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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a teal t-shirt and blue jeans, is presenting a green belt to a large lion mascot. The mascot is wearing a black t-shirt and is standing on a wooden floor. An American flag is visible in the background.

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## Darby Digest: Your source for local news, information & culture



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Joyce Costello**

The fire department escorts the Easter Bunny to the Camp Darby Spring Fest April 7.

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# Italian employee receives Lean Six Sigma green belt certification

By Chiara Mattiolo  
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It took Marco Bassi, Quality Assurance Specialist at 405th Army Field Support Battalion- Italy, one year to complete the five phases of his Lean Six Sigma (LSS) green belt project, a management strategy studied to optimize an organization's product and to reduce operation costs.

Bassi explained that in 2010 the unit had over 2,000 Class IX repair parts requisitions cancelled. This action resulted in an enormous waist of man-hours needed to correct the requisition requests.

The goal was to reduce by 50% the number of requisitions and therefore to reduce the man hours by 50%," said Bassi. "With this new process the cancellations were reduced by 69%."

Bassi received congratulations from his higher command in Germany and even from the U.S. Army Sustainment Command in Rock Island. It was then is when Bassi realized he did something important.

"I just thought it was an interesting project, but never stopped to realize how this could affect the whole Army," said Bassi.

Bassi added that he is proud of having met his goal and he feels proud for being Italian and cover roles that traditionally are more American.

"I am proud I could contribute saving money for the US Army," said Bassi. "This reinforces the spirit of camaraderie in our unit."

"Bassi is the first Italian employee to receive the green belt in 405th AFSB Italy," said Chief



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Marco Bassi, quality Assurance Specialist at 405th Field Support Battalion- Italy is the first Italian employee to receive a LSS green belt certification in his unit.

Teresa Czuhjewski, Chief Quality Assurance Division. "His completion of this hard project reflects great credit on the Quality Assurance and all of the Battalion."

Czuhjewski said the next step will be to assign Bassi a black belt project so he can get his certification.

"Working on LSS projects is extremely rewarding and motivating as well as challenging," said Bassi

# Community events

## Army Emergency Relief

You can help make Soldiers and their families Army Strong. Talk with your units AER rep about donating today.

## Job Openings

- ♦ The Girl Scouts is hiring a temporary full-time Finance Manager. The Job will run from April 23-July 6 and pays \$12-16 an hour. Call 050 548696 or DSN: 633-8696 for more info.
- ♦ NAF has positions open for Recreational Aid and Lifeguard (pool). Call 050 54 7032 or DSN 633-7032.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Girl Scouts is looking to fill the volunteer positions that work with adults for next year. They need a secretary to take notes at monthly meetings, and a volunteer to chair the monthly meetings. Free training will be provided in a fun weekend in Tirrenia June 15-17, food provided. Call 050 548696 or DSN: 633-8696.

## Navigating USAJOBS

### Employment Readiness Seminar

Jane Spencer will hold a USAJOBS seminar for up to 4 participants on April 24 at 5 p.m at the library. Sign up by calling DSN 633-7000.

## Save a chicken April 16

On all non-training holiday Mondays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in front of the Exchange (PX) the Army team is selling hamburgers and hotdogs. Proceeds will go towards the Army Birthday celebration.

## Vet visiting Camp Darby

633-7438

Vicenza Veterinarian will be at Camp Darby for appointments on April 26 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Make an appointment for your beloved pet today by contacting DSN 635-4841.

## Beach Splash

633-7775

- ♦ April 19, for US personnel only 2 umbrellas & 1 cabana can be rented. You can also purchase beach and pool season passes. There will be door prizes, music & Free refreshments
- ♦ April 20, local national personnel can rent umbrellas and cabana for the summer season.



**The Darby Beach Splash**  
**Price list 2012**

Darby Resident Pass		Beach Daily Entrance Fees	
Single		Adult	\$3
Beach Only	\$65	Child (6-12 years)	\$2
Pool Only	\$75	Child (5 years & under)	Free
Beach & Pool	\$110		
Family		<small>Note: purchasing seasonal passes for cabana rental is recommended.</small>	
Beach Only	\$130	Pool Daily Entrance Fees	
Pool Only	\$150	Adult	\$7
Beach & Pool	\$215	Child (6-12 years)	\$5
		Child (5 years & under)	Free

**Beach Rentals**

Umbrella, Rows 1-13	\$410
2nd Umbrella, Rows 1-13	\$510
Umbrella, Rows 9-13 (E1-E6)	\$220
Cabana	\$450

**Beach Parking\***

Car (weekends)	\$5
Car (Monday-Friday)	\$3
Moped or Motorcycle	\$2
Bicycle	Free

\* Parking does not include entrance.

**For Tourists Only**

Sea Pines Aquatic Pass - Single	\$40
Sea Pines Aquatic Pass - Family	\$85

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

**For US Personnel only.**  
For more info visit [www.livornoMWR.com](http://www.livornoMWR.com).  
Facebook: Camp Darby MWR



**2012**  
★ America's Armed Forces ★  
**KIDS RUN**

Join the America's Armed Forces Kids Run!

May 19  
9 - 11 a.m.  
Start line: Front of Fitness Center

Register online at [www.americaskidsrun.org](http://www.americaskidsrun.org)  
from April 9 thru May 18

For more information about this run, contact:  
CYSS at 633-8084 or the Youth Center at 633-7629.

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# & happenings

## Sports & Fitness

633-7438

- ♦ 70.3 Half Iron Triathlon Challenge 2012. This program is not based on speed, it's based on endurance and heart! You'll do the swim, bike and run over the course of 14 days (May 7- 20). Register April 18 – May 4.

## ITR

633-7589

- ♦ Genova Aquarium April 13
- ♦ Florence April 14
- ♦ Cinque Terre Trip April 21
- ♦ San Gimignano/Siena April 28

## ODR

633-7775

- ♦ Canoe Trip on the Scolmatore Canal April 14. Spend the day canoeing on this canal located on the Pisa/Livorno border in two-man aluminum canoes.
- ♦ Hanging ropes course April 21. There are 5 acrobatic courses, 2 for children over 110cm tall, and 3 for adults and youngsters over 140cm tall.

## Friends of Camp Darby

- ♦ April 17- Lunch Bunch at ChiChiBo at 12 p.m. in Tirrenia. We will meet at the library parking lot at 1130 and carpool for those who are interested.
- ♦ April 21- Wine Club & Spa trip (limit 18 people so RSVP asap!)
- ♦ April 25- Thrift Store Grand Re-Opening- come help us celebrate!
- ♦ April 27- WEA Scholarship and Senior Scholarship application deadline.
- ♦ May 5- Truffle Hunting trip- 30 euro per person, (20 people max- 10 people min). Lunch is included

## Religious Activities

633-7267

- 9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
- 10 a.m. Catholic Mass
- 11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
- 11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD

## AAFES Movies

- April 13- 6 p.m. The Grey (R)
- April 14- 6 p.m. Chronicle (PG-13)
- April 15- 1 p.m. The Hunger Games (PG-13)
- April 20- 6 p.m. Safe House (R)
- April 21- 6 p.m. Wrath Of The Titans (PG-13)
- April 22- 1 p.m. Journey 2: Mysterious Island (PG)



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## AQUA ZUMBA/FITNESS

May 14 – August 29

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
from Noon – 12:45 p.m.

at the Camp Darby Pool

Cost: \$4

Aqua Zumba/Fitness is a great, low impact form of exercise but is very beneficial for everyone. Come join us!

Your first class is FREE!

## STRONG B.A.N.D.S.

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1 Award featured fitness | 2 Get your band and wear | 3 Yes, the Strong B.A.N.D.S.

## Get certified as a CYSS Adult Sitter



April 24, April 26, May 1 & May 3  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
at the Youth Center

Learning objectives include  
CPR & First Aid  
Behavior Management  
Appropriate play activities  
Emergency plans



Register by April 18 at Parent Central Service  
For more information, call 633-7618

# OUT & ABOUT- EXPLORE YOU

## SAGRA & FESTIVALS

### Jazz Wide Young in Pisa

Every Wednesdays in April, the ExWide club in Pisa will be hosting the Jazz Wide Young music show. The jazz concerts will feature young and brilliant jazz artists, both from Italy and the rest of world.

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Info: [www.exwide.com](http://www.exwide.com)

### Firenze Tango Festival 2012 in Florence

April 25- May 1

Florence will be hosting the 10th edition of Firenze Tango Festival. The 10th anniversary will be a special event for tango dancers from all over the world, with a big staff of first class teachers, long milonga nights in a great location with two dance floors, tango orchestras and live cortinas, tango shows, classes with registration limit, search partner service for workshops, transfer to lessons, large Festival Team helping for any need and making you feel welcome – a really great and international tango party is waiting for you during wonderful spring days in Florence.

The event will take place at the Obihall Theatre and at the Affratellamento Theatre.

For further information: [www.firenzetangofestival.com](http://www.firenzetangofestival.com)

### Corradino D'Ascanio exhibit at Piaggio Museum in Pontedera

Until May 12

The exhibition celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Vespa designer's birth as well as the 30th anniversary of his death.

Info: [www.museopiaggio.it](http://www.museopiaggio.it)

### Stories from the Other World: The Universe inside and outside ourselves

Now until July 1, the exhibition will recount how man learnt to approach, explore and understand our universe, a world very distant from our daily experience.

The visitor will see how, over time, our deeply human, ancestral curiosity, springing from our wonder as we contemplate the marvels of Nature, developed, became structured, and divided into separate disciplines, culminating, after a process lasting many centuries, in what we now refer to as the modern sciences of physics, astrophysics, and cosmology.

Info: [www.storiedallaltromondo.it](http://www.storiedallaltromondo.it)

### Excursion from Castellare to Foc

#### Pennechio

April 14

Take a hike on the mountains of Pisa. The event last all day and cost 10 euro. It is necessary to book in advance.

Info: [www.vadoevedo.it](http://www.vadoevedo.it)

### 31st Strapazzata in Pisa

April 25

This is a non-competitive race for families.

Info: [www.pisamarathon.it](http://www.pisamarathon.it)

### Livorno Harley Davidson chapter

The Livorno Harley Davidson chapter is organizing a wine tour on May 5. Info: 347 52069180

They are also going to attend to the Saint Trope Eurofestival Harley which will take place May 10- 12. Info: 3355613442

## Livorno Harley Davidson chapter

The Livorno Harley Davidson chapter is organizing the Run of the Butteri (South of Tuscan Cowboys). This tour is going to take place 25 April 2012.

Info: Caroti Marco 3926504063 carotimarco@yahoo.it;  
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## Culture Week

The Culture week will take place from 14 to 22 April 2012. During this period admission is free to state museums, monuments and archaeological sites. A wide range of initiatives is waiting to be enjoyed: special and new site opening hours, guided tours, and restorations in progress or recently completed concerts, shows, cinema screenings, recitals, exhibitions, conventions, conferences, educational initiatives for young people.

Info: [www.beniculturali.it](http://www.beniculturali.it)

## Americans in Florence.

Sargent and the American Impressionists in Florence from 02th March 2012 at 09:00 a.m. to 15th July 2012 at 08:00 p.m.

From 2nd March to 15th July 2012 the exhibition "Americans in Florence. Sargent and the American Impressionists" will be displayed at Palazzo Strozzi in Florence.

Info: [www.palazzostrozzi.org](http://www.palazzostrozzi.org)

## The International Handicrafts Trade Fair

From 21 to 29 April 2012 there will be the 76th International Handicrafts Trade Fair at the Fortezza da Basso in Firenze. The event hosts the most important master craftsmen of history inside a privileged space, where tradition and innovation merge to create ex-

tremely valuable handmade products.

Every year, here you can admire the works of the ancient Florence workshops, as well as remote arts which are being rediscovered through the fair itineraries, following a harmonious path among the Italian regions and the countries of the whole world. Opening Times: everyday from 10am to 11pm (on the 29th April, the last day: closing time at 8pm)

Info: [www.lmostraartigianato.it/en/the-fair.html](http://www.lmostraartigianato.it/en/the-fair.html)

## Antiques Market in Lucca

This weekend Lucca will host the Antiques Market, organized by the Consorzio del mercato Antiquariato of the city of Lucca. About 230 antiques dealers meet in the historical centre of Lucca to expose antiques, as furnishings, clothes, books and other objects.

Where: P.zza Antelminelli, P.zza S.Giusto, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza Bernardini, Piazza S. Martino, Via del Battistero

Opening hours: Saturday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm - Sunday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Info: [www.luccavirtuale.it/rubriche/mercato\\_antiquario/index2.html](http://www.luccavirtuale.it/rubriche/mercato_antiquario/index2.html)

*Dates and times could be changed at the last minute;*

*It is advisable to double check the information.  
Jazz Wide Young in Pisa*

# Students say no to drugs and violence

By Joyce Costello

*USAG Livorno Public Affairs*

The Camp Darby Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program run by Military Police from 511th MP Platoon held a graduation ceremony for participants at the Livorno Unit School on April 4.

According to Sgt. Daniel Mulford, D.A.R.E. officer, this year's program was combined with the 20 plus weeks of health classes at the school, so students received a wellrounded exposure of how to say no to drugs and violence.

"Through the D.A.R.E. program, we try to emphasize that it's all about making healthy choices and suffering the consequences when you make a wrong decision or mistake," said Mulford.

"Sometimes we tell them about the dangers of alcohol and they go home and see beer or wine in the house and think they're parents are bad people, we explain that if mommy or daddy want to have a glass of wine with dinner, that's okay."

Mulford added that in order to graduate from the program, students had to write an essay about what they learned.

Some of the students even volunteered to read their essay during the ceremony. Global Credit Union presented prizes for the most complete D.A.R.E. workbooks and top essays.

Photo of the event can be found on

[www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/72157629380391514/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/72157629380391514/)



*Photo by Joyce Costello*

The Camp Darby D.A.R.E. program held a graduation ceremony for participants at the Livorno Unit School on April 4. Children volunteered to read their essays and awards were given by Global Credit Union. Learn more on <http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil>

