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Celebrating 100th Anniversary

Girl Scouts from across Europe gather at Camp Darby, Italy to celebrate the 100th Anniversary March 2-4. See more photos on www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/72157620130267430/



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

By Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

USA Girl Scouts Overseas – North Atlantic is hosted its Centennial Celebration & Discovery Institute March 2-4 March at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Pisa.

"This is the Girl Scout's 100th Anniversary and we are celebrating 'The Year of the Girl' event which includes adult learning courses and older girl leadership classes," said Kathryn Owen, CEO USA Girl Scouts Overseas-North Atlantic.

"I had a chance to learn a lot on communicating with people; during the seminar we were able to talk about stopping conflict between people and how to keep children engaged teaching while having fun," said Caitlin Grant, a Girl Scout Cadet stationed in England. "This will really help if one day I want to work as a baby sitter."

The Girl Scouts introduced many new initiatives of their program including an on-line shop which was presented with a fashion show at the event.

"Showcased at this event was the new National Program Portfolio that includes a brand new handbook for Girl Scouts of all ages, an Adult Recognitions and Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony and a huge birthday bash to commemorate the Girl Scout Centennial," said Owen.

The Girls also participated to a seminar on healthy life style.

"When we think of healthy life style we immediately think of training or diet, but today I learned that there is much more," said Girl Scout Abigail Bradfield, Ramstein, Germany troop. "There is a spiritual as well as a social healthy life style that is as much important."

According to Angela Miller, Director of Program & Adult Development USAGSO-NA, approximately 200 people participated to this year's event. Stefanie Ortiz-Cidlik, Director USAGSO added that the 100 anniversary is an amazing campaign of sensitization for girls, parents, families on the big gap that still exists between women and men's roles in the business world.

"In the 100 years of Girl Scout we

defined what we do, we know we do well in leadership," said Ortiz-Cidlik. "The girl Scouts now have new programs and new funds to build leadership and I am sure the Girl Scouts Overseas has an advantage since they have a global world experience."

USAGSO-NA operates under the umbrella of Girl Scouts of the USA. Headquartered at Camp Darby (PI) Italy, USAGSO-NA serves American girls of military families and international communities. Owen said over 3,500 girls and 2,000 adult members are served in the European Theater, which includes Italy, Germany, the UK, Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium and Turkey.

"Since 1951, USAGSO-NA has offered Girl Scout programs, from Girl Scout troops to Summer Camp and has funds available to assist girls with council activities," said Owen. "USAGSO-NA has 38 volunteer-led Overseas Committees that provide direct services to girls, the volunteers that work with them, and their local communities."

St. Patrick's Day
at the
Darby Community Club
March 16
at 4 p.m.

Start celebrating
St. Patrick's Day early @DCC
Enjoy green beer and snacks!

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Volleyball
Unit/Recreational Leagues

Whether you want to coach or you're just playing for fun, you can sign up to take part in this season's recreation Volleyball Leagues.
Signup March 5-April 5.

Season Play Begins April 11

Signup :
March 5-April 5

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For more information call 633-7438.

Community events & happenings

Army Emergency Relief

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Garrison Awards Ceremony

March 22 at 2 p.m. at the DCC, the Garrison Commander will host a Quarterly Award Ceremony recognizing those who have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments and service to the Army and the Camp Darby Military Community.

Children's Playgroup

633-7084

Playgroup for children 0-3 years, meets every Wednesday of the month. Come join this highly interactive group that provides your child with opportunities to enhance their social, emotional, physical and intellectual development, as well as educating parents on children issues.

Child, Youth & School Services (CYSS)

633-7681

- Registration runs through March 31 for youth baseball programs.
- Bowling Day / Parent's Night Out scheduled for March 24. To register your child, contact Parent Central Services at 633-7681.
- Your input is vital to all CYSS programs. Don't miss the opportunity to participate at the next Parent Advisory Council Meeting on March 28 at noon in bldg 730. A light lunch will be served.
- CYSS Sports & Fitness invites children ages 3-15 years to participate in Start Smart, Teeball, Coach Pitch and Baseball. Enrollment period is March 1-31, 2012. Contact Parent Central Services at 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 barbeque at noon. At noon, children can dye eggs, decorate cupcakes and enjoy the many games planned for the afternoon!

Sports & Fitness

633-7438

Whether you want to coach or you're just playing for

[Check out the community Calendar on www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil)

fun, register for this season's Recreation Volleyball League from March 5 thru April 5. Games begin on April 11.

ITR

633-7589

- Ducati & Lamborghini museum on March 17
- St. Francis of Assisi on March 24

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.

ODR

633-7775

See Tuscany on a bike this summer from June 11-15. The Tuscany Bicycle Tour is not for the Sunday cyclist; it will take you through the heart of Tuscany and averages approximately 100 kilometers per day. Register now before March 10.

Darby Community Club

633-7855

- Celebrate St. Patty's Day March 17 with all things green.
- Seether live on March 25. Catch this post grunge rock band from Pretoria, South Africa as they tour in support of their 6th album called 'Holding Onto Strings Better Left to Fray'.

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

- March. 9- 6 p.m. Mission Impossible : Ghost Protocol (PG-13)
- March. 10- 6 p.m. This Means War (PG-13) 1st Run
- March. 11- 1 p.m. The Adventures Of TinTin : The Secret Of The Unicorn (PG)
- March. 16- 6 p.m. Joyful Noise (PG-13)
- March. 17- 6 p.m. Act Of Valor (R) 1st Run
- March. 18- 1 p.m. War Horse (PG-13)

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Date: **March 25** Time: **7 p.m.** Place: **Darby Community Club**

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OUT & ABOUT- EXPLORE YOUR WORLD

Compiled by Barbara Ranieri
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SAGRA & FESTIVALS

5th edition of Terre di Toscana 2012: the big reunion of quality wines at Lido di Camaiore (Lu) March 11 - 12

Terre di Toscana, our most important event, is going to take place on March 11th and 12th, 2012, still at UNA Hotel in Lido di Camaiore, the same prestigious location of the latest editions. The enthusiast participation of many producers left us speechless, and the parterre speaks for itself: the best of Tuscany, the big and well-known wineries, the new and emerging wineries, the small family business, incredible wines, wines to be tasted again, wines to be found.

120 producers will be the soul and structure of these two days, incredible and extraordinary. They will bear witness to a top viticulture, the best of what this region is currently capable of producing, on behalf of each area, both historic and emerging.

In the charming UNA Hotel Versilia in Lido di Camaiore, in the province of Lucca, you will be awaited by a parterre de roi, a refined atmosphere, and 500 great labels. From the North of Italy to the South, passing through the classic areas of the author wine in Tuscany, the stimuli and the beat of an oenology that has always boasted a privileged position in people's consideration, but today more than in the past it is crossed by a new awareness, more attentive to the particular characteristics of their wines or to be natural. It is really rare to have the opportunity to meet so many well-known and important producers on the same occasion.

Everything will be reflected on the more than 500 labels on display, an occasion for those fond of wine and for the professional who over the years have been choosing this event in order to have a first idea over the new vintages on the market, as a Vinitaly preview. The tasty selection of Tuscan specialties, chef cooking and other intriguing events in the event, of which we will keep you informed as soon as possible.

Entrance ticket € 20

Info: www.terreditoscana.info/?lang=en



Truffle Fair

Some say you either love or dislike the distinct smell and taste of truffles. Try for yourself March 17-18 in Cigoli. (Photo courtesy of San Miniato).

XVI Edition of the Truffle Fair in Cigoli, San Miniato

March 17 - 18

There will be the truffle fair and marked in Cigoli. It will be possible to find the precious truffle named by the San Miniato people the "Earth Diamond".

In addition to taste the truffle it will be possible to buy it and other typical products like oil, wine.

Info: www.cigoli.org

Antiques and Handicrafts Market in Pisa

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.

James Taylor live in Lucca

March 10

James Taylor will be performing live at the Teatro del Giglio in Lucca.

The concert is part of Lucca Winter Festival, a much beloved event especially dedicated to great quality music events.

Info: www.jamestaylor.com . Online tickets: www.ticketone.it



International Women's Day

Across Italy, men will present to women a spring of the mimosa flower. This spring flowering tree is used to celebrate International Women's Day March 8. This holiday is very prevalent in Europe.

In Tuscany, restaurants and discos will have special programs and menus and large groups of ladies will go with their friends out to celebrate.

Photo by Julie Lucas

Jazz Wide Young in Pisa

Every Wednesdays in March 2012, 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.

March 14: Almond Tree 4tet

March 21: S.Graziano Group feat. Chris Speed & David Binney

March 25: Mauro Orselli 4tet

March 28: Tony Cattano BAAP! 4tet

Info: www.exwide.com

Americans in Florence. Sargent and the American Impressionists in Florence

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

Info: www.palazzostrozzi.org

Cin Ci la at the Theater Verdi in Pisa

At Teatro Verdi there will be the Cin Ci La piece on March 13.

Info: www.teatrodipisa.pi.it

Pistoia Half Marathon

On March 25, the 25th Edition of the Pistoia Half Marathon will take place.

Info: www.maratoninadipistoia.it

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

Darby Soldier named AFN Soldier of the Year

By Sgt. 1st Class John Queen

AFN Livorno

Sgt. Tony Brazier, a production specialist with American Forces Network Livorno on Camp Darby was recently named AFN Europe's Soldier of the Year.

Brazier, who was AFN Europe's Soldier of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2011, competed against Soldiers from the network's headquarters in Manheim, Germany, the Italy based AFN Regional Media Bureau in Vicenza, and seven Army run affiliates throughout Europe.

The competitors are evaluated on their job performance, leadership, initiative, judgment, self improvement, and their involvement with the community, their affiliate, and the Army in general.

During the past year Brazier's expertise in video and sound production has been essential in the operations at AFN Livorno. He participated in Operation Rapid Trident last summer in Ukraine and was recognized by U.S. Ambassador's defense attaché for his work on a special project for the ambassador. He was also selected by the AFN Europe commander to produce a television commercial highlighting the AFN iPad app which is now seen by an audience of over 350,000 viewers.

In addition to his work with AFN, Brazier has supported various youth sporting activities on Camp Darby. One of which he saved the season for the team by volunteering to coach. He used his talents to teach the basics of guitar to students at Livorno Elementary School and provided photographic support to the Girl Scouts of American Overseas.

Brazier, who hails from Ohney, Ill, joined the Army in 2005 as a combat documentation and production specialist, more commonly known as "Combat Camera".



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class John Queen



(Above) Sgt. Tony Brazier was named AFN Europe's Soldier of the Year.

(Left) Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander, pins sergeant rank onto Sgt. Tony Brazier, AFN Livorno multi-media specialist during a promotion ceremony at Camp Darby, Italy.

