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

A poster for Domestic Abuse Prevention Month in the Army. It features a purple awareness ribbon, the U.S. Army star logo, and the text "October is DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in the ARMY". The main headline reads "Make the RIGHT CHOICE: ACT To Prevent DOMESTIC ABUSE". Below the headline are three portraits: a woman, a man in military uniform, and a doctor. The bottom section lists "Free Camp Darby ACS Classes" with dates and times: Oct. 19 Healthy Relationships 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., Oct. 21 Reporting and Non-Reporting of Abuse 10 a.m.-11 a.m., and Oct. 23 Active Listening and Reflecting 10 a.m.- 11 a.m. All classes are in Bldg 428. Contact information is provided: Call DSN 633-7084 to RSVP. The bottom text states "Camp Darby community says no to domestic violence".

Cover photo by Elena Saladelli

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Italian Drinking Law Updates

By Army Capt. Todd Simpson
USAG Livorno Command Judge Advocate



CAMP DARBY, Italy- Whether stationed or visiting Italy, one is not always prepared to handle the stronger local wines. This can result in an alcohol related incidents plus there are some of the lesser known Italian criminal laws related to drinking that you should be aware of.

If a person is found to be drunk in public they will be fined from 51 – 309 Euro. If a person is found to have been intoxicated while in a brawl (a fight involving three or more people) they will be fined 300 Euro in addition to any other punishment.

If you have prior alcohol related incidents, which are considered aggravating factor, there will be an increase in punishments. And, if you are convicted of a DUI in the Italian legal system, you can face even more hardship.

Like most countries, driving under the influence is punishable and if convicted of DUI with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) between 0,5g/l and 0,79g/l you can be fined 500 - 2,000 Euro and your driver's license can be suspended for three to six months. If convicted of DUI with a BAC between 0,8g/l and 1,49g/l, you're looking at a fine of 800 - 3,200 Euro and driver's license suspended for 6-12 months. If convicted of DUI with a BAC of 1,5g/l or more, the fine ranges from 1,500 - 6,000 Euro, your license suspended for one to two years and your vehicle can be seized by the Italian government and sold at auction. Additionally, you must pay storage costs for the vehicle until sold.

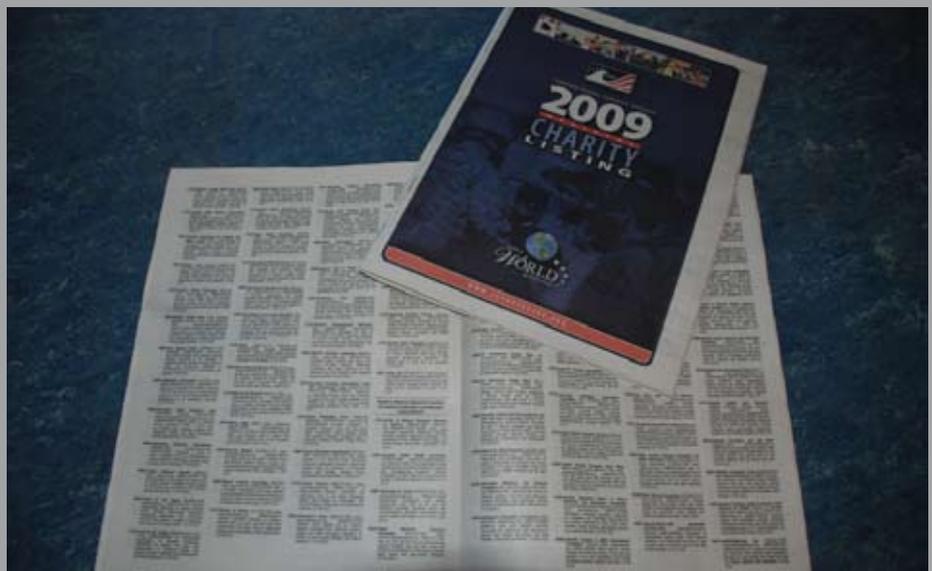
For drivers that refuse to perform the breath test, if convicted of DUI you can be fined 2,500 - 10,000 Euro or 3,000 - 12,000 Euro if there was an accident. Additionally, your license can be suspended six months to two years, your vehicle can be seized for up to 180 days and you must pay storage costs before receiving vehicle from law enforcement.

These penalties are in addition to any corrective action that military authorities may take, which can include adverse personnel actions such as reprimands, negative performance evaluations and administrative discharge from the service or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The smart thing to do is to not put yourself in the position to get a DUI in the first place and to choose your drinking buddies wisely.

Combined Federal Campaign Oct. 5- Dec. 4

You can make a difference with CFC. Donations can be made by cash, checks, credit card and debit transaction or by payroll deduction. For more information on the program check the CFC website at www.cfcoverseas.org or contact Staff Sgt. Steinhorst at DSN 633-7575.



“Tuscan Sun” exercise tests emergency response

By Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

CAMP DARBY, Italy- It was just another quiet and warm October morning with Italian and American personnel arriving at their workplace and students beginning their lessons when at 8:15 a.m. a vehicle exploded in the Commissary parking lot.

Fortunately, this was part of the Camp Darby annual force protection exercise. But, unlike previous year’s exercises, this one was in conjunction with the local Italian civil defense exercise.

“The Pisa Prefettura, in agreement with the Italian and American command of Camp Darby, decided to test our abilities to interact as a team in case of natural disaster or terrorist attack,” said Pisa Prefetto Benedetto Basile.

The first responders to the emergency were the Military Police who immediately blocked the area. Shortly after, the Camp Darby firefighters arrived on the scene to control the fire. Meanwhile, wounded and dazed players, made up by the Pisa Red Cross personnel, were calling for help.

“We take classes on how to make the victims look realistic and also on how to act as a victim; for example one of the players had to simulated hyperventilation and we obviously didn’t want him to actually have problems breathing,” said Giacomo Succi, Red Cross volunteer.”

The exercise scenario also involved a leak of potentially toxic substances which brought the Italian Civil Defense agencies into action.

“It’s important for us to know how much time is needed to reach Camp Darby during a normal traffic day,” said Claudio Chiavacci, Commander Pisa Fire Department “Firefighters had to don appropriate protective gears, in this case, chemical hazard devices, at their station in order to be able to react immediately once on the scene.”



“Tuscan Sun” con't

Contaminated wounded were taken to the decontamination tent and then were transported to the triage center. When the exercise was concluded, the area was secured and the investigations began to identify possible terrorists.

“It is very important not to alter the scenario to allow investigation process,” said Raffaele Micillo, Pisa police chief. “Once we realized that the accident was the result of a terrorist attack, we alerted the neighboring Police Departments to be able to identify and arrest the suspects.”

All key players involved said the exercise outcome was positive.

“We test our capabilities yearly,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Cade, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander. “This is a difficult exercise especially during the phase of transition of command, the language barriers may cause some delays, for these reasons it is fundamental to test our assets with our Italian counterparts.”

Italian Base Commander, Col. Raffaele Iubini, added that “in case of a real terrorist attack the Italian Civil Defense is responsible for force protection inside the Base and it is imperative that the local emergency responders get familiar with the place as well as the people they are going to deal with.”

Pisa Perfetto in his interview with a local media after the exercise added that he considered the test of the coordination between the various agencies that would intervene in case of emergency a success.





Explore the library from the comfort of your desk

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

CAMP DARBY, Italy- Ordering free books, DVDs and videogames online has never been easier now that the new automation system and online catalog Army Library web site has been released Sept. 30.

“The new Library Automation System "Millennium" (that includes circulation, Ills, acquisitions, cataloging and a new on-line card catalog) offers our patrons an easier and more complete way to search for Library materials and find related information,” said Debra Lomi, Camp Darby librarian specialist. “The customers will be now more independent in ordering and renewing their library materials.”

The modernized web site, www.library.eur.army.mil, has many new features, technologies and items online like the latest videogames and wii games, along with search for Blu-Ray movies.

“Gamers now have the opportunity to check games in the library inter-loan system which allows them the chance to test the items out before buying in order to avoid wasting money if they don’t like the game,” said Lomi.

Another premier element is the ability to download and stream videos under their “Watch evideos” section. The link can be a little hard to find, www.library.eur.army.mil/recommendations/audiobooks/index.htm, and if you are trying to access it from a government computer, it is currently blocked in Europe due to streaming video. However, as long as you have your library barcode, you can stream videos from the comfort of your home.

“This an important feature for those who like to watch TV and videos online because many stateside video streaming sites will not let ISP and computers from outside of America download the videos,” advised Vincenzo Leto, USAG Livorno webmaster.

New technologies are also being offered by Army Europe Libraries with the playaway systems, the newest format of audio book. Playaway books looks like a deck of cards and comes with ear plugs and a battery. It’s extremely portable and is the next generation in audio books.

Lomi added that “the new library web site is another way the Army General Library Program and the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command show their support for the Army Family Covenant.”

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Experience our new Web catalog and enhanced features beginning Wednesday, September 30th. Grab a brochure today for instructions on how to activate your "My Account" online.

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- *save favorite searches
- *create personal lists
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Some new Web catalog features include:

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- *friendlier graphic search displays

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ARMY LIBRARIES

Secretary of the Army warns about asbestos



The Army recently experienced a potential Soldier exposure to asbestos while executing a self-help renovation/demolition operation conducted in a barracks. Because DOD facilities continue to contain asbestos products, Soldiers and civilians must be informed of asbestos hazards and proper handling and management requirements.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral fiber once widely used in building materials and other products, including insulation for pipes and furnaces, concrete, floor tile, siding, and brake shoes. When asbestos-containing material is disturbed or damaged, it can release microscopic asbestos fibers that, if inhaled, can create health hazards. Exposure to high levels of airborne asbestos has been associated with chronic lung disease and cancer.

All workers in facilities where asbestos exposure may occur will be trained under Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations and asbestos safe work practices requirements. Reference A also places restrictions on self-help work involving asbestos.

Garrisons are required to have asbestos hazard management plans that identify, regularly inspect the condition of, and control the removal of asbestos containing material. Before conducting facility renovation/demolition operations where asbestos is known or believed to exist, Leaders must contact their installation's Directorate of Public Works (DPW) to ensure qualified inspectors determine the condition of asbestos-containing material.

The DPW is required to manage the monitoring, abatement, removal, handling, and disposal of asbestos-contaminated materials and maintain records of these actions. Asbestos-containing material will be removed and disposed of in accordance with the above references and other applicable Federal, State, and local requirements.

People wanting to perform self-help projects where asbestos could be encountered or conduct activities that could disturb products potentially containing asbestos is prohibited.

Familiarity and compliance with the requirements above are essential elements in keeping our Soldiers and civilians safe both on and off our installations. For more information, consult your safety and occupational health office or the US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

Pimp My PC

By Vincenzo Leto, USAG Livorno Public Affairs Office



Playing videogames for free

The Internet offers a great quantity of free materials including videogames. However there are not too many free videogames that have the same level of sophistication of commercial off-the-shelf products. The best free videogame for the PC is quite possibly the US Army produced America's Army that has recently reached the third release.

The concept behind America's Army was to recreate digitally a realistic simulation of the US Army infantry experience in terms of training, Army life and combat. In fact, America's Army was designed so the player could understand the Army values and how they tie into the rules of engagement. There is no aspect of the US Army military life that it is not taken into consideration with great focus on training and combat. While other similar games such as Call of Duty place more emphasis on playability, America's Army wants the player to learn and experience the real deal while still having fun. For example, the action of throwing a fragmentation grenade is simulated with extreme realism: the player stands up for the action, pulls the pin, waits for fuse to partially burn and launches it. The explosion caused by the grenade is realistic and reflects the physics that would occur in a real combat encounter.

America's Army could have been easily a commercial product because it has the same qualities of the best PC videogames in terms of exceptional graphics and realistic sounds. Instead the US Army is distributing America's Army for free to anyone willing to download it. However it should be noticed that the game is very demanding and picky about the hardware that has to run it. In fact, you'll need a powerful PC to play it just because it is complex, deep and authentic. The game can be downloaded at <http://www.americasarmy.com>.

If you don't own a PC but a console to play videogames, it is a little more difficult to find free videogames.

However the local Community Library is coming to help. Through the introduction of new automation system named "Millenium", patrons are able to look on the Internet for videogames available for loan. Wii, Nintendo DS, Xbox, Playstation and PSP videogames are offered.

The selection available is quite amazing. Would you like to play the latest "Halo" on your Playstation? Do you want to impersonate the Dark Knight in the amazing "Batman Arkham Asylum" on your Xbox or Playstation? The library has them for you. It might not be readily available, but you can place a hold through their website. The videogame will be delivered to your closest library for you to enjoy it.

Check the library online catalog at <http://mylibraryeu.fmwr.net>.

GREAT VIDEO GAMES at LIBRARY

Wii Mariokart: compete with up to three friends in fun rides with Mario and his friends.

PLAYSTATION 3 Halo 3: a classic videogame from Microsoft. Fight aliens in a hostile environment.

PLAYSTATION 3 and XBOX 360: Batman Arkham Asylum. Batman fighting Joker and other traditional enemies in a hostile asylum.

Nintendo DS: Harry Potter and the half-blood prince. Play the latest summer blockbuster by yourself or with a friend.

Voluntary recall of certain fresh eggs

By Gerri Young
Defense Commissary Agency



Kaiserslautern, Germany: European commissary customers are advised to examine all fresh eggs recently purchased in the commissary due to a voluntary recall by the producer concerning the possibility of salmonella contamination.

The eggs were produced by company Danegg and delivered to commissaries by Arla. Customers should look on each egg/carton for the following information: 3 DK 019358 on the eggs Best sale buy date of 26 Oct. or earlier will show on the carton.

Eggs bearing this information should not be consumed and may be returned to the commissary for a refund.

Commissaries in Incirlik, Turkey; Vilseck, Germany; Naples and Aviano, Italy and Menwith Hill, England, have all reported eggs bearing the above markings were in their stock assortment. All affected eggs have been removed from those stores. Customers should take the precautionary measure of checking all commissary eggs recently purchased because only one egg vendor is used in European commissaries.

The salmonella bacterium can be inside perfectly normal-appearing eggs, and if the eggs are eaten raw or undercooked, the bacterium can cause illness. A person infected with the salmonella bacterium usually has fever, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea beginning 12 to 72 hours after consuming a contaminated food or beverage. These infections can be more serious for infants and young children, pregnant women and their unborn babies, and older adults with weakened immune systems

A poster for a 2009 Hispanic Heritage Food Tasting Event. The background is a collage of various national flags, including those of Puerto Rico, the United States, Spain, Venezuela, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Cuba. The text "2009 Hispanic Heritage Food Tasting Event" is written in a pink, stylized font at the top. Below this, there are three images of food: a plate of seafood, a bowl of rice and beans with a fried egg, and a plate of tacos. The event details "Oct. 23 at 6 p.m." and "Darby Community Club" are written in pink text at the bottom.



New U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment commander

(Right) Capt. Annie Robinson assumed command of HHD a ceremony Oct. 5. Robinson is from Laramie, Wyoming and joined the Army in 1990 as a Water Craft Operator. In 2002, she received her commission as a Transportation Officer. She has served in Iraq and was previously assigned to 839th Transportation Battalion on Camp Darby, Italy.

(Bottom Right) Capt. Robert Tarr II, outgoing HHD commander, Lt. Col. Steven Cade, USAG Livorno commander and Capt. Annie Robinson, incoming HHD commander sing the Army song during the conclusion of the HHD change of command ceremony on Oct. 5.

(Below) Staff Sgt. Stacie Fowler presented a bouquet of flowers to Robinson's mother.



**Tune into Livorno's
AFN The Eagle Show
weekdays from
6 a.m.- 10 a.m.
and
2 p.m.- 6 p.m.**

Don't fall victim to internet scams

By Elizabeth Speck

Camp Darby Financial Readiness Program



Remember the 'Nigerian scam'? These were emails that requested you allow someone to deposit a huge sum of money into your account to get it out of a war-ravaged area, in exchange for a thank-you fee. You just had to give them a little bit of information – like your bank account and routing number.

Now there's another twist. This time the email looks as if it is coming from a Soldier, but it is just another elaborate scam.

Re:FROM: Sgt. Gordon Miller Frawley

Important Message

Good day,

My name is Sgt. Gordon M. Frawley, I am an American soldier, I am serving in the military of the 1st Armored Division in Iraq, as you know we are being attacked by insurgents everyday and car bombs. We managed to move funds belonging to Saddam Hussein's family. The total amount is US\$25 Million dollars in cash, mostly 100 dollar bills, this money has been kept somewhere outside Baghdad for sometime but with the proposed troop withdrawal by President Obama, we are afraid that the money will be discovered hence we want to move this money to you for safe keeping pending the completion of our assignment here. You can go to this web link to read about events that took place there:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/2988455.stm

We are ready to compensate you with good percentage of the funds, No strings attached, just for you to help us move it out of Iraq. Iraq is a war zone, so we plan on using diplomatic means to shipping the money out as military cargo, using diplomatic immunity. If you are interested I will send you the full details, my job is to find a good partner that we can trust and assist us. Can I trust you? When you receive this letter, kindly send me an e-mail signifying your interest including your most confidential telephone numbers for quick communication also your contact details.

This is risk free.

With regards from,

Sgt. Gordon M. Frawley

While this is an obvious fraud, some people do fall for these types of appeals. It is estimated that 2% of people receiving this will take action. Don't be part of that 2%!!

There are websites that are specifically geared to exposing scams such as: www.fraudguides.com, www.scamwarners.com and www.bbb.org. Since the Better Business Bureau is so large and they deal with more than scams. Try goggling "Better Business Bureau scams about " __ " just fill in the blank. There are places to go to check out what the truth is about those chain emails you get in your personal accounts too like www.snopes.com or www.truthorfiction.com.

The important thing is to be careful what you choose to believe. Check it out and ask question..

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Classes Available on www.myarmyonesource.com

AFTB Training (English)
AFTB Level I Training
AFTB Level II Training
AFTB Level III Training

AFTB Training (Spanish)
AFTB Nivel I Del Entrenamiento
AFTB Nivel II Del Entrenamiento

Battlemind Training for Spouses

Financial Planning for Retirement

Getting Involved
Family Readiness Group (FRG)
Leader's Training

Internet Safety for Kids

Managing Deployment
Rear Detachment Commander
Training

Mentor Training

Money Matters
Financial Readiness Training

Check out Financial Readiness Classes offered at Camp Darby's ACS to help you make the most of your paycheck

Budgeting basics

Strengthen your marriage and your finances with this Oct. 27 class.

Investment club

Learn what it takes to get the most out of your investing on Oct. 27.

Contact the ACS at 633-7084 to RSVP for the classes.

VOICE

Community News for USAG Livorno

Army Community
 Services

Bldg. 407

USAG Livorno

Mon. Wed 8:00-5:00

Thurs 11:00-5:00

Fri 8:00-5:00

Closed Weekends

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 Army Volunteer

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 CIV 050.54.7946

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Telephone

335-741-5973

MFLC Telephone

329-876-2168

SARC Telephone

335-771-4989

ACS Spreads Domestic violence Awareness

So often when we think about domestic violence, a picture of a female being badly beaten comes to mind; however, no matter how bad this will always appear, there are many forms of domestic violence that we often refuse to speak of.

Domestic violence often rears it's nasty head in the form of controlling another person, criticizing everything someone does, and accusations of unfaithfulness. Equally ugly ways that domestic violence can present it's self, is by the abuser threatening abuse with weapons, threatening the destruction of personal items, children, pets and other things, as well as withholding finances. Domestic violence also comes in the form of psychological abuse. Psychological and emotional abuse, although easier to hide from the outside world, lasts longer and has more life altering effects than a punch, slap, shove or hit.

During the month of October, ACS Family Advocacy Program will be hosting numerous educational workshops that deal with the topic of domestic abuse. Attending these classes does not mean that you are victim of abuse, but rather it means that you want to educate yourself and



your family about the signs of and the consequences of this type of abuse. Please see the October Calendar of Events for dates and times of each workshop. Sign up for classes can be done by calling ACS at 633-7084. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Don't miss the Weekly Domestic Violence Trivia Questions.

These questions will be emailed to all community members. Weekly winners will receive a prize, however, the four winners will also receive a special gift for two that will be announced on Oct. 27.

ARMY FAMILY TEAM BUILDING

Are you a spouse new to the military community? Having trouble understanding military customs and traditions? The Army Family Team Building class at ACS can help!

Army Family Team Building is an interactive class taught by community volunteers created to help familiarize the family members with Army living.

As an extra incentive, Active Duty Army Members can earn promotion points by taking this class.

Please call 633-7084 for the August training dates. Course available online at:

www.myarmyonesource.com

ACS Classes & Seminars



RELOCATION READINESS

Benvenuti at Camp Darby

*November 2, 8:15 a.m. at SGM 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.

Multicultural Spouse Meeting

October 21, 11:30 a.m. - TBD at the SFRC

Obtain valuable information on medical services, employment, immigration and naturalization services, driver's license, ESL and much more. Smooth move/Levy Breifing

Call ACS to schedule a class

Learn what it takes to have a stress-free move from Camp Darby.

****ACS DATING GAME****

The ACS DATING GAME, scheduled for oct. 30 has been canceled. We appologize for any Inconvience this may cause.



Military One Source

Military Onesource provides free private services and information:

- Counseling
- Educational Materials
- Interpretation/Translation

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



FINANCIAL READINESS

Debt Liquidation

October 20, 11:30

Learn tools to stop the leaks in your finances.

Financial Recordkeeping

October 21, 11:30

Streamline your recordkeeping. Helpful tips and hints.

Please check with the ACS for all Financial Readiness classes.

FAMILY ADVOCACY

Asking for What I Need/Want

October 15, 1300-1400 ACS Bldg 428

Learn why it is important to take care of ones self.

Healthy Relationships

October 19, 1000-1300 ACS Bldg 428

Let us show you the benefits of building a stronger and healthier marriage and family.

Cycle of Abuse

October 20, 1300-1400 ACS Bldg 428

Learn to identify the signs of and how to stop the vicious cycle of abuse

EFMP Roundtable Support Group

October 20, 1145-1245 ACS Bldg 428

Sharing! Networking! Encouraging, EFM's

Unconditional Love

October 21, 1000-1300 ACS Bldg. 428

The importance of loving self in order to love someone else.

Restricted/non-restricted reporting of Abuse

October 28, 1000-1100 ACS Bldg. 428

How to decide to report/not report incidents of sexual or domestic

Active Listening and Reflecting

October 23,, 000-1100 ACS Bldg. 428

Participants will learn the importance of Active Learning Skill

Scheyda Stasik...

Ms. Stasik, Employment Readiness & Army Volunteer, joins us from Houston, Texas. She retired from the Air Force in 1997. She began working for the US Army in 2002.

Ms. Stasik posses a BA in Psychology and is one class away from obtaining her MA in Diplomacy with a Concentration in Terrorism. She is also a member of the National Center for Crisis Management and the American Academy of Experts In Traumatic Stress.

Ms. Stasik will bring to ACS, as well as Camp Darby, a sense of pride in ones self and their abilities to succeeded in today's busy working world. Whether that be through helping find someone the perfect job or the volunteer opportunity best suited for them.



Non-appropriated fund job acceptance list
(Vacancies as of Oct. 16)

Applications are presently being accepted by the livorno human resources office for the following positions. Applicants should apply at the naf human resources office, camp darby, 633-7032, fax 633-7049.

Open continuous

hotel desk clerk,
nf-0303-01

child & youth program assistant
cc-1702-01/02

custodial worker,
na-3566-02

bartender/bar assistant,
na-7405-01/03

animal caretaker,
na-0548-03

Come visit our website at <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/index.htm> Or visit the Camp Darby website www.usag.livorno.army.mil. For further information contact our office at 633-7032 or Livorno.NAF@eur.army.mil.

2009 Holiday Mailing Deadlines

The Camp Darby Post Office recommends the following mailing dates to ensure delivery to CONUS addresses by Dec. 25.

SAM Parcels	Nov. 27
PAL Parcels	Dec. 4
Priority Parcels	Dec. 11
1st Class Letters	Dec. 11

Postage rate depends on the weight and the size of the box. Cost of postcards also vary by size and shape.

If you are mailing more than five packages, find out about making an appointment.

October is **DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in the ARMY

Make the RIGHT CHOICE: ACT To Prevent DOMESTIC ABUSE

Free Camp Darby ACS Classes
Oct. 26 Positive Self-Image 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Oct. 28 Unconditional Love 10 a.m- 1 p.m.

All Classes are in Bldg 428
 Call DSN 633-7084 to RSVP

Camp Darby Events Calendar

By Margaret Robbins
FMWR Marketing

ACS initiatives

Positive self-image

This October 26 class provides education on domestic abuse.

Contact the ACS at 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

Budgeting basics

Strengthen your marriage and your finances with this October 27 class.

Contact the ACS at 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

Investment club

Learn what it takes to get the most out of your investing on October 27.

Contact the ACS at 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

Unconditional love

This October 28 class provides education on domestic abuse.

Contact the ACS at 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

Post library initiatives

Don't miss the special story hour to celebrate Halloween on October 28 at the Post Library for children 3-5 years of age.

Darby community club

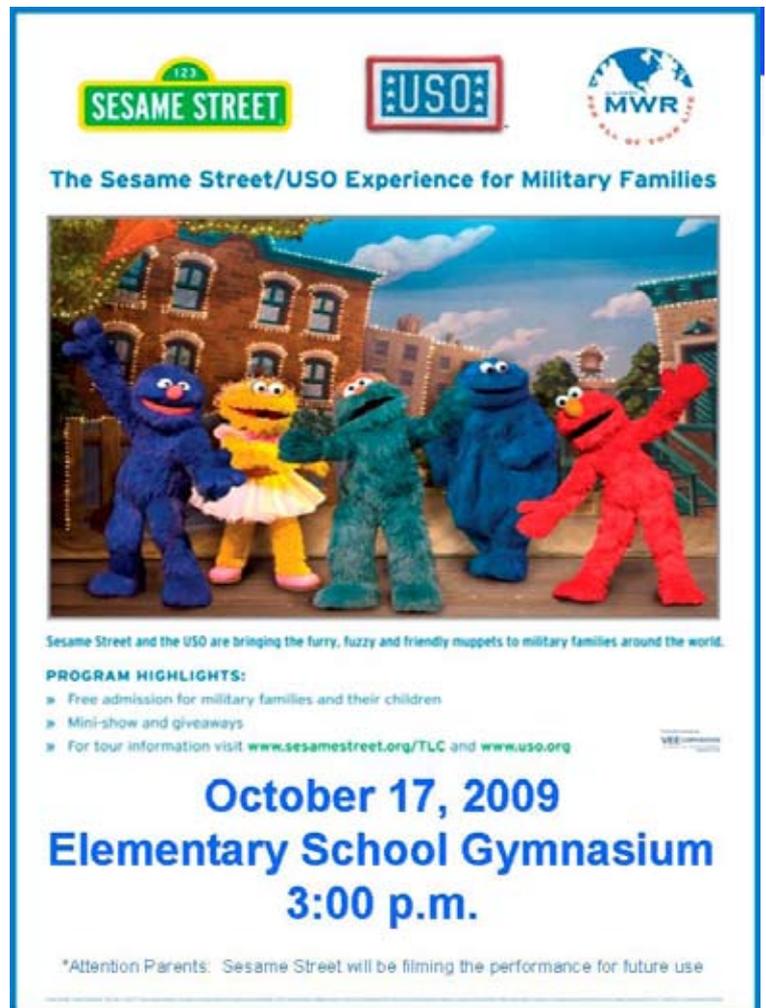
Karaoke night

Sing along with Bibi at Karaoke Night every Thursday at the Community Club. Contact the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

Halloween bash

Start working on your costume now for the Halloween Bash on October 31 at the DCC. There is FREE entrance for all U. S. ID cardholders and fun begins at 8 p.m. with live music and DJ. Win big prizes for best costume! First prize will take away a 22" LCD television!

Contact the DCC at 633-7855 for details.



The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families

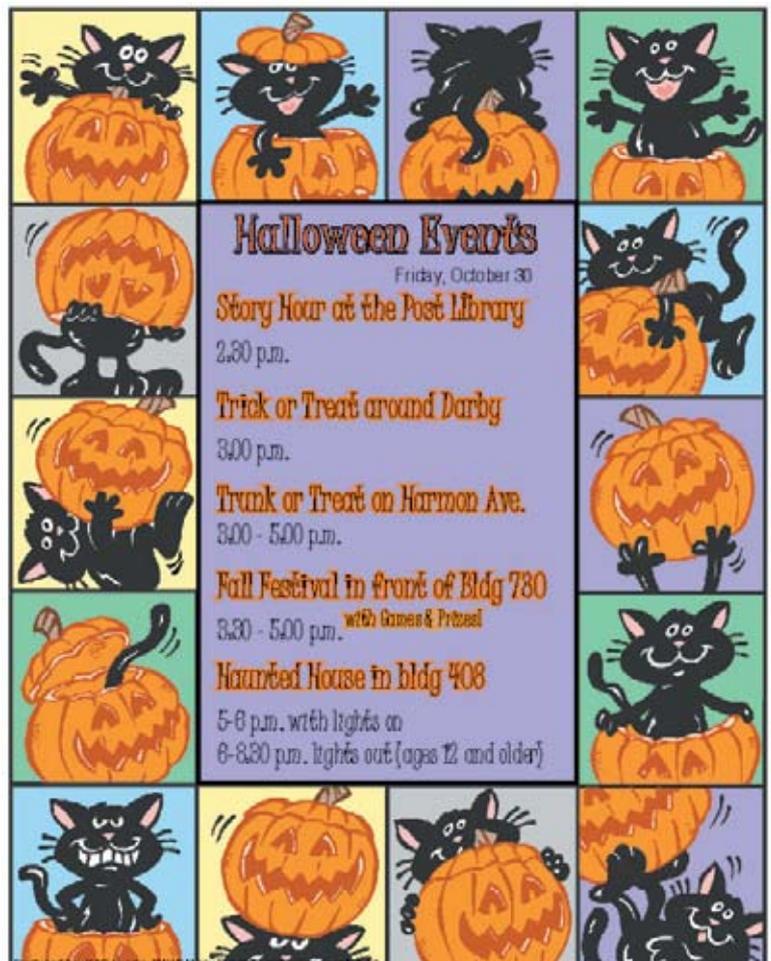
Sesame Street and the USO are bringing the furry, fuzzy and friendly muppets to military families around the world.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Free admission for military families and their children
- Mini-show and giveaways
- For tour information visit www.sesamestreet.org/TLC and www.uso.org

October 17, 2009
Elementary School Gymnasium
3:00 p.m.

*Attention Parents: Sesame Street will be filming the performance for future use



Halloween Events

Friday, October 30

Story Hour at the Post Library
2:30 p.m.

Trick or Treat around Darby
3:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat on Harmon Ave.
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Fall Festival in front of Bldg 730
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. *with Games & Prizes!*

Haunted House in bldg 408
5-8 p.m. with lights on
8-8:30 p.m. lights out (ages 12 and older)



Camp Darby Events Calendar Con't

ITR trips

Wine, wine wine
Join us for a tour on October 31 of the grounds and vineyards of 'Azienda Agricola Tollena' in San Gimignano before tasting some of the region's most prestigious wines. After, enjoy a lunch made with locally produced foods. Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

Pompei / naples weekend
Spend your long Thanksgiving weekend November 27-29 visiting Pompei (victim of the world's most famous volcano disaster), Naples (a city noted for its rich history, art, culture & gastronomy) and the lovely Royal Palace of Caserta. Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

Halloween Bash

8 pm - 3 am



COMMUNITY CLUB



Live music with Max Panconi Trio

Costume Dance / Party
FREE ADMISSION
to all U.S.
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**Saturday
October 31**

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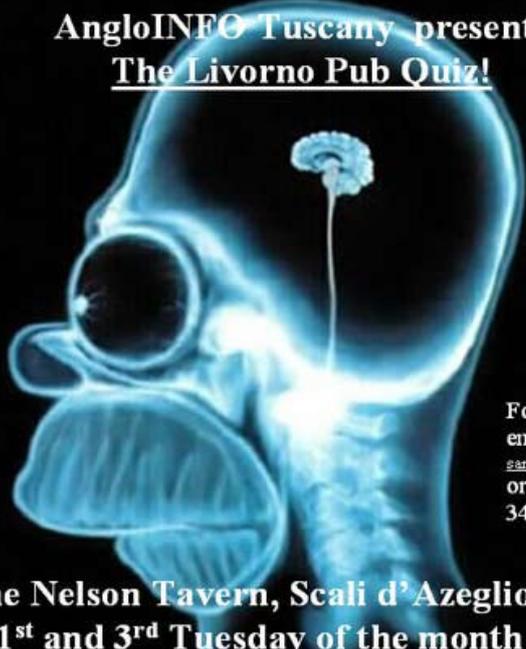
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MUSHROOM AND TRUFFLE SEASON

By Joyce Costello

After the fall rains subside, I notice all of my neighbors don their wellington boots and head out the door with a large walking stick and a wicker basket.

Being the ever curious journalist, I decided one day to follow a pair of my ancient neighbors. They hiked up the hill into the massive woods by our village with purpose and determination at the crack of dawn. I held onto a tree trying to catch my breath and not slide down the hill in the mud.

They broke out into laughter when they saw me peaking around a tree with my camera all poised to capture evidence of whatever they were burying. But, it turns out they had come to pick porcini mushrooms.

They wagged their fingers in admonishment at me, but urged me forward to see what treasures they had found.

In their gnarled hands were beautiful fungi with the smell of earth wafting upwards. Some were like wildflowers in bloom while others were delicious promises of risottos to come.

I saw some mushrooms off to the side which surely the forgers overlooked. I went to gather them and they quickly yelled for me to stop. Apparently, not all of the mushrooms that look alike are safe to eat.

They told me if I ever went hunting for mushrooms without them that I needed to take what I picked to the local A.S.L Department of Prevention where a microbiological inspector would certify which ones were edible and which were poisonous.

In the meantime, there are many mushroom and truffle festivals in Tuscany to enjoy as I wait for the next rainfall so I too can go hunt for mushrooms.

Mushroom and Truffle Festivals

Oct. 17-18, 30th Truffle Festival in Balconevisi (Pisa)
www.cittadisaniminato.it

Oct. 17-18 Festival of mushroom and chestnuts in Vivo d'Orcia (Siena)

Oct. 27- Nov. 4 Annual White Truffle Market in Volterra
www.volterragusto.com

Nov. 7-15 White Truffle Market in San Giovanni d'Asso (Siena)

Nov. 14-29 White Truffle Festival in San Miniato (Pisa)
www.sanminiatotartufo.it

Mushroom hunting can be dangerous if you don't have an expert examine your mushrooms. If you experience hallucinations or vomiting after eating mushrooms, bring them with you to the emergency room.