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Last fun run for U.S. Army Garrison Livorno

Units at Camp Darby, DOD civilians and family members came out to the April Fools Fun Run on April 2. The two mile run also marked the ending of an era as USAG Livorno prepares for its transition to become the Darby Military Community at the end of May. Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs.



Congrats on your re-enlistment

Spc. Shawn Hull, 511th Military Police Platoon, and his family pose for photos after his re-enlistment ceremony April 4. Mrs. Hull said she was glad her husband re-enlisted because they love traveling the world and the Army has provided many opportunities for them to do so. [Click here for more photos.](#) Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs.

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USAG Livorno conducted its last official fun run on April 2. Photos from the event can be found on [Camp Darby's flickr site](#). USAG Livorno is scheduled to case its colors in May.

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Darby volunteer receives President's Volunteer Service Award

(Left) Rickcord Gibbons, ACS Director and (right) Scheyda Stasik, Employment Readiness Manager/Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator present the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award to Sharon Carter, Global Credit Union Darby Branch Manager.

Photo by Mary Starkey



By Abigail Franklin
Special to the Digest

Global Credit Union's Camp Darby branch manager, Sharon Carter, was awarded the prestigious Gold President's Volunteer Service Award for her extraordinary commitment to the community. The award is given to individuals who have completed 500 hours or more of community service over a 12-month period.

Carter received an official Gold President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin, a personalized certificate of achievement, and a congratulatory letter signed by President Obama. In his letter the President said, "In my Inaugural Address, I stated that we need a new era of responsibility—a recognition on the part of every American that we have duties to ourselves, our Nation, and the world. These are duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit than giving our all to a difficult task. Your volunteer service demonstrates the kind of commitment to your community that moves America a step closer to its great promise."

"The reason I volunteer is because in a small installation such as Camp Darby, if you don't step up to the plate and volunteer then the event is at risk of not happening" said Carter. "I give back because I can and I love it and its just me; to be acknowledge for it was a nice surprise and something I wasn't expecting."

Carter, who has worked at Global Credit Union for 19 years, has played a critical role as a volunteer.

"In 2011, volunteers played a critical role in augmenting services and resulted in saving the garrison over \$200,000," said Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander.

"Ms. Carter has exemplified world-class community service through her ongoing volunteer work, financial education, and active community sponsorship at the installation" said Jack Fallis, Global Credit Union President/CEO. "We are proud to have Ms. Carter as an integral member of the Global Credit Union team and a true community steward in Darby."

The award was presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation which was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others to make service a central part of their lives. To date, the President's Council has partnered with more than 80 Leadership Organizations and more than 28,000 Certifying Organizations to bestow more than 1.5 million awards to the Nation's deserving volunteers.

*Come & Celebrate the
Spring Fest*

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 7
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Darby Community Club

Enjoy a visit from the **Easter Bunny**.

Easter Egg Hunts 11 a.m. - noon
BBQ noon - 2 p.m.
Games noon - 3 p.m.
Face painting, egg dyeing,
cupcake decorating, fish
pond, bottle toss, belly
bumpers & more!



Hosted by Child, Youth & School Services
Call 633-7629 or visit www.vicenzaMWR.com/livorno.html for more information.

PAINTBALL

Outdoor Recreation Paintball

Saturday, April 7

Cost \$30
Includes Equipment & Transportation



For more information call 633-7775
or visit www.vicenzamwr.com/livorno.html.

Community events & happenings

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.

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.

Easter Spring Fest 633-7681

Come & celebrate the Spring Fest Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 7 at the DCC. Fun begins at 11 a.m. with egg hunts, a visit from the Easter Bunny and a barbecue at noon. Volunteers are needed.

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.

Sports & Fitness 633-7438

- ♦ Whether you want to coach or you're just playing for fun, register for this season's Recreation Volleyball League from March 5 thru April 5. Games begin on April 11.
- ♦ Get in shape for summer with one of many fitness classes offered at the gym. See the complete schedule for April on the [community calendar](#).

ITR 633-7589

- ♦ Ceramic shopping April 6
- ♦ Wine tasting at "Tenuta Agricola Pitti" in Cenaia April 7

ODR 633-7775

- ♦ Paint ball tournament on April 7. Cost includes equipment and transportation.
- ♦ 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.

Religious Activities 633-7267

- ♦ April 1- Palm Sunday
Protestant Service at 11:15 a.m.
Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.
- ♦ April 5 - Holy Thursday
Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.
- ♦ April 6 - Good Friday
Catholic Service at 5 p.m.
- ♦ April 7 - Holy Saturday
Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.
- ♦ April 8 - Easter Sunday
Community Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. in pavilion just west of the chapel
Protestant Service at 11:15 a.m.
Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.

AAFES Movies

- April 6- 6 p.m. Man On A Ledge (PG-13)
- April 7- 6 p.m. 21 Jump Street (R) 1st Run
- April 8- 1 p.m. Big Miracle (PG)
- 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) 1st Run

National Library Week

April 8 - 14, 2012



Story Hour

Enjoy a fun & interactive story hour for children ages 3-5 years on April 11 at 10 a.m.

**Open House
April 11**

Stop by for Refreshments

Art Displays

Enjoy displays of Paintings Jewelry Quilting War Photographs created by members of the Camp Darby Community from April 11-18

For more information, contact the Post Library at 633-7000

Get information about free download of audio books, movies & music for your iPad or Kindle.

Health Clinic needs your help



We have been working hard to create a children's waiting area for our community.

We are almost finished.

What we need now are children's books!

We are asking for gently used children's books.

If you would like to support this cause, please bring the books to the clinic and ask for SGT Prewitt!

Thank You

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SAGRA & FESTIVALS

Antiques and Handicrafts Market in Pisa

April 7-8

This Saturday and Sunday in Pisa will run the Antiques and Handicrafts Market all through the historical centre streets. Every month the Antiques and Handicrafts Fair is a traditional meeting of two days to nosing around through artistic handicrafts and antiques stands.

Where: Via U.Dini, Piazza Cavalieri, Via Corsica, P.za Buonamici, Via dei Mille, P.za Cavallotti, Via S.Maria.

Basket Procession at Santa Maria a Monte

April 9

A traditional procession will take place on Easter Monday at Santa Maria a Monte

The life of holiness and dedication to the poorest of the Blessed Diana, the patroness of the town, is celebrated each year on Easter Monday, which - according to tradition - is the day of death of the blessed, with the famous Basket Procession.

The procession derives its name from the fact that young girls carry baskets of flowers on their heads along the path that climbs from a chapel dedicated to the Blessed Diana to the main church. Each girl is assisted by a "knight" who stands beside her along the whole route.

Originally, a barrel of oil was carried which served to keep the lamp burning near the remains of the Blessed. Today only the flowers are left, but the devotion to this "mulier de penitentia", so rooted in the minds of the villagers, has never changed.

Info: www.santamariaamonte.com

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.

April 11, April Nicola Fazzini XY Quartet

April 18, Ibrido Hot 5

Info: www.exwide.com

Miracles by Night 2012

April 6-7

The Opera della Primaziale Pisana, in collaboration with the Pisatour Tourist Guides Association and Cooperativa Impegno e Futuro, will offers guided tours of the Monumental Cemetery, where specialized guides will tell the story of the building and of the imposing fresco cycle it is home to.

And what about the younger ones? An educational workshop will be held specially for them under the careful guidance of qualified staff who will help them to create a small 'art gallery' before their parents finish their tour and come to admire the 'masterpieces' of the budding artists.

Cost of the guided tour: € 5.00 per person (free for children up to 10 years old).

Admission to the Monumental Cemetery: € 5.00 (free for children up to 10 years old and for holders of Leaning Tower tickets starting from 8 p.m.)

Meeting point: entrance to the Monumental Cemetery at 9:15 p.m.

Booking not required but recommended.

Info: tel. 328 1446855, info@pisatour.it

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

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



Easter Monday at Torre di Cenaia

On April 9 it will be possible to take a carriage tour of the Torre di Cenaia Winery field, have lunch. There are also going to games for children and adults.

Info: tour@torrecenaia.it

Photo by Barbara Ranieri

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

Excursion from Castellare to Foce

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

31st Strapazzata in Pisa

April 25

This is a non-competitive race for families.

Info: 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

Dates and times could be changed at the last minute; it is advisable to double check the information.

Italian students experience DoDDs for a day



Photos by Chiara Mattiolo

(Left) Italian students enjoy playing a pick game of basket ball, right) experienced Livorno Unit School's new digital space and (below) a typical school lunch during their visit to the school on Camp Darby March 26.

By Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Italian students from “Gamerra” middle school in Riglione, Pisa spent the day at the Livorno Unit School learning about their American peers March 26.

“This is an incredible experience for our students,” said Italian middle school English teacher Ylenia Ciliberto. “Learning about the different school system and sharing experiences with American students is enriching for both groups cultural background.”

During the students visit, they were amongst the first to enjoy the brand new digital Star Lab.

“The Star lab was incredible,” said student Davide Di Pede. “We entered the planetarium and were able to see the stars, constellations and planets, amazing; we do not have something like that in our school.”

After a question and answer section where Italian students tried to answer in English and American students in Italian, the visit continued in the school yard where students could play soccer or basketball, or just have fun together.

“I like my new American friends,” said Riccardo Sbrana. “I have to say that we are better soccer player though.”

Michele Antonelli added that Italian soccer is much more aggressive and his new friends are slower and probably more correct while playing.

At lunch time the students enjoyed the school cafeteria just before they took a computer class.

“It is a great opportunity to get to talk with students from a different country and try to learn their language,” said Faith Campbell. “And those boys are good looking too.” echoed her friend Maya Falcon.



The students left with the intent of sharing more experiences with their new friends and invited the Livorno Unit School students to visit their school.

“It is amazing, we live so close to each other and everything is so different,” said Andrew Ceglie. “It really seems like we visited America during our trip and yet we are just around the corner from our school.”