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Have a safe Independence Weekend

On 4 July 2011 we will celebrate the Independence of America. While we celebrate our nation's Declaration of Independence with patriotic events and fireworks, our Armed Forces continue to proudly defend our freedom throughout the world.

In preparation for the holiday weekend, leaders must address preventative measures for heat injury, sunburn, traffic, and water/outdoor recreational safety. Plan ahead for summer traffic conditions, avoid speeding and driving when fatigued, do not drink and drive, and always wear a seat belt. If traveling on a motorcycle, wear your personal protective equipment and travel at safe speeds. At the beach, swim only in authorized areas with a lifeguard present, and never mix alcohol with water related or outdoor recreational activities. Have fun, but also think about how your injury or loss would affect your family or unit.

Safety is everyone's business and it is our responsibility to ensure safety in everything we do. Continue to apply Composite Risk Management principles and anticipate the hazards of any planned activity both on and off-duty. If your holiday plans involve fireworks, remember that improper usage can cause severe injury or death. Never allow the use of fireworks without adult supervision, and always have a bucket of water or fire extinguisher nearby. For more summer safety information visit www.usag.livorno.army.mil/Safety

Enjoy the Fourth of July without taking unnecessary and unacceptable risks. Celebrate Independence Day with pride, but do so responsibly. Keep safety at the forefront of your actions over the holiday weekend and throughout the summer season.



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U.S. Army Garrison Livorno
Commander

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Commanding

Front Cover Photo
Alfredo Tomassini circa 1940's

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Building named after long time employee



(Left to right) Vice Mayor of Pisa Engineer Paolo Ghezzi, Alfredo Tomassini, former Camp Darby employee, Lt. Col Richard Pierce, Army Field Support Battalion-Italy commander, and Col. Raffaele Iubini, Italian Base commander pose in front of the building that was named after Tomassini in a dedication ceremony June 24.

Photo by Elena Baladelli

By Barbara Ranieri

USAG Livorno Community Affairs Advisor

On June 24, one of the primary buildings used for Maintenance at the Leghorn Army Depot, Camp Darby, was named in honor of Alfredo Tomassini, a former employee, for his 40 years of distinguished service in support of Allied Operations during World War II and cooperation between the United States and Italy after the war.

Lt. Col Richard Pierce, Army Field Support Battalion- Italy commander, explained that while it's a long standing military tradition to honor exceptional soldiers and civilians in memorial that the honor is often bestowed in hind-sight after an individual has fallen or passed, leaving us only memories of his exploits and deeds to reflect on.

"When we initially discussed a dedication ceremony and the caliber of the individual that would be worthy of such an honor, I was grateful that the individual on the top of the list would be able to receive the dedication and honor in person," said Pierce. "It's a true honor to be able to pay personal respect to a man who has dedicated his life to exceptional ideals and dedication that have touched so many lives spanning several decades."

Pierce explained Tomassini's journey to what would later become Camp Darby as starting in 1944.

"Alfredo was a 17 year old young man in southern Italy and was experiencing the carnage of war first hand as the battle for the beachhead and the port city of Anzio reached his doorstep. When Allied forces successfully liberated Rome in June 1944, it marked the beginning of Tomassini's journey and cooperation with the U.S. Army."

"Maj. Horton of the 331st Transportation Company enlisted

the eager and energetic Tomassini to assist his unit as they continued north towards the Gothic line. Tomassini remained with the support unit pushing as far north as Modena during the Italian campaign; later moving to Leghorn in 1945.

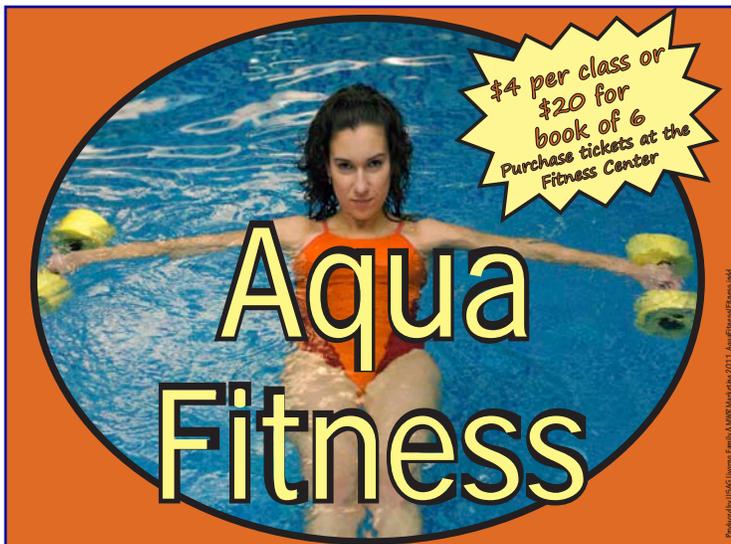
By then, Tomassini was a fixed member of the team and was recognized as a skilled mechanic and leader. He remained an employee with the U.S. Army as the war ended in 1945, witnessed the transition of Leghorn from a supply depot to a prisoner of war camp and then a staging site for retrograding military equipment out of Italy."

In the 1950's, he witnessed the expansion of logistics operations and construction to the most recent construction over the past several years. Each year brought new opportunity and his continued involvement and integration of a larger Italian workforce. His mechanical expertise spans both wheel and track vehicles and include the infamous Willy's jeep, all models of military cargo trucks, the M60 tank and its successor the M1 main battle tank."

"Over the past 60 years, many changes have taken place at Leghorn Army Depot: units, personnel, and equipment, but there has been one constant that continues to support the local civilian and military population and the mission- Alfredo Tomassini," concluded Pierce

Tomassini was overwhelmed by the honor as he was thanked Pierce, for this unexpected honor.

"I want to thank both military and civilian authorities willing to be part of this ceremony because they are part of my country, Italy, which is honored with me today and thank you fellow coworkers of Leghorn Army Depot and the Army Field Support Battalion- Italy and the U.S. Army," said Tomassini.



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Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 - 2:00 pm

Summer Operating Hours:

(Memorial Day thru Labor Day)

Monday-Sunday 10:00 - 6:00 pm



COMMUNITY EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

July 1 -

ITR trip to Elba Phone: 633-7589

Texas Hold 'em at the DCC from 6:30 p.m.

July 2 -

ITR trip to Florence Phone: 633-7589

July 3 -

ITR trip to Acqua Village Phone: 633-7589

July 4- [USAREUR Training Holiday](#)

[Fourth of July celebration](#) at the American beach.

During the day there will be free games and activities for the kids such as a water balloon toss, water bucket relays and tug-o-war and beach volleyball for adults.

From 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. you can also buy a special barbecue meal for purchase. From 7 p.m. to midnight the DJ will have you dancing under the pavilion.

Fireworks are scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. A complimentary shuttle bus service from Camp Darby to the American beach will run in the evenings. Seats are based on first come-first serve basis.

ITR Cinque Terre trip

Cost is \$39 for adults, \$34 for children ages 3-10 years. *Train ticket is not included in trip price

ITR Phone: 633-7589

July 5 -

ITR trip to Venice Phone: 633-7589

Summer Story hour at the Library at 10 a.m.

Taco Tuesday at the DCC from 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.

July 6 -

ITR trip to San Gimignano/Siena Phone: 633-7589

Playgroup at ACS's Yellow Ribbon Room at 11 a.m.
Phone 633-7084

Free TRX strap Class with Ken at noon at Fitness Center

Aqua Fitness Class at pool at noon. Tickets for class are available at the Fitness Center. Phone 633-7438

July 7 -

ITR trip to Rome Phone: 633-7589

Motorcycle Mentorship Council begins at 3 p.m. in the SGM Shields conference room in HQ-Front. For

more information contact the Safety Office at DSN 633-7318.

Karaoke Night at DCC at 6:30 p.m.

July 8 -

ITR trip to Elba Phone: 633-7589

July 9 -

ITR trip to Florence Phone: 633-7589

Mathew JC & The All-Stars Rock band and Fashion Show at the DCC. Phone 633-7855

July 10 -

ITR trip to Cavallino Matto Phone: 633-7589

Jubilation Choir will have a free concert at the American Beach in Tirrenia from 5 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

AFN Decoder and Satellite upgrade

AFN is moving to a new satellite so this means you will need to program your decoder to a new frequency and realign your satellite to a new position, Eurobird 9A (EB9A) at 9 degrees East, by July 31, 2011 or you will no longer be able to view AFN.

If you are in private rental, some options can include:

a. You can visit www.usag.livorno.army.mil and click on AFN upgrade which will take you directly to the AFN Europe Help site and you can program your decoder yourself and CFMO at DSN 633-7882 if your landlord will agree to move the dish or if you will have to reposition the satellite dish on your own. Please do not attempt to move the dish without approval from the Landlord first and remember walking on clay tile roofs can be very dangerous.

b. Or, you can elect to pay a satellite electrician to do the reprogramming and repositioning for you. If you elect to take this option you can contact CFMO at DSN 633-7882. The cost of a professional satellite technician will begin at €115. Additional costs are possible if you require another dish or replacement satellite dish parts.

Those living in government rental that have decoders in their homes should contact CFMO at DSN 633-7882 about when their dishes will be moved and how to schedule an appointment to have the decoder reprogrammed.

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OUT & ABOUT - EXPLORING THE WORLD

FAMILY

June 25-July 3- [Palio del Cuoio and Grilled meat Festival](#) in Ponte a Egola. Folks race with 80 kg wooden casks as part of a relay followed by fest dedicated to grilled steak.

July 1-10 [Pine Nut Festival](#) in San Piero a Grado, 5 minutes from Camp Darby. Enjoy live music, karaoke, and stands with pine nut based dishes.

July 2 [Palio di Siena 2011](#) in Siena's Piazza del Campo from 10 a.m. is a world famous event.

July 2-3 [Medieval Fest and Palio del Larciano](#) in Larciano Castello in Pistoia

SPORTS

Sunday, July 3- (Volksmarch) [29th Trofeo La Rosa](#), 20K at 8:15 a.m. in Altopascio (LU)

Saturday, July 9 [Staffetta Rock](#) 5 K at 7 p.m. at the Villa Corridi in Livorno

Friday, July 15 [18th Nocturnal Empoli](#) 10 K, register at 7:30 p.m. & run at 9 p.m.

Sunday, July 17- (Extreme running in mountains) [6th Annual Skyrace](#) at 9:30 a.m. at Fornovolasco in Garfagnana.

Monday, July 18- (Volksmarch) 18, 6, 3K [Trofeo Monte Corchia](#) in Levigliani at 8:15 a.m.

SAGRA/FESTS

July 1-3- [Faulgia Beer Festival](#) dinner, music and beer

July 2-3- [Tordello Festival](#) Dedicated to a local Lucca dish similar to tortelloni, Segromigno in Monte, Capannori

June 24- July 3 [LA sBIRRAta Bier festival](#) Live music, games and contests too in Vaiano (Prato)

June 24- July 3 [Frog Festival](#) in Cascine di Buti offeres a chance to try fired and stewed frog!

June 30-July 3 [Mussel Fest](#) in Livorno at Cicrolo Arci San Jacopo at 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC

Metallica, Slayer, megadeath and Anthrax July 6 in Milan at the Fiera di Milano

John Mellencamp July 9 at Castello Szesco in Vigevanou

Chicago July 10 at Arean Civica in Milan.

Cyndi Lauper July 11 at Auditorium Parco Della Musica in Rome

Bon Jovi July 17 at Stadio Friulli in Udine

George Micheal Sept. 10 at Piazza Santa Croce, Florence.

MARKETS

July 2-3 Antique Market in Arezzo in the city center. www.arezzeriaantiquaria.org

July 3 Breakfast and solidarity market every first Sunday of the month in Teatrofficina Refugio, 8 Scali del Refugio, Livorno, (LI). Starts at 10 a.m. Cartoons shown throughout the morning for children's

July 7- [Ricette e Sapori](#) market in Caacina from 5:30- 11 p.m.

Shopping under the stars Thursday evenings in historic center of Lucca July 1-Aug 31 www.comune.lucca.it

Click here for Local [Pisa Markets](#)

CULTURE

Nights of Archeology in Tuscany July 2-31 certain museums will be open in the evening. [Click here](#) to learn more

Angry young men: Picasso, Miró, Dalí in Florence until July 17 at the [Palazzo Strozzi](#)

57th Puccini Festival- July 15-August 27 in Torre del Lago Puccini www.puccinifestival.it/

Opera Festival 2011 in Florence and Chiusdino - Siena opens July 12- Aug. 13. This season tributes Swan Lake and Don Quixote. www.festivalopera.it

Sounds of Summer

Hot music concerts rock Tuscany

By Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Summer time is a great chance to catch outdoor music concerts. Tuscany hosts a variety of music festivals that are bound to appeal to many different tastes.

Lucca's Summer Music Festival runs from June 26- July 21 in Lucca, Italy, 30 minutes from Camp Darby. Some of the top shows include:

July 14- Elton John

July 15- Joe Cocker & B.B. King

July 16- Amy Winehouse

July 18- Ben Harper

July 19- Liza Minnelli

July 21- James Blunt

To learn more www.summer-festival.com

Tuscany International Festival host the 9th Battle of the Bands runs July 6-9 in Piombino, Italy, 45 minutes from Camp Darby. It's your chance to check out Italy's emerging bands competing for top honors. More information can be found on www.festivalestivo.it

Estate Fiesolana runs through July 28 in Florence, Italy, 55 minutes from Camp Darby. This summer music festival concentrates on classical music and jazz. For full program visit www.estatefiesolana.it

The 32nd Annual Pistoia Blues Festival runs July 8-10 in Pistoia, Italy, 45 minutes from Camp Darby. Top performers include:

July 8- Skunk Anansie

July 9- Ray Manzarek and Robby Krieger of The Doors

July 10- Lou Reed

Complete lineup and how to get tickets can be found on www.pistoiaiblues.com

The 9th Annual Tuscan Sun Festival runs July 30 - Aug. 7 in Cortona, Italy two hours from Camp Darby. This music festival is geared towards those who enjoy world class concerts, wine and culinary events and wellness classes. Opening night will be Tangos with legendary Pianist Martha Argerich will perform on July 30. For those not on a budget, on July 30 is the Masters of Wine tasting and lecture with James Suckling in Michelin-starred restaurant Relais il Falconiere. Sharon Stone and Jeremy Irons will host an evening of seduction, smoke and music centered on the love story of Chopin and George Sand on Aug. 4. More information can be found on www.tuscansunfestival.com

Vox Mundi Festival runs Aug. 1-6 in Magliano, Italy two and a half hours from Camp Darby in the Grosseto Province. If you like world and folk music, this festival is for you. Learn more on www.voxmundifestival.org

Opera Festival 2011 runs July 12-Aug. 13 in Florence and Chiusdino - Siena opens July 12- Aug. 13. This season tributes Swan Lake and Don Quixote. www.festivalopera.it

Puccini Festival runs July 22- Aug. 27 in Torre del Lago, Italy twenty minutes from Camp Darby showcasing La Boheme, madame Butterfly and more. Visit www.puccinifestival.it

The Siena Jazz Summer Workshop runs July 24-Aug. 7 in Siena, Italy two and a half hours from Camp Darby. In addition to a summer series of jazz concerts, it is a chance for young jazz musicians to take classes with world renowned jazz musicians. The workshop will accept 120 students with experience in jazz ensembles. Learn more on www.sienajazz.it