitzers from the observatories of artillery placed on Mount Altissimo. The Americans were caught by this unexpected draught and they had numerous losses; the Company K that went up again following the L and the I, had suffer 3 KIA and 23 wounded, the Company M lost 20 men and other losses it sustained her a department of engineers of the 92° Division.

The countermeasures were quickly taken: a department of the 84° Chemical Battalion from the Botro of Rimone clouded the wall of Mount Altissimo and the self propelled howitzers Americans of the 758° Tank Battalion, placed to Seravezza they shot on the mountain, killing the alpine soldiers Aldo Livio and Arturo Menghini. The Captain Franco di Pierro sent then one patrol of advanced artillery observers endowed with telephone; the fire took back so to have effectiveness. In the following days also the fighter-bombers bombed the positions of the alpine troops, driven by a Dragonfly.

#### Advance

On April 6 the Company K replaced the Company L on the Folgorito and owed reject a German counterattack. 2° Battalion came meanwhile to give support to the companies of 3°. The Company F of the 2° Battalion, that had been jammed near the Le Forche Pass, from the fire of the MGs that shot they from the high ground, exploiting a sudden bench of fog that the Carchio, succeeded in few minutes in climbing the path and to come in peak. The Germans had perhaps realized the ma-



noeuvre and they were withdrawn on the Belvedere Mountain.

To the fall of darkness the Company L pushed ahead to reach the 100° Battalion that advanced from the Mountain of Ripa. During the day 100° Battalion had defeated numerous mg positions and bunkers, thanks also to the support of the fighter-bombers of the 57° Fight Group. At 7 pm the contact among 100° and the 3° Battalion was insured, to the cost of heavy losses, also Captain Edward Nigels was killed by a burst of machine gun while he was driving one patrol.

On April 7 the 3° Battalion pushed along the ridge that goes down from the Plain Fragolita, winning a strong resistance, while 2° Battalion advanced on the Belvedere Mountain with the companies F and G, against the veterans of the Battalion Machine Gunners "Kesselring."

On the Belvedere they made to also hear their voice the 152mm artilleries of the batteries of Punta Bianca, the veteran David Katagiri remembers that during his presence on the high ground they fell about ten projectiles of big caliber. Others gun shot were fired on the positions that were lost as from the Germans, to try to brake the American advance.

On the lower hills the 370° RCT was enable to breach the german positions on Hills X,Y and Z and it was the alternation definite of it with the 473° RCT that in a few hours it made to come his 1° Battalion from the Serchio Valley.

Around the 1pm of April 8 the 3° Battalion of 442° RCT come down from Folgorito-Colle Piano ridge and reached the avant-garde of the 473° RCT , near Montignoso. The Germans were by now withdrawn behind the Canal Magro on the Aurelia Hwy 1 and they still fought to House Quadrelli and on the crest of the Belvedere Mountain.

On April 9 the Niseis occupied Pariana, Altagnana and San Carlo, in contest with the 2°, 3° and 4° Companys of the Patriots Apuani, (Commanders Marcello, Naldo and Vinci), destroying the rests of the Battalion "Kesselring."

The same day to they Plug, on the Hwy 1, there was a clash between self propelled German guns (Stug) and infantrymen armed with Panzerfaust against the light and middle US Tanks of the Task Force Turner, with 4 lost tanks aside American for mines, direct hits of a self propelled German Stug and draughts of panzerfaust. They were however the last actions of rear-guard, by now the "Mass Riegel" where he was not broken down, was already abandoned by the Germanic troops that brought him to North of Carrara, on the Green Line 2; but also this was an ephemeral defense line.

On April 10 the American troops and the partisan entered to Massa, first chief town freed by the Allies in the offensive final of the Gothic Line, the following day was Carrara to be freed by the partisan of the Brigades Garibaldi.

#### **The defensive line of the ridge Mount Folgorito – Mount Carchio**

The Folgorito Mountain, from the characteristic cone conformation, raises him to 911 meters of high, and it is the first mountain of a certain importance beginning from the mouth of the River Versilia. From North and from South it is well recognizable appearing as a sort of smaller brother of the Sagro Mountain. The visibility that is appreciated by his peak, dominant the Versilia plain and the Apuan coast, suggested to the Germans to install here the most important observatory of artillery of the Western Gothic Line. Besides, it was found in before line as continuation of the ridge that it climbs toward the Carchio Mountains from the Canala Mountain, Focoraccia and Mt Altissimo.

On the Hilltop of Folgorito had been dug an entrenchment of about thirty meters of length, deep two, with coverage constituted by lumber, plates of stone and bushes to camouflage the everything. At the end of the passage it opened a rectangular hole of a pair of meters for four, that it had on the ceiling a counter from which the artillerymen stuck out in observation or more cautiously the binoculars.

On the North slope, to few meters from the entry of the observatory, there was a cave with field beds and where it was installed the radio of the observatory, from which through a field telephone the data passed him to the cavern. The spar of the radio was seen it ripple from the country of Azzano, when the Americans scrutinized with the binoculars the high ground, as could occasionally be seen an isolated sentinel, which disappeared to the first burst of machine gun.

The Germans accessed the peak from the slopes Northwest, through a path less statement of that actual in crest. The trail departed from a cavern shelter it posts to the feet of the mountain, on the direct path to Plain Fragolita. Near the cavern there was the arrival point of a cableway, this one was often interrupted by the American artillery fire. Not rarely the Germans, after having withdrawn the ammunition and the restocking from the cart, they deposed inside the fallen ones that they almost always died for the draught of the hostile artilleries; one day was lowered to valley a young soldier, a shrapnel had struck him to the forehead, in the pangs of the agony he was scratched hopelessly.

Other times the Montignoso peoples were forced to perform for bringing to valley others fallen, in a case a civilian literally lost the head of a German and owed return desperate on its footsteps and to find again the poor man rest, not to incur in a hard punishment.

Postings refuge, a store and a hut are been prepared around the point of arrival of the funicular. An observatory was



set on the ridge that goes down toward the Plain Fragolita from the Folgorito and it was composed from a trench of connected observation through a deep entrenchment to a bunker dug in the ground, of circular form and of the diameter of around 4 meters. This place of observation probably commanded directly the battery of mortars from 80mm that they were found on the reverse of the ridge, placed in round holes dug on the slope. The mortar men lodged in a cavern dug by the Organization Todt. In the same area, with serious risk some families lived dispersed from the houses of Montignoso.

The last posting of the sector Folgorito in direction Southwest, was found continuing for around 300 meters on the ridge over the Plain Fragolita; it was situated on the Bellegra house area and it consisted in a trench with posting for light weapons, placed side by side from an observatory of artillery, constituted by a passing hole in the ridge, which conducted to a grit of observation. On the reverse North there was the bunker cavern for the serving ones.

A mountain howitzer from 75/13 was placed half way from Folgorito hill 907, on northern slopes of the ridge and was linked with a small observation post endowed with fork binoculars. To House Landi, plain terraced to North of the Folgorito and connected to the high ground from a path, the Germans they had different machine guns that could beat the hamlet of Azzano and the area to the feet of Mount Altissimo; theirs serving lodged in a cavern dug in the mountain. In the near it was also found a source of water that had to supply the German troops of the sector.

Continuing on the crest Folgorito-Carchio, on hill 907 were found a refuge dug in the rock and endowed with a hole for shot on the slope of Montignoso and a posting for machine gun that faced Azzano, protected by a wall to dry. To the Footstep of Le Forche Pass, they were found at least three machine guns in homonym postings. The serving ones lodged in an old it extracts of iron and on the summit of the footstep there was a posting dug in the rock that had a loophole drawn by an enormous rock, from which a French machine gun of war prey Hotchiss and the Mausers beat the country of Azzano.

Overcome the footstep of hundred meters in direction of the Carchio, there was a quadrangular bunker in masonry to dry of flakes of marble, sets in one it extracts abandoned. Above to the bunker another posting was found for machine gun, here the Hotchiss was used also. To defense of the footstep there was also an Italian mortar assault Brixia 45mm, of war prey. More ahead of hundred meters, three individual holes for shots guarded a footstep of smaller importance. In the near a small cavern it was found dug in the alive marmoreal rock.

From here the path for the Carchio it did him steep and it abandoned the crest for to continue carved to steps in the same mountain. On the elevation dictates "Carchietto", to control of a nineteenth-century marble street, an erect quadrangular posting was found with flakes of marble. Climbing hundred meters him arrived in proximity of the peak of the Mt Carchio (1078m), where various postings and refuges had been dug to ring around the summit of the mountain.

Unfortunately, the following excavation of the marble has destroyed good part of the refuges. At today four postings surely stay: a bottom to the top, dug in the rock, you could check the underlying valley and the access to the paths of the Mt Altissimo; other three were walled constructions to dry quadrangular that could act from refuge and at the same position time of draught.

The sector Folgorito-Carchio had mainly served from the path that climbing from Piazza of Montignoso, flanking on the left the hamlet of Vietina, salt to the Raveta (marble thresh slope) of Carchio, continuing then toward right in direction of the Folgorito, parallel but more in low of the actual road firebreak.

The Germans that defended the sector Folgorito-Carchio were presumably a mixed company of infantrymen and artillerymen, with possibility to draw to it needs to another company emplaced near the Campaccio, on the Northern slopes of Mt Carchio.

To integrate the defense line, deposits of weapons had been created antitank individual Panzerfaust, of doubtful effectiveness in the fight of the infantries. Abundance of mines of every type: explosive traps, schu minen, cement mine, glass mine, Italian of war prey, even antitank type Teller had been mails on the before, around and on the back of the postings.



**Crosses etched into the stone often mark places where Soldiers died in battle**

## Visits to the fortifications



Montignoso is found 4 South km of Massa city and is easily reached It by the Hwy1 Aurelia. Reached the alternative of Montignoso, to the semaphore (the only one on the Hw1) he turns in direction of the mountains and him it continues on the Street of the Resistance for about ten km, following the indications for the Pasquilio. The other path for the Folgorito departs from Vietina, inhabited that is reached holding the right to the alternative in the Street of the Resistance, few hundred meters after the fraction of Piazza. From Vietina in about two hours of well signalled walk, he directly reaches the monument to the feet of the Folgorito, following then the itinerary under described to really liking. The excursions from the Pasquilio depart instead from the place The Termo, where the asphalted road finishes and near the placard that recapitulates the fights of April 5 th 1945. And' profit for a party to stay himself near the notice-board and to take contact with the places and the stories you happened, attentively reading it. You advises to directly follow the road firebreak to the going up to the base of the Folgorito Mountain and to climb in peak to the same, beginning the driven visit to the fortifications really from the most suggestive point, to follow to the return the itinerary of crest.

Along the road, overcome the Raveta of the Carchio Mountain, a headstone meets him to memory of two civilians of Montignoso slaughtered by the Germans November 23 rd 1944. They called Orlindo Tonacci and Carlo Paolini. The particular ones don't be known well of this killing, the Germans would have accused them of flanking the partisan. For their sacrifice they are honorable in the ranks of the Fallen Partisan.

Joints at the base of the Folgorito, on a saddle, a marble monument is found in memory of the Fallen ones on the Gothic Line, strongly wanted by the unforgettable partisan commander Pietro Del Giudice and from the ANPI of Montignoso. A similar stone is found to the Cinquale delimiting the Most western hinge of the defensive line. On the peak of the Folgorito a great steel cross placed on June 1986, remembers the fallen ones and the man admonishes to reflect on his tragic errors. The fortifications on the peak are marked on the map from the number 4; they consist once where in the bunker in the cavern they lodged the artillerymen to rest and where the station was found radio. A trench of over 30 meters it connects the cavern to the observatory endowed with a wooden and rocks roof .

*Time of route from the Termo to the peak of the Folgorito (m 911): around a hour.*

The Plain Fragolita (point 5 in the map) is reached by the peak with two itineraries: the first one departing from the term of the entrenchment to the sea side, following a path among the brooms that it directly conducts to the Plain one. The other

run is taken going down to bashful from the peak and turning left before reaching the monument, through a well delineated path that it passes before to a German cavern partially demolished in the first postwar period. Near this cavern the cableway that departed from the actual fork of the roads for the Pasquilio and for Vietina arrived.

Overcome the cavern of around 200 meters, he reaches the hut of "Caribà", small shelter for the impassioned ones of trekking. A little anymore before a long trench is found with refuge that served an observatory of artillery, today not attainable easily because of the brambles.

To few about ten meters from the hut, in direction of the Folgorito the ruins of an agricultural house are noticed. It was shepherd Alessandro Novani's (said Lessà) residence, killed by the Germans the 13 July of 1944. In the same place, on the slopes toward Vietina, a garrison of partisan was found; the Germans caught you the young Nerino Garbuio and they heathenly killed then it near the Villa Schiff Giorgini July 24 th 1944.

*Time of visit from the top of the Folgorito in the hut of "Caribà", with brief standstill and return to the marble monument: around a hour.*

The following passage of our itinerary is given by the point 3, a relief set to North of the monument, for which it is necessary to return near the marble stone and to climb in crest for an easy path. Arrived on the summit of the high ground, folding up few meters in direction of the country of Azzano, well visible, about twenty fox holes are found, dug by the Niseis in the following hours to the fight of the Folgorito.

Continuing our walk toward North a small German entrenchment is overcome, where an observatory of artillery of a posting of mountain howitzers was found by 75/13, sets in the underlying throat. You goes up again for a pair of hundred meters, coming on the hill 907 (point 2 on the map), where meets him along the path what the remains of a German bunker, consistent in a cavern (now collapsed) served by a brief trench of access. Crossing the top of the high ground is easily found, to no more than 20 meters, a great posting for light weapons. Ahead in the run, he goes up again a light rocky slant and when the path returns to advance in the vegetation, we see to the sides the rests of some foxes holes.

After having overcome a saddle, the path abandons the slope statement toward Azzano and returns to race on the slope of Montignoso. You reaches later around 100 meters the Footstep of Le Forche (point 1). Here, to the dawn of April 5 th 1945, The Niseis, driven by the Patrioti Apuani partisans, gathered of surprised the Germans, dormant in a cavern refuge still today entire. Above to the cavern a posting is found for machine gun that shot from a hole in the rock.

Returning to the Footstep of Le Forche and going down to the right of few about ten meters in direction of the valley of the River Shuts, in a zone that alternates small marble threshes, rocks, grass and low vegetation, there are a lot of fox holes and some German postings. Here our itinerary concludes.

*Time of visit from the Marble Monument of the Gothic Line to the Footstep of: Le Forche 1 hour and 30 minutes.*

From the Footstep of the Le Forche it follows him on the left to go down a path toward the valley of Montignoso, in a quarter of now him it reaches the Raveta of Carchi. From here, through the itinerary of the going, in twenty minutes It returns to the Termo. For the one who has been climbed by Vietina, the treats instead of regaining the path of the going, crossing it to bashful. Difficulty: it deals with the ground typical of the Alps Apuane, therefore it recommends the run to experienced excursionists, possibly accompanied by guides.

The usual suggestions are worth: maximum prudence, trekking shoes, poncho, foods and drinks and how much other can make the surest excursion. In the zone different places exist near which to refresh. How much above writing the opinion of the author, that declines exclusively reflects therefore any responsibilities of possible damages to people or things.



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**Army Family  
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 Training Available**



Army Family Team Building (AFTB) is a series of classes geared towards new members of the Armed Forces Community. If your spouse has recently joined the military, or if as a Department of Defense Civilian you have never worked on a base, you will find many benefits from taking this class.

All AFTB instructors on Camp Darby have been taught by an AFTB Master Trainer and each trainer takes an active role in our community. Our instructors are able to give you applicable information regarding military life, the code of conduct expected from a military dependent and ways to adjust as a family member before, during and after a deployment.

Please take the time to register for an AFTB class here on Camp Darby. Army Community Services offers classes monthly or you can access the material at [www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com).

**Scrapbooking  
 Continues at ACS**

In celebration of Women's History Month, several of the members of the Camp Darby Community decided to try something different

and so they got together, brought in their photos and started Scrapbooking. So many people participated in this event that we have decided to Scrapbook weekly. ACS welcomes everyone

to stop by, bring your own supplies and either start or finish your scrapbook with members of the community. Stop by or call 633-7084 for time and information.

**Resume Points Workgroup  
 to Start at ACS**

Have you tried to apply online for positions on Post without making the referral list? Are you PCSing back to the United States and are wondering if your skills are represented well on your resume? Are you leaving the job market for a bit and want to make sure your resume is updated beforehand? If you answered yes to any of these then ACS has found a way to support you!

Starting on May 19 ACS will offer a round table, peer based discussion entitled Resume Points. The purpose of this class is to help community members ensure that their resume's reflect their marketable skills.

Sign up today at ACS or call 633-7084 for more information.

**ATTENTION MILITARY  
 SPOUSES!!!**

A special event is scheduled just for you on May 21 to celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Please watch your mailboxes the week of April 30 and until then, save the date!

Visit Us Online at [www.livornomwr.com](http://www.livornomwr.com)



## RELOCATION READINESS

### Benvenuti at Camp Darby

May 4, 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 before the 15th of the April.

### Smooth Move/Levy Briefing

May 13, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the SFRC  
 Learn what it takes to have a stress-free move from Camp Darby.

### Multicultural Spouse Meeting

May 27, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the SFRC  
 Obtain valuable information on medical services, employment, immigration and naturalization services, driver's license, ESL and much more.

### Scrapbooking

May 6 & 20, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at ACS  
 May 13 & 27 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at ACS  
 Bring your supplies and your photos and scrapbook with others who enjoy making the most of their memories. Come to one session or all four!

## ARMY VOLUNTEER CORPS

### Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

May 7, 3:00 p.m. at the DCC

## EMPLOYMENT READINESS

### Resume Points Workgroup

May 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the SFRC  
 PSCing or trying for a new job on post and don't know how to word your resume? Come to the first meeting of our peer resume review board and work with other members of our community to perfect your resume.

## MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT

### Reintegration and Relationships

May 19, 10:30 a.m. at the SFRC  
 Tips on how to better manage family relationships following a deployment. Please RSVP at ACS for this class which includes a presentation and round table discussion.

## FAMILY ADVOCACY

### Children's Playgroup

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the SFRC

An interactive and educational playgroup for service members and their families with children from birth-3 yrs.

## Military One Source



Military OneSource provides free private services and information:

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 En Espanol: 1-877-888-0727

## FINANCIAL READINESS

### Women and Money

May 5, 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the SFRC  
 Grow in your understanding of the financial world and learn skills that will help you for the rest of your financial life.

### Budgeting Basics

May 6, 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. at the SFRC  
 Strengthen your marriage and your finances with this class.

### Consumer Rights and Obligations

May 12, 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the SFRC  
 Learn what you the consumer are entitled to and what your responsibilities are during this quickie class.

### Financial Record Keeping

May 13, 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the SFRC  
 Learn the best way to organize all of your financial statements.

### Identity Theft Protection

May 15, 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the SFRC  
 Learn ways to protect yourself and your family from Identity theft Crimes.

### Insurance Basics

May 20, 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the SFRC  
 Come in and ask questions, learn about the different types of insurance and check to see if you are properly covered.

### Credit Reports

May 28, 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. at the SFRC  
 Don't be surprised when it is time for a new loan! Learn how to request a free credit report and how to read it when it comes.

## 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*  
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## Sponsorship Training

May 12, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the SFRC  
 Learn what it takes to ensure you provide a smooth transition to Camp Darby. Please call 633.7084 to sign up.

## Army Family Team Building (AFTB)

May 20 and 21, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the SFRC  
 Level 1 is an introduction to the military for newcomers.  
 All trainings are also available online at:  
[www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com)

# 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](mailto:sheriedc@yahoo.com) for further information.

### CCD Classes

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

### Club Beyond Middle School Service Project

Help clean a Christian camp used by the Scouts and church groups on May 8-9. Outdoor projects include raking, bagging, hauling leaves, hauling branches, planting flowers. Meals will be included and there will be a "Club" meeting Fri evening.

This is open to Middle School students (grades 6-8)Deadline to sign up is May 1. For more information, contact Club beyond at 633-7261 or 633-7267.

# NON-APPROPRIATED FUND JOB ACCEPTANCE LIST

(Vacancies as of 21 April 2009)

Applications are presently being accepted by the Livorno Human Resources Office for the following positions. Applicants should apply at the NAF Human Resources Office, HQ Front 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 11, Camp Darby, 633-7032, fax 633-7049. The hours of operation are 0900-1600, Monday-Friday. For further information, please review the specific job announcements located at NAF HR Office.

<u>ANN. NO.</u>	<u>POSITION TITLE, SERIES, &amp; GRADE</u>	<u>OPEN/CLOSING DATES</u>
*EUNAFI090001	LEAD RECREATION ASSISTANT (BEACH) NF-0189-03	Open: 23 Apr 2009 1 <sup>st</sup> Cut-off: 30 Apr 2009 Closing: 14 May 2009
EUNAFI09010C	HOTEL DESK CLERK, NF-0303-01	OPEN CONTINUOUS
EUNAFI09020C	CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAM ASSISTANT CC-1702-01/02	OPEN CONTINUOUS
EUNAFI09030C	CUSTODIAL WORKER, NA-3566-02	OPEN CONTINUOUS
EUNAFI09040C	BARTENDER/BAR ASSISTANT, NA-7405-01/03	OPEN CONTINUOUS
EUNAFI09050C	ANIMAL CARETAKER, NA-0548-03	OPEN CONTINUOUS
EUNAFI09060C	RECREATION ASSISTANT (BOWLING CENTER), NF-0189-01	OPEN CONTINUOUS
*EUNAFI09130C	LABORER, NA-3502-02	OPEN CONTINUOUS
*EUNAFI09070C	RECREATION AID, NF-0189-01	OPEN CONTINUOUS
*EUNAFI09080C	RECREATION AID (LIFEGUARD), NF-0189-01	OPEN CONTINUOUS
*EUNAFI09090C	RECREATION ASSISTANT, NF-0189-02	OPEN CONTINUOUS
*EUNAFI09100C	LIFEGUARD (POOL OPERATOR), NF-0189-02	OPEN CONTINUOUS

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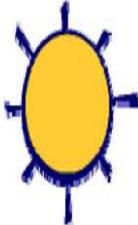
Or visit the Camp Darby website [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil).

For further information contact our office at 633-7032 or [Livorno.NAF@eur.army.mil](mailto:Livorno.NAF@eur.army.mil).

## Your opinion is important

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# May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Clean Air Month Family Wellness Month Get Caught Reading Month Haitian Heritage Month Heal the Children Month Healthy Vision Month Learn German Month Natl Arthritis Month Natl Barbeque Month Natl Bike Month	Italian Conversation & Grammar Every Monday @ Library  English as a Second Language Every Tuesday @ Library		1  Cinco de Mayo softball try 1-3 May  Texas Hold'em	2  ITR: 73 <sup>rd</sup> Int'l Handicraft Fair
3	4 Benvenuti begins	5 Women & Money Trng	6 Mother's Day story hour @ Library  Budgeting Basics  Scrapbooking @ ACS	7 Karaoke @ DCC	8 SAS Mother's Day Social	9 ITR: Cavallino Matto
10 Mother's Day 	11	12 Consumer Rights & Obligations  Sponsorship Trng	13 Asian Pacific Heritage Month story hour @ Library  Financial Record keeping  Scrapbooking @ ACS	14  Karaoke @ DCC	15 YS Great Grad night  Right arm/wing man @DCC  Identity Theft Protection  Texas Hold'em	16 ITR: Rome  Armed Forces Day  DoDDS Darby Renaissance Fair 9:00-3:00 p.m.
17	18	19 Resume Points Training  Reintegration, Relationships Trng	20 AFTB Level 1  Scrapbooking @ ACS  Insurance Basics	21 AFTB Level 1 Karaoke @ DCC  Military Spouse Appreciation Day/ Volunteer Recognition ceremony	22 Mem. Day softball touney 22-25 May   ARMY Trng Holiday American Beach grand opening  YS at the beach ISF Graduation	23 ITR: Florence Trip of Wine Tasting  Mem. Day softball touney 22-25 May
24 Mem. Day softball touney 22-25 May ITR: Venice 31	25 Memorial Day  Mem. Day softball touney 22-25 May	26 Single Service Member Meal	27 Multicultural Spouses Meeting  Scrapbooking @ ACS	28 Karaoke @ DCC  Credit Reports trng	29 YS kick back night  Parent's Night Out  Texas Hold'em	30 ITR: Cinque Terre



## Donkey Race

### Seravezza, (Lucca), Italy May 3

On May 3 at the Stadio di Buon Riposo in Seravezza (Lucca) there will be the traditional donkey race called Palio dei Micci.

This race is held yearly on the first Sunday of the month of May between the eight quarters called "contrade" of the city of Seravezza, a little town in the vicinity of Lucca.

The Palio dei Micci was first held in 1956 through the initiative of a citizens committee and soon became a major part of the historical traditions of the Tuscan region.

Before the actual race starts more than two thousand figures representing of the eight quarters, will march in parade wearing medieval costumes.

The local marching band, and the Flag-Wavers, one of the most beautiful aspects of Italian folklore will be heading the procession.

#### For further information:

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[www.contradalaquercia.it](http://www.contradalaquercia.it)

## Dolce & Salato

### Typical Tuscan food and wine fair on May 8-9-10 in Pontedera, (Pisa), Italy

From 8 to 10 May, in Piazza Martiri della Liberta' the center of town in Pontedera, there will be the third edition of the food and wine fair "Sweet and Salted".

The goal of this annual fair is to create a link between the local producers, the retailers, and the customers, by highlighting the high quality of the food tradition in Pisa area. Local products like wine, bread, honey, cheese, ham can be tasted and bought straight from the producers.

On May 9 at 10.30 a.m. a beekeeper will hold a workshop for children. They will learn all the secrets of the spectacular production of honey and the activity inside a hive.

The entrance is free.

#### Opening hours:

- May 8 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

- May 9 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- May 10 from 10,30a.m. to 10 p.m.

#### For further information:

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## Bread Fest

### Altopascio, (Lucca), Italy

On May 9 and 10 the Festa del Pane will be held in Altopascio, Lucca .

The event is organized to promote the symbol of the town of Altopascio: the bread.

The Altopascio bread is well known throughout Italy for being made with all natural ingredients, and with no salt.

In the three main squares located in the center town, it will be possible to taste all the different types of bread, but also local products that will enhance the special taste of bread, from the Tuscan ham to the pecorino cheese.

Right now there are 12 bread-makers that produce the real Pane di Altopascio, and they distribute it to all Tuscany.

Oil, honey, wine, pecorino cheese will be available for tasting and can be purchased at a lower cost.

Street artists will entertain the public and special areas for children will be organized.

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# CAMP DARBY

## DESTINATION OF CHOICE: FLORENCE AMERICAN CEMETERY



Story By Chiara Mattirola

**F**lorence American Cemetery is the home of rest for 4,402 military who died after the capture of Rome in June 1944 and in the battles of the Apennines before the enemy troops in northern Italy surrendered in 1945.

On Memorial Day, each gravestone is decorated with the flag of the United States of American and Italy. This year there will be the



traditional Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25 at 11 a.m. and another in honor of the 10th Mountain Division soldiers on May 29 at 10 a.m.

According to the American Cemetery Superintendent, John Luncheon, programs usually include participation by American and Italian dignitaries, a reading of the President's Memorial Day Proclamation, guest speakers and the presentation of the National Colors, wreath laying ceremonies.

"Visiting this cemetery is a touching event for the whole family," adds Luncheon.



**How to get there:** From Camp Darby, take the FI-PI-LI and follow Firenze signs for 55 Km, exit on to the Autostrade A1 towards Roma. Continue for 10 Km and take the FIRENZE/CERTOSA exit. After paying a toll, you will enter a roundabout and take the second exit, that is Via Cassia, follow the road for 4,6 Km, until you see the cemetery on your right side

**Navigator Address:** American Cemetery, Via Cassia, San Casciano Val di Pesa - Impruneta



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