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Viareggio Carnevale Feb. 26, March 3
Photo courtesy of Sarah Romero



Military Saves campaign kicks off
Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs



Help the doggies Chiara Chelossi, USAG Livorno Safety office, drops off donated food at the Pisa homeless dog shelter, "Rigugio Tom". Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs

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It's all about the coupon. Camp Darby community members take part in the Biggest Saver contest that runs through March 22. Learn more on page 8.

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Digital immigrants versus digital natives

Classes that help you cross the divide

Eric Allen shows some of the elements that participants in the new brown bag computer classes will learn when the free classes begin in March.

Photo by Chiara Mattiolo



By Joyce Costello
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In the current digital age, you either were born using a touch screens before crayons, having your first words shared on the video cam to family around the world and your birth being announced on facebook as normal activities of a digital native, or you are a digital immigrant, learning how to use your computer, send e-mail instead of snail mail and become the wizard of computer solitaire.

Regardless if you find yourself in either category and want to know how the computer works or learn how to assemble one, then the new brown bag computer class series by Eric Allen, 509th Signal Bn., are for you.

Allen is a certified a CompTIA A+, Network +, and Security + professional and technician who also holds the Computer Service Technician certification by the Electronics Industry Association (EIA). If that sounds Greek to you, in non-tech speak it means Allen knows a lot about the inner workings of computers.

"If you would you like to become a PC technician in a growing field or just know what you should do when you have PC problems or are studying to become a CompTIA A+ certified technician, then the six brown bag classes can help you," explained Allen. "I'm in the progress of building and assembling a new gaming system so I'd like to share this

experience with anyone willing to learn and gain knowledge about computers."

Allen adds that through these classes one may be able to properly configure, assemble, and troubleshoot ones personal computer.

Classes will run March 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, starting at noon in the Global Credit Union classroom. Allen emphasizes that seating is limited and based on first come first serve.

"These classes are free and are part of the 509th Signal Battalion knowledge share initiative to impart IT professional development opportunities," said Frank Maloney, 509th Signal Bn director.

To learn more about this program, contact 509th Signal Bn at DSN 633-8309.

I think it's fair to say that personal computers have become the most empowering tool we've ever created. They're tools of communication, they're tools of creativity, and they can be shaped by their user.

-Bill Gates

Community events & happenings

Road closures in Tirrenia/Marina di Pisa

The Time Trial bicycle race will take place on Sunday, Feb. 26 so the following roads will be closed to traffic while the race is passing from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.:

Viale del Tirreno, Via Pisorno, Via del Mare, Via Deodato Orlandi, V...ia D'Annunzio, Via Darwin, Via Piagafetta, Via Barbolani, Via Maiorca, Via Repubblica Pisana, Via P. Agostino de Montefeltro, Via Littoranea (till Calambrone).

See the attached link for the race itinerary:
<http://tracks4bikers.com/tracks/show/74748>

On Feb. 26 from 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. it will also be forbidden to park in part of the following road/square: Piazza dei Fiori, Viale del Tirreno. FYI: Tirrenia and Marina di Pisa residents are going to be allowed to reach their house and cars.

Club Beyond Luncheon

633-7261

Club Beyond is looking for anyone who is willing to help cook/prepare, set-up, or serve for our Club Beyond Donation raiser on Thursday, Feb. 23. The lunch will be from 11:30-13:00 in Mertz Hall and they will be serving pulled pork sandwiches and some tasty sides. The High School Students are trying to raise money for the Romania Service Project this summer and would greatly appreciate your support.

National Children's Dental Health

633-7461

The Livorno Dental Clinic will be offering limited appointments for all middle school and elementary school age children Feb. 27- March 2. There will be dedicated appointment times for comprehensive exams and cleanings for the children after school hours. Space is limited so contact the dental clinic for an appointment.

How to use usajobs.gov seminar

633-7000

March 5 at 5 p.m. learn how to navigate the new USAJOBS web site by Jane Spencer. Find answers to your questions and get hands on experience. This one hour session is limited to four participants. Sign up at the Library.

Parent's Night Out / Game Day

633-7681

- School Age Center Game Day Feb. 25, 2-5:30 p.m.
- Parent's Night Out, Feb. 25, 5:45-11 p.m.

- Youth Center Game Day / Kick Back Night Feb. 25 from 2-5:30 p.m. free of charge with plenty of fun games planned for indoor and outdoor play. After 5:45 p.m. the Kick Back night starts with even more fun.

ITR

633-7589

- Bus transportation to Viareggio Carnival Feb. 26
 - Pistoia Zoo Feb. 25
- For more information download in Fall/Winter Catalog available online at: www.vicenzamwr.com Call ITR at 633-7589 for information or register on WEB TRAC.

Youth Sports and Fitness registration

633-7681

Register March 1 – 31

Start Smart --- 3 to 4 years of age
 Pee-Wee --- 5 to 6 years of age
 Minor --- 7 to 9 years of age
 Bantam --- 10 to 12 years of age
 Junior --- 13 to 15 years of age

Cost: \$45.00 per youth regardless of family income, rank, or civilian grade. Start Smart cost is \$20.00 per child. A 10% discount applies to additional siblings that enroll in the sport. Children must be registered in CYS/ Youth Services thru June 15.

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

New combined retail store hours

Effective March 1, there will be one operating schedule for Exchange and Shoppette. The entire facility will now be open 7 Days a week and U.S. holidays.

- Mon-Fri 7 a.m.- 6 p.m.
- Sat. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
- Sun./holidays 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

AAFES Movies

- Feb. 24- 6 p.m. Sitter (R)
- Feb. 25- 6 p.m. Sherlock Holmes : A Game Of Shadows (PG-13)
- Feb. 26- 1 p.m. Big Miracle (PG)
- March. 2- 6 p.m. We Bought a Zoo (PG)
- March. 3- 6 p.m. Alvin And The Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G)
- March. 4- 1 p.m. Journey 2 : The Mysterious Island (PG) 1st Run



African American Heritage Food Tasting
 Feb. 24, 6 p.m.
 Darby Community Club

Army Community Service

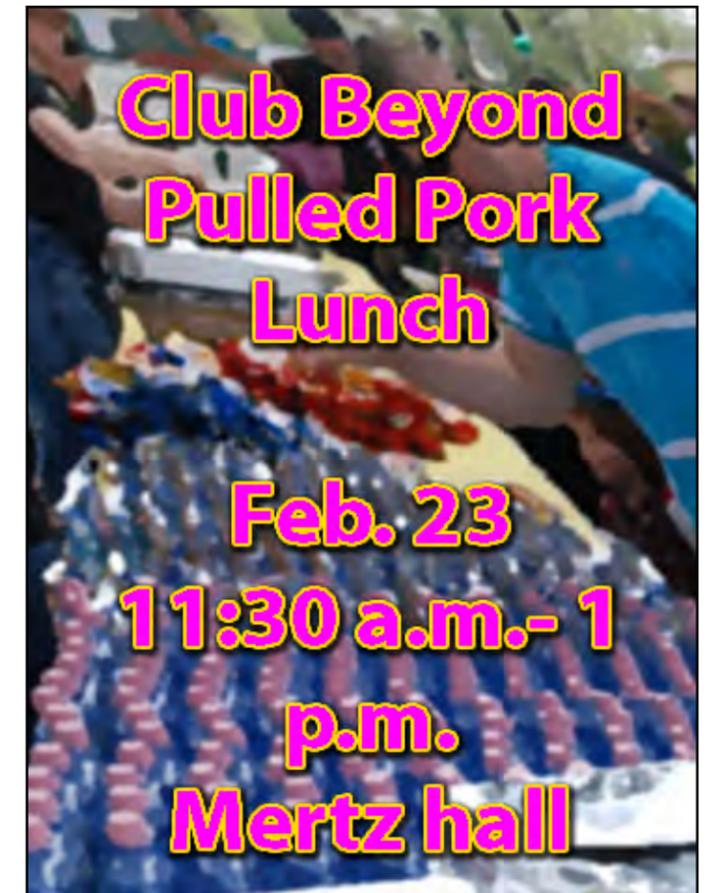
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SAGRA & FESTIVALS

The Carnival of Viareggio

The parades filled with floats, marching bands, dancing and music take place in a ring-like circuit 2 km. long, on the seaside avenues of Viareggio. Enjoy fun for children and adults.

Parade Program - Masked Parade

26th February at 3 pm

3th March the parade begins at 7 pm

Ticket prices

Daily ticket € 15,00

Military and Children age 11 – 13 –€ 10,00

Children till 10 years old – free entrance

www.viareggio.ilcarnevale.com

57th Edition of the Children Carnival of Orentano

Now until Feb. 25

Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. in the town square is the final parade for this town. The parade is has many Walt Disney characters and floats. Children will be able to play the organized games.

Info: www.orentanocarnevale.it

Il Carnevale della Piana di Lucca

Now until Feb. 26

The parade begins at 2:30 each Sunday. Children under 12 get in free, adults cost 5 Euro.

Info: <http://www.carnevalmarlia.it/>

Santa Croce Carnival 2012

• Sunday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.

Info: • www.carnevalessantacrocese.it

Sausage Fair

Feb. 25-26, check out the 14th annual Sausage Fair at Quercia di Aulla - Massa Carrara.



Bring it on

A cross between Halloween and political satire, the Viareggio Carnevale is a must see event when stationed in Italy. (Photo courtesy of Amanda Piazza).

Fritters festival in Bagno a Ripoli - Firenze

Currently ongoing

The little town of San Donato in Collina, nearby Rignano sull'Arno - in the Florence province will be hosting the traditional Fritters festival (Sagra delle frittelle). The festival will continue on each following Saturday and Sunday, ending on April 8. The traditional meeting will come back every Saturday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in San Donato in Collina at the Circolo Sms.

The festival is known in the province for the big amount and the good quality of the traditional home-made Fritters (It. "frittelle"), made with pastry and rice and then deep fried in oil. The "frittelle" are traditionally served with local Vin-santo (sweet wine).

Theater Verdi in Pisa

Pisa's Teatro Verdi offers opera and concert.

• Feb. 25-26 Zanetto / Mozart and Salieri

• Feb. 28 at 9 p.m. Quartetto Bennewitz/ Haydn, Janáček, Schnittke, Beethoven

Info: www.teatrodipisa.pi.it

Simone Martini's Polyptych in Pisa

Simone Martini's Polyptych, one of the principal works of art preserved in the Museum of San Matteo, is being restored 'live' before the



Chocolate Fair

Feb. 25-26 in piazza Matteotti at Scandicci - Firenze there will be the Chocolate Fair. It will be possible to taste and by many different kind of chocolate.

www.comune.scandicci.fi.it

Photo by Sarah Romero

visitors' eyes.

During the restoration work the painting will still be on show in a sort of 'glass workshop' set up at the end of the museum tour till 30 April 2012

All relevant information, along with the footage and scientific data obtained during the restoration, will be accessible through a high-resolution touch screen installation allowing the public to interactively explore the painting, revealing details not visible to the naked eye.

Info: 050 541865

Painting shows - from Vermeer to Kandinsky at Castel Sismondo - Rimini and from Hooper to Warhol at San Marino

Now until June 3

There will be the painting show From Vermeer to Kandinsky at Castel Sismondo - Rimini and From Hooper to Warhol at San Marino. On the web site you can find an offer that include visit to the show and a dinner or lunch.

Info: www.lineadombra.it

Walking in Pisa

A walking tour through the city centre on Fe. 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Language: Italian. Booking required for English, German, French and Spanish (minimum 6 adults)

Duration: 1.5 - 2 hours

Meeting point: Piazza XX Settembre (Town Hall porch)

Price: 12 Euros (free for children up to 15 if accompanied by an adult)

Info: www.pisatour.it

Fucecchio Half Marathon

On March 4 the 7th Edition of the Fucecchio's Half Marathon will take place.

Info: www.mezzamaratonafucecchio.it

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

Make 2012 a year to save and invest



(Above) Sgt. Tony Brazier uses a coupon during Military Saves week. A biggest saver contest will run for one month to see who can save the most money on their grocery bill. (Right) A Camp Darby community member picks up free goodies and coupons during Military Saves week at the commissary on Feb. 21 (Photos by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

By Cynthia Davis

Financial Readiness Program Assistant

Camp Darby kicked off the 2012 Military Saves week on Feb. 21 with a cake cutting ceremony and display with ways to save and invest outside of the commissary. This official savings and awareness campaign helps promote healthy lifestyles in personal finance through education and incentives within our Camp Darby military community.

Combined with the support of Global Credit Union and Community Bank, we emphasize the importance of saving to service members and their Family members as well as encourage them to commit to take action over their own personal finances.

The kick-off also begins the start of Camp Darby's Biggest Saver contest. The contest runs from Feb. 21 February to March 23. The winner will receive a \$75 Cashier's Check from Global Credit Union. If you want to compete, just use coupons at the commissary and keep the receipt to show how much you saved. Coupons are available at ACS and Commissary, so come on by and find coupons for products your family uses. The contest is designed for an entire month to reinforce the habit of cutting, clipping, saving, and using coupons.

Community members can also take the "Saver's Pledge":

I will help myself by saving money, reduce debt and build wealth over time. I will my family and my country by encouraging other Americans to build wealth, not debt.

You can make your pledge at ACS or on the official web site Military saves www.militarysaves.org. There is even a

section for military youth to start saving early and sections for units and family readiness groups with ideas of how to implement the program within your organizations.

To learn how to save and invest, for information about financial advice or how to schedule a financial class for your unit, call ACS at DSN 633-7084.

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Feb. 21- March 22
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