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GLORIA  
DA QUESTO LUGO  
IL 21 NOVEMBRE  
FACENDO CUNTO STABILIRE  
UN TURTO PER LE COMUNICAZIONI  
DELLE COMUNICAZIONI  
GUGLIE  
NEAR THIS SITE  
ON 21 NOVEMBER 1918  
THE CONTINENTS OF  
EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND AFRICA  
BY MEANS OF  
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION  
THUS ESTABLISHING GUGLIE  
AS A FOCAL POINT  
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATIONS  
THE UNITED STATES ARMY

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**Earth Day** (Left) Lisa Woeber, Core Compliance Manager, talks with Kim Fairnut (right) and her son CJ on Earth Day about Camp Darby's Environmental Offices initiatives at the Livorno Commissary on April 24. Learn more about what you can do to help the community be Earth Friendly by clicking here (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)



**Jiu-Jitsu Combatives Club** Learn how you can join by calling the Fitness Center at DSN 633-7438



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### Front Cover Photo by 509th Network Enterprise Center

"The eighth tons Carrara marble statue dedicated to Guglielmo Marconi was moved from Coltano on March 7 to the 509th Network Enterprise Center (NEC) -Livorno on Leghorn Army Depot.

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# Marconi monument relocates to new home



**By Frank Maloney**  
*Special to Outlook*

A monument dedicated to Guglielmo Marconi in 1973 was moved from the former site of the U.S. Army Communication Site Coltano to the 509th Network Enterprise Center (NEC) -Livorno site on the Leghorn Army Depot in March 2012.

The Coltano communication site was closed in May 2008 and turned over to the Italian Government a year later in 2009.

When 2nd Signal Brigade Commander, Col. Mitchell Kilgo visited to Coltano site earlier this year, it was decided that there was an important need to preserving the focus and vision of Guglielmo Marconi. Marconi was an Italian inventor who was known as the "Father of long distance radio transmission". With the coordination of Col. Raffaele Iubini, Italian Base Commander thru the Italian Ministry of Defense, the process to relocate the monument began.

The logical place to relocate the

statue was at the 509th NEC-Livorno area because the unit providing current state of the art communications made possible by Marconi's genius and inventing skills.

Pisa is the birthplace of wireless communication and NEC-Livorno provides Signal Services to Camp Darby and the Leghorn Depot; the US Air Forces, USAG Livorno and numerous DoD and Federal Italian Tenants.

With the hard work and coordination of the 509th staff Piero Pellegrini, Mario Poropat, Daniele Crews and Marzio Marzi, the Carrara Marble monument weighing eight metric tons and standing for approximately twelve feet high was transported via truck to its new home.

"The monument is immense and really heavy, and very dirty once we free it from the weeds," said Pellegrini, who was also responsible for cleaning the monument.

"I steam cleaned it with just water so not to ruin the marble or the engraving on it," Pellegrini said. "I probably could have done a better job by sanding it, but

the risk of ruining the monument was too high."

The Marconi monument wasn't the only memory that was brought back from Coltano site.

"When we were there we noticed a map of Italy that was painted on the plasterboard wall, so we carefully removed it and it is now hanging on the NEC-Livorno, 509th Signal Bn wall," added Pellegrini.

"I remember two young soldiers and an Italian worker painting that map," said Charles Simpson, former 1st Sergeant at the 509th Signal Company. "They were Sgt. Dominiqueangelo D'Angella and Sgt. Benigno De Los Santos, the Italian worker was Tarquini, he was an artist."

The inscription on the monument reads: GUGLIELMO MARCONI, who near this site on 21 November 1911 linked to continents of Europe, North America and Africa by means of wireless communications thus establishing Coltano as a focal point in the development of worldwide communications.

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 Parent Central Services at 633-7681



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

at USAG LIVORNO

**Monday, May 7 - Sunday, May 20**  
**Half Ironman Triathlon Challenge**  
So, you think you're an athlete? Get ready for the ultimate challenge! Swim 1.2 miles, bicycle 56 miles and run 13.1 miles in the span of 2 weeks. Track your & others progress on our chart in the Fitness Center. The base pool will be open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for swim miles. (\$10 Registration Fee, Register April 18 - May 4.)

**Monday, May 7**  
**TRX Suspension Straps Demo**  
It's one of the newest tools of the fitness trade. All of our major body movements are generated from the "core" of our bodies. Come to observe a demonstration of this unique training tool or, better yet, come dressed to participate! Guaranteed to test your strength and balance. This demo is Free.

**Begins May 14 (Mon, Wed, Fri 1 Noon-12:45 p.m.)**  
**Aqua Zumba/Fitness**  
Join us at the Camp Darby pool for an aquatic experience. Aqua Zumba/Fitness is low impact but very beneficial for all populations. The pool is heated so come on in, the water's fine! The first class is Free, additional classes cost \$4 per class.

**Tuesday, May 15 & 22 (5:15-6:15 p.m.)**  
**Swim Stroke Clinic**  
Know how to swim but want to get better? Get some tips on your stroke from a former high school team captain and collegiate at the University of Florida. Focus is on refinement and efficiency of your technique. This clinic is Free.

**Saturday, May 19 (9 a.m.)**  
**Swim Meet**  
Sign up for any or all events to be held at this inaugural swim meet at the Camp Darby Pool. Must have a minimum of 4 people registered for each event for that event to run! Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd male and female in each event. This Swim Meet is Free.

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

BALANCE • ACTIVITY • NUTRITION • DETERMINATION • STRENGTH

- Attend featured fitness events at your garrison.
- Get your band and wear it throughout May to show your commitment to a healthy lifestyle.
- Visit the Strong B.A.N.D.S. website for fitness tips and prizes every day in May!

For more info call 633-7438 | [www.livornoMWR.com](http://www.livornoMWR.com)  
[armymwr.com/strongbands](http://armymwr.com/strongbands)

## Community events & happenings

### Employment Opportunity

Choctaw Contracting Services is offering a part-time position in the Livorno Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Office. Requires BS in Nutrition, Dietetics, or Home Economics, or BSN in Nursing. Please see the attached flyer for specifics. For more information or to email your resume and cover letter, please contact Rebecca.turnercunningham@aviano.af.mil or fax to DSN 632-4640."

### ArmyMWR Services Survey

Family and MWR want to know what customers are interested in, whether they are using available services and if so, how satisfied they are with the programming here in Livorno. If you received an invitation please take the survey. You can help make good programs even better.

### Safety Day

May 10 is Summer Safety Day. The Safety office will provide information on baby/child choking hazard safety training and ADR (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road) in addition to the normal summer safety classes.

\*\*\*The Post Office and CMR will be closed until 1 p.m. during Safety Day\*\*\*

### Save a chicken

Every Monday 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.

### Child, Youth, School Services

633-7681

- Join America's Armed Forces Kids Fun Run on May 19 at 9 a.m. Register online at [www.americankidsrun.org](http://www.americankidsrun.org).

- Get certified as a CYSS Adult Sitter. Learning objectives will include CPR, First Aid as well as behavior management, appropriate play activities and emergency plans on May 1 and 3.

### Sports & Fitness

633-7438

- Check out all of the special activities throughout the month of May as part of the Family and MWR worldwide Strong Bands promotion! You'll find the Half Ironman Triathlon Challenge, TRX Straps clinic, Aqua Zumba/Fitness classes, Swim meet and more.
- Register now thru May 4 for the USAG Livorno

Softball Intramural/Recreational league. Games begin May 8 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Softball field #1. For more information, contact Sports & Fitness at 633-7438.

### ITR

633-7589

- Florence May 5
- Rome May 12
- Venice May 19

### American Beach Opening

633-7775

The official beach opening is Friday, May 25. There will be a ribbon cutting at noon to be followed by a free barbecue Wntrance, parking, kayaks, umbrellas, pedal boats, boogie boards, volleyball courts and children's playground are all free. At 7:30 p.m. enjoy free "Lights out" comedy show with comedians: Johnny Cardinale, Motavasseli Assad, Sean Kent, Mark Serritella and Maria Shehata.

### 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

May 4 - 6 p.m. Wanderlust (R)  
May 5- 6 p.m. Act Of Valor (R)  
May 6- 1 p.m. The Three Stooges (PG) 1st Run  
May 11 - 6 p.m. Project X (R)  
May 12- 6 p.m. The Lucky One (PG-13) 1st Run  
May 13- 1 p.m. Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG)

### Retiree Information

633-7084

Those currently receiving Social Security should check with the SSA to see if their military time was calculated in their SS benefits. For those not yet retired or receiving SS benefits, it would be wise to make sure you check with the SSA to ensure your military time is/ will be calculated in your eventual benefits. If you served on active duty military service from 1957 through 2001, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/military.htm#2002](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/military.htm#2002) for more information.

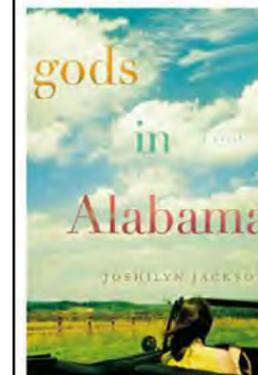
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## Book Club

Next meeting date:

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Yellow Ribbon Room

Please bring a dish to share!



gods in Alabama

by Joshilyn Jackson

Limited books available at the post Library.

Books also available at:

[www.paperbackswap.com](http://www.paperbackswap.com)

Paperback Swap is an online book swapping community. There is no fee to join and receive two free books for listing your first 10 books.

## 5th Annual European Softball Championships

Camp Darby, Italy

Memorial Day Weekend  
**May 25-27, 2012**

Men's & Women's  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Team Awards  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Individual Awards  
All Tournament Team Awards

Entry Fee per Team is \$350  
Sign up deadline is May 18, 2012

Teams must supply their own yellow softballs (ASA 44/375).

Sign up by email to [jimmy.j.rodzy2.naf@mail.mil](mailto:jimmy.j.rodzy2.naf@mail.mil)  
[www.livornoMWR.com](http://www.livornoMWR.com) | Facebook: Camp Darby MWR

# OUT & ABOUT- EXPLORE YOUR WORLD

Compiled by Barbara Ranieri  
USAG Livorno Community Affairs Advisor

## SAGRA & FESTIVALS

### Open Wine Cellars at Terricciola

The Municipality of Terricciola, the City of Wine, offers a calendar of 'open wine cellars' every week from Tuesday to Saturday.

#### Tuesday:

10am to noon and 3pm to 7pm at Castelvecchio on Via del Monte, 34 • [www.agricastelvecchio.it](http://www.agricastelvecchio.it) •

3pm to 6pm at Vallorsi, Via della Cascina, 19 • [www.vallorsi.it](http://www.vallorsi.it)

4pm to 6pm at Badia di Morrone

Via del Chianti, 6 • [www.badiadimorrone.it](http://www.badiadimorrone.it)

#### Wednesday

4pm to 6pm at Pieve de' Pitti, Via Pieve de' Pitti, 7 • [www.pievedepitti.it](http://www.pievedepitti.it)

4pm to 7pm at Tenuta di Burchino, Via Pozzuolo • [www.burchino.com](http://www.burchino.com)

#### Thursday

10am to noon at Badia di Morrone, Via del Chianti • [www.badiadimorrone.it](http://www.badiadimorrone.it)

10am to noon and 3pm to 7pm at Castelvecchio, Via del Monte, 34 • [www.agricastelvecchio.it](http://www.agricastelvecchio.it)

4pm to 6pm at Tenuta Podernovo, Via Podernovo, 13 • [www.tenutapodernovo.it](http://www.tenutapodernovo.it)

4pm to 7pm at Fattoria di Fibbiano, Via Fibbiano, 2 • [www.fattoria-fibbiano.it](http://www.fattoria-fibbiano.it)

#### Friday

3pm to 6pm at Sorelle Palazzi, Via del Chianti, 34 • [www.sorellepalazzi.it](http://www.sorellepalazzi.it)

3pm to 6pm at La Spinetta, Loc. Casanova • [www.la-spinetta.com](http://www.la-spinetta.com)

#### Saturday

4pm to 7pm at Podere La Chiesa, Via Volterrana • [www.sabinianodicasanova.it](http://www.sabinianodicasanova.it)

Info: [www.comune.terricciola.pi.it](http://www.comune.terricciola.pi.it)

### Wild Boar Fair

Till 5 May 2012 every weekend there will be the Wild Boar Fair in Certaldo Firenze

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

### La Via Francigena

On May 13 and 20, the Monteriggioni AD 1213 and the Agresto Association of Monteriggioni - Siena organize a walk on the via Francigena with people dressed with traditional costumes.

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

### Fair of the Tortello at Borgo San Lorenzo - Florence

On May 4-6 there will be the Fair of the Tortello (Italian typical filled pasta). It will take place at Borgo San Lorenzo - Firenze.

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

### Spring Fair at Latignano - Pisa

On May 4-6 there will be the Spring Fair in Latignano within Pisa Province.

### Pig Shins and Beer Fair at Cascine Buti - Pisa

Till May 20th every Saturday and Sunday there will be the Pig shins and Beer Fair at Cascine di Buti within Pisa Province.

### The Scents of Boboli in Florence

The monumental Boboli Garden in Florence hosts from May 17- 20, the sixth edition of The Scents of Boboli, exhibition / commercial itinerary of the prestigious documents of artistic tradition related to the botanical universe.

A showcase of approximately twenty-five selected producers, and often little known, of perfumes,

soaps, candles, scent-environments, essential oils, cosmetics, extracts from herbs, spices, flowers and fragrant plants, fabrics, prints, garden furniture, accessories and decorative objects. In four hundred years, including this year, history of the Royal Garden of Boboli this is the only event in which it is possible not only to present, but to sell selected laboratory products.

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

### 23rd Edition of the Antonio Filippone's Run at Cinquale di Montignoso

On Sunday May 6.

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

### Excursions to Alta Val di Cecina

It will be possible to do trekking, take part to events and meetings including environmental education, artistic and sensory workshops to discover the wilds crossed by man for millennia.

This breathtaking experience will give us a better understanding of the history of man and his centuries-old relationship with nature.

Info and booking: [www.volteratur.it](http://www.volteratur.it)

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



### Rainy day? No problem

*Judy Bibuom recommends a visit to see dinosaurs from Argentina, whale skeletons hanging from the ceiling, and tons of stuff the monks have collected for 300+ years. Visit the University of Pisa Museum of Natural History and Territory only 15 minutes from Camp Darby in Calci. (Photo courtesy of the Museum)*

Via Roma, 103 (c/o Certosa di Calci), 56011

[www.msn.unipi.it/](http://www.msn.unipi.it/)

# Local artists highlighted at Camp Darby Library

By Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The Camp Darby Library celebrated National Library Week April 8-14 with an open house and a week-long showcase of hidden talents of some community members. Artists displayed their paintings, jewelry, quilts and photographs in the library.

“I love to share my creations with the rest of the community, said Melissa Mechur. “It is a great opportunity to display my artworks, one of a kind jewelry made with recycled and vintage materials, up-cycled creations for any occasions.”

Mechur took part in this event with her mother, Monica, whose own art was expressed thru her quilting.

“Art displays like this helps the community to get together and admire the inner talents of its community members,” said Monica Mechur.

For artist Danila Ferretti, she has been participating in this annual event since when she started working at Camp Darby in 2007.

“I studied at the Pisa School of Arts, but when I had to decide what was better for my career I decided to continue my university studies as an informatics, this is what gave me a job, and I am thankful for it,” Ferretti said “My real passion though stands somewhere else, I love painting, I love bright colors, and I love flowers, painting is what I do when I am in a good mood, relaxed.”

The National Library week is also an occasion to inform the community on the new library programs and services.

“Our customers can easily order the books or music that is not able to find locally by consulting our web site <http://www.library.eur.army.mil>. Customers will be able to pick up their requested item within 7 to 10 days,” explained Debora Lomi, USAG Livorno Library Technician.



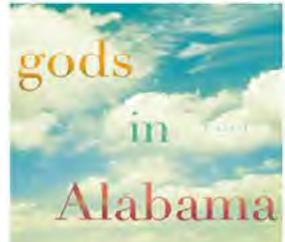
Photos by Chiara Mattiolo

(Above) Melissa Mechur displays her handmade jewelry at the library. (Below) Danila Ferretti shows off her art during the Camp Darby Library when they celebrated National Library week April 8-14.

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