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All eyes on you

Master Sgt. Angelo Plaza, 31st Surgical Operations Squadron, Diagnostic Imaging Flight Chief, performs a sonogram to measure the growth progress of a baby as part of a routine 20-week appointment.

Flybys

New Legal Assistance Web site

The Air Force JAG Corps recently unveiled the new Air Force Legal Assistance Web site. The Web site is designed for active-duty and Reserve component members, retirees and dependents. The Web site features information concerning wills, powers of attorney or any legal questions. Visit the Web site at www.aflegalassistance.com.

Pass, Registration automated service

The Pass and Registration office has recently implemented a new automated phone service, 632-7769, that will assist with all vehicle registration questions and concerns.

Dog CPR Course

The Red Cross is holding a dog CPR course June 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Red Cross office in Area 2. The course is open to everyone ages 11 and above (ages 11 to 14 must be accompanied by an adult). This course is designed to help members provide emergency care to their pet until a medical facility can be reached. The cost of the course is \$35 per individual or \$50 per family. Personnel interested can call the Red Cross at 632-5576.

SAME Golf Tournament

The Society of American Military Engineers Golf tournament will be held at the Alpine Golf Course June 25 with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 for

non-members (includes green fees and cart) and \$23 for members (includes cart). Mulligans will also be for sale. There will be a longest drive and closest to pin contest. For more information, call Michael Self at 632-5394 or e-mail at michael.self@aviano.af.mil.

HAWC and 5/6 5K Run

The Aviano Health and Wellness Center and 5/6 Club will be hosting a 5K Run on June 25, 7 a.m., at the Dragon Fitness Center. The event is for One World Running, a non-profit organization that sends shoes worldwide to countries who cannot afford to buy their own and those affected by natural disasters. See page 10 for the story.

5th annual Ranch Fest

EZ's Place/Zedan Ranch, a nonprofit horse rescue shelter, is having its annual Ranch Fest-Fund Raiser June 20, 12 p.m., at the Zia San Martino 94, Montreara. The event is open to everyone. Proceeds of the event will go to Horse Rescue Shelter. For more information, call 360-593-236.

Emergency Numbers

112- Carabinieri
115- Fire Department
118- Medical
911- On-Base emergencies (0434-80-8911 if from a commercial line)
0434-30-3100 - Command Post

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Mentorship: Our unwritten core responsibility

By Col. Don Bacon
3rd Air Force
deputy commander

The Air Force grows its military leaders from within. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz started out as a lieutenant, and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy as an airman. None of our leaders are hired directly from the corporate world into their current positions.

Thus, all Airmen need to embrace that mentoring other Airmen is one of our core responsibilities -- the future of our service depends on it. Furthermore, Airmen will receive a great sense of satisfaction when they see the positive fruits of their investment in others.

To appreciate the impacts of being and having a mentor, consider how one mentor had a huge impact on a junior officer and how that investment eventually shaped the outcome of World War II, the Korean War, the birth of NATO and eight years of a presidency.

Dwight Eisenhower started World War II as a lieutenant colonel and within three and a half years was a five-star general, leading the Allied war effort in Western Europe. He

later became the first commander of NATO and then sworn in as president of the United States in 1953.

What most don't know is years earlier, he was not considered competitive enough to get into the Army's Command and General Staff College, which is where the Army sent majors with the most potential for senior leadership. When Eisenhower was assigned to Panama, he served as the executive officer to Brig. Gen. Fox Conner. The general saw potential in Eisenhower and invested significant time mentoring him.

He had the young Eisenhower read Carl Von Clausewitz's "On War" three times and also had him study Plato, Tacitus, Nietzsche, Polybius, Xenophon and Vegetius. He quizzed him on battles Napoleon and Caesar fought, as well as on the Greek and Roman wars. He also had him study the major campaigns of the Civil War, analyzing the strengths and weakness of the leaders and their decisions. He taught him how to develop strategy, to adapt tactics to different terrain and to write effective and concise orders.

After Eisenhower was not initially selected to attend the Army's CGSC, General Conner arranged for him to be assigned to the recruiting

command, where they still had quota slots available for CGSC. With this, Eisenhower was selected to attend CGSC... and he aced the program as the top graduate of his class. Following school, General Conner helped Eisenhower get a job with Gen. John Pershing, which later led to working for Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. George Marshall.

General Conner had a tremendous impact on one of America's most important leaders in the 20th century. But don't let this story mislead you. You don't have to be a commander or a superintendent to be a great mentor.

I remember when I was a second lieutenant, Capt. Rick Donalson took me under his wings and helped me get a great start in the Air Force. What I didn't know was he was passed over for major and the Air Force was removing him from the service. But yet, Captain Donalson was selfless with his time and had a great impact on my early career. I admire his example.

We all have a responsibility to prepare future leaders -- the quality of our future Air Force leaders depends on it. When we invest time in others we change the world for the better.

Air Force Commander's Call Topics of Note

3rd DOS rollback plans

Air Force officials announced plans for a third enlisted date of separation rollback with a mandatory DOS of Aug. 31. Under the third DOS rollback, Airmen with fewer than 14 or more than 20 years of service, must separate no later than Aug. 31, or retire no later than Sept. 1 if they possess a code preventing their re-enlistment. For more information, visit the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services Web site or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

Excellent PT scores rewarded

A new revision to the Air Force Fitness Program, which kicks off July 1, allows Airmen who receive an overall score of 90 or better in all four test components to test only once a year. The four components include a 1.5-mile timed run, abdominal circumference, push-ups, and sit-ups. Prior to this revision, all Airmen were required to test twice a year.

AF Uniform Board process

Throughout the years, Air Force uniforms have evolved to meet modern day operational requirements, but few Airmen know how the process involved or who is responsible

for these changes. Contrary to what some believe, the board is not the source for uniform change ideas. It convenes to sort through ideas and recommendations submitted through the Air Force's IDEA Program Web page located on the AF Portal. Uniform boards typically convene every two to three years at the direction of the Air Force chief of staff.

Free museum admission

Active-duty servicemembers and their families will gain free access to hundreds of museums throughout the U.S. this summer through Operation Appreciation: Blue Star Museums. More than 600 museums in 50 states and the District of Columbia have signed up to participate. Visit <http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index.php> for a complete list of participating museums.

CAIB maintained

Although the Year of the Air Force Family draws to a close July 2010, senior leaders will continue to provide avenues to care for Airmen and their families through a variety of methods including the Community Action Information Boards.

Youth Programs

0434-30-7575 | DSN 632-7575

Administrative Operating Hours

Summer Hours: 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Effective Jun. 21

Give Parents a Break

Jun. 25, 6:30 - 11 p.m.

1st - 6th grade - See CDC section for 6 weeks to Kindergarten ages.

Give Parents a Break is a program offered by the YP that is designed to give you that little break that you need! Registration is free with referral or \$13.50 without referral.

Deadline to register is Jun. 24.

Kids Night Out

Jul. 2, 6:30 - 10 p.m.

1st - 6th grade

\$8 YP Mbrs. | \$10 Non-Mbrs.

Register by Jul. 1.

SPORTS:

Co-Ed Flag Football (Ages 5-15)

Jun. 28: Season games begin

Aug. 6: Season Ends

Aug. 9: Closing Ceremony at LBV.

Coaches Needed:

The upcoming soccer season is in need of coaches. It runs Aug. - Oct. Stop by the Youth Center to pick up a volunteer application or log on to www.31fss.com to download an application.

Summer Program Registration:

Picture your youth at the Youth Center during the summer recess.

School Age Program:

Youth in 1st grade - 12 years of age

Registration on-going continuously:

Karate Tech, Piano, Taekwondo

Instructional Summer Registration:

Ms. Tina Ballet and Starz Gymnastics Open Enrollment on Jun. 21 on a first come first serve basis.

Teen Center Summer Camp

Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: \$75/Mbrs. and \$90/Non-Mbrs.

Contact the Youth Center for more information or download the contract for the summer camp at www.31fss.com

New Policy Letter

Parents with youth on the waiting list for instructional classes or current enrollees. Please visit www.31fss.com to review the new policy letter effective Aug. 30.

Missoula Children's Theatre Presents "Pinocchio"

Youth entering 1st grade - 18 years old are eligible to participate. Registration begins Monday, Jun. 28. Auditions are Jul. 12 at 9 a.m. and show performance Jul. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Community Center. Registration is \$25 for YP Mbrs,

Community Center

0434-30-5479 | DSN 632-5479

The Art of Acting

Come find your place in the spotlight! Private and group lessons are available.

Learn to Dance!

Learn how to Tango, Country Two Step, and Swing Dance!

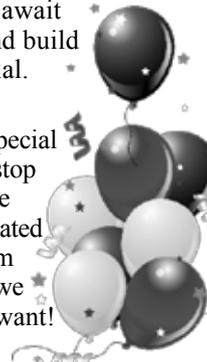
Chess Club

Every Weekday, 3 - 5 p.m.

Looking to learn how to play chess or build your chess skills? If so, chess instruction and fun await YOU! Come out and build your mental potential.

Looking for a gift?

Don't forget those special people in your life, stop by and check out the balloon boutique located in Cyber Café! From baskets to balloons, we have the gifts they want!



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0434-30-5072 | DSN 632-5072

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| Jul. 3 | Italian Super Motors, Cheese and Balsamic Vinegar
€99 • Deadline: Jun. 29* |
| Jul. 3 | Rogaska Thermal Water Spa in Slovenia
€139 • Deadline: Jun. 29* |
| Jul. 2-5 | Barcelona (Spain) Independence Day
€234 • Deadline: Jun. 22* |
| Jul. 5 | Gardaland Amusement Park
€59 • Deadline: Jun. 30* |
| Jul. 10 | Gulliverlandia Amusement Park in Lignano
€44 • Deadline: Jul. 6* |
| Jul. 10 | Coatia by Boat
€89 • Deadline: Jul. 6* |
| Jul. 9-11 | French Riviera: Cannes, Niece, Montecarlo & Monaco
€174 • Deadline: Jun. 29* |
| Jul. 14 | Parco Zoo Natura Viva in Verona
€49 • Deadline: Jul. 9* |
| Jul. 17-18 | Rome Overnight with Typical Dinner
€179 • Deadline: Jul. 8* |
| Jul. 17 | Verona & Medieval Times
€69 • Deadline: Jul. 13* |

Deadlines are used to determine if a trip needs to be cancelled due to lack of participants. Sign ups may be accepted after the deadline has passed.

Payment for ITT Trips can be processed with US Dollars or credit/debit card only.

Base Library

0434-30-5893 | DSN 632-5893

Voyage to Book Island

Jun. 7 - Aug. 7

This summers reading program is here!

Registration began on Jun. 1 and is open to all ages. Be sure to join in on the fun!



Education Center

0434-30-5330 | DSN 632-5330

Commissioning Briefings

Commissioning briefings are held at the Education Center on the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Attendance at one of these sessions is the first step in applying for a commission. The next briefing will be held on Jul. 15.

Testing for Credits

The Education & Training Section Testing Center offers DSST Principles of Public Speaking, SAT, ACT, Praxis, PME, DLPT, DLAB, and civilian college exam proctoring. Testing is conducted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



Auto Hobby Center

0434-30-2277 | DSN 632-2277

Beat the Heat!

Service your "R134a" A/C System at The Auto Hobby Shop! Call today to make an appointment.

Car Problems?

Auto Hobby offers on-base Roadside Assistance for any valid ID cardholder with an AFI registered vehicle that is experiencing mechanical problem.

You can email your car concerns and questions to the Auto Hobby Shop at 31fss.askautoqa@aviano.af.mil

2010 Annual Car & Bike Show

Jul. 4th at Freedom Park

DJ's Prizes & More! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for: Best in Show, Best Motorcycle, Best Custom Sound System, Best Custom Interior, Best Custom Paint, Best Hootie. Set up starts at 3 p.m. For more information call the auto hobby center at 632-2277.





Scenic water falls are visible throughout the park's 16 lakes and offer a tranquil experience for visitors looking to enjoy what nature has to offer.

Plitvice Lakes National Park

**Story and photos by
Tech. Sgt. Sean Devine**
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Traveling with three children is always an adventure. The days of quickly packing a suitcase for a weekend with my wife have long been replaced with the monumental task of getting all of us out the door. I have discovered that no matter how hard I try, I will never leave the house on time. If my GPS says four hours, I now can plan on six. It just seems a fact of life that one of my children will need to use the bathroom five minutes after leaving the house. I often wonder if the trip will be worth all the effort. I wonder how any man can keep their sanity while traveling with young children. On a recent trip to Plitvice Lakes National Park in Croatia I found myself smiling and knowing, without a doubt, the answer was yes! The trip was indeed worth all the effort.

Although the park is located only about four and a half hours away, it took my family close to six to arrive. By the time we pulled into our hotel parking lot, our car was covered in snacks and the children were setting a new record of "how long till we get there?" questions. They needed to burn some energy ... fast. We unloaded the car and drove to the park.

Plitvice Lakes National Park is the largest of Croatia's national parks, covering 294.82 square miles. The park has 16 lakes that are divided into an upper and lower section. The lakes

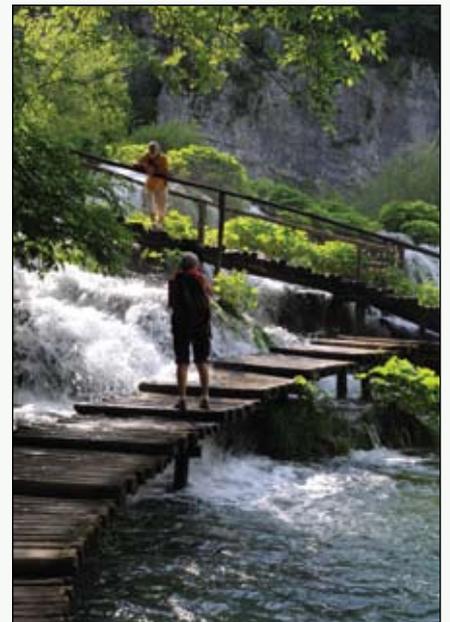
have wooden walkways that go around them all, giving the visitor full access to everything there is to see. Upon our arrival, my family headed to the lower section to look at the largest of the waterfalls which is more than 70 meters tall. The pure awe of nature left all my children dumbfounded, their eyes wide with wonder. Turquoise water filled with fish, water falls ranging from a foot to 200 feet, and the calm that only comes from the sounds of nature took away all the worries of travel. We walked for about three hours, and my children were never bored.

During our two days at the park, we were completely overcome with nature. We hiked for miles, took a boat ride across the pristine water and saw more waterfalls than my children ever imagine existed. A man we came across from South Africa summed it up by saying, "I think I've died and gone to heaven." It truly had moments of feeling that way. Going to Plitvice Lakes gave me the chance to show my children the beauty of our planet and how special it is.

In my family, a trip is never complete without good food and Croatia lived up to the task. There were strudel vendors at the entrance of the park. How could we resist? Apple, raspberry, poppy and apricot filled our stomachs and made my children smile with delight. Dinner at a local restaurant was Wiener Schnitzel with portions so large my children started making bets on who could eat it all; of course, I had to intervene in order to

avoid unnecessary stomach ailments during our travels. My children still insisted they could finish the meal.

Traveling with children will always be a challenge. Toothbrushes will be forgotten. Laundry will pile up. A man having a sound night's sleep in a hotel ... forget about it. However, seeing my children's faces as they experience a place as amazing as Plitvice Lakes National Park, being able to see the world through their eyes, makes all the sacrifices of traveling with a family worthwhile.



Walkways give visitors the ability to access remote park trails.

Wing commander discusses the way forward

Story by Staff Sgt. Julius Delos Reyes
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 31st Fighter Wing's top leader addressed Team Aviano during a commander's call at the Dragon Fitness Center June 2 -- recapping some of the installation's milestones since taking command a year ago.

Brig. Gen. C.Q. Brown Jr., 31st FW commander, highlighted some of Aviano's major accomplishments and reminded the Airmen of his expectations from the base and what everyone can expect from him in accomplishing the installation's mission.

"I have four leadership tenets -- execute at a high standard, disciplined execution, pay attention to detail, and have fun," General Brown said. "This is how I operate and what you can expect from me."

"Here is what I expect from you; this fully applies to me as well, and I don't care what your rank is, what your specialty or where you work -- we must execute to the best of our abilities, do it right the first time and be accountable of our actions," General Brown said.

He encouraged everyone to "Commit to Improvement... Every Day!" He believes that "we can work smarter, not harder." The general also asked for everyone's help in identifying processes and systems that need improvement.

Moreover, he also discussed Aviano's mission of delivering combat power and support across the globe to achieve U.S. and NATO objectives.

Various events that have happened for the past year were also addressed, including an F-16 Fighting Falcon system configuration upgrade, deployments, visits by distinguished guests, and numerous inspections.

Some of the challenges General Brown spoke about, not only impact Team Aviano but the Air Force to include manpower changes and resource constraints.

General Brown further iterated his thoughts in correspondence to the wing's commanders, chiefs, and first sergeants following the commander's call:

"We and our Airmen have two options: whine and complain or "Commit to Improvement...Every Day!" It's ok to whine and complain, but the situation will not change unless we take action to effect a change. As we engage with

**"We are very successful. I appreciate all your hard work."
- Brig. Gen. C.Q. Brown Jr.
31st Fighter Wing commander**

our Airmen over the coming year, we need to continually ask them what they have thought of to improve the Air Force, the 31 FW, their unit, their duty section and how leadership can help. As leaders we need to be

asking ourselves the same question, what improvements are we making and fighting for so that our Airmen can "work smarter, not harder." All the improvement or change may not come as quickly as we'd like, but I guarantee they will not come at all if we don't start the dialogue to generate action."

General Brown closed the commander's call expressing his appreciation to the wing. "Thank you for everything you do to make our wing successful so we can live up to our motto, 'Return with Honor,'" General Brown said. "We are very successful. I appreciate all your hard work."

HAWC, 5/6 Club encourage Aviano to reuse running shoes

**By Senior Airman
Tabitha Mans**

31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Do you have old running shoes you need to get rid of? Don't just throw them out; reuse them.

The Aviano Health and Wellness Center and 5/6 Club are collecting shoes for One World Running, a non-profit organization that sends shoes worldwide to countries who cannot afford to buy their own and those affected by natural disasters.

On June 25 at 7 a.m., there will be a 5K fun/run to conclude this event, at the Dragon Fitness Center.

The fun/run is to promote awareness of health, fitness and nutrition. Everyone is invited to attend. Participants are not required to make a donation to enter the run.

"Donate your old tennis shoes," said Staff Sgt. Rebekah Albert, 31st

Aerospace Medicine Squadron tobacco cessation instructor. "All sizes are needed. Please come to the benefit run."

One World Running was founded in 1986 in Boulder, Colo., by a small group of runners. The idea for the running shoe recycling organization was born when sports journalist Mike Sandrock went on a racing and coaching trip in Cameroon, where he saw people running barefoot and although they didn't have running shoes, several of them beat Mr. Sandrock.

Realizing their potential and need for equipment, Mr. Sandrock and other elite runners from Boulder began shipping donated used running shoes to Africa.

"Our goal is 250 pairs of shoes," said Staff Sgt. Samantha Gray, 31st AMDS, physical therapy craftsman. "Right now, we have more than 50."

Any size, brand or color shoes will all be accepted during the shoe drive. Any shoes not suitable for shipping will be

sent to Nike's Reuse A Shoe program to be grounded into material that's used to build running track and playgrounds.

"After the run is completed we will count the shoes, package them and send the boxes to One World Running," said Sergeant Albert.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. It costs approximately \$3 a pair to clean and ship these shoes. If shoes are to be washed before they are donated, remember to wash them in cold water and air dry them. Using the dryer can melt the glue in the running shoes.

Shoe drop off points are the Aviano HAWC, Dragon Fitness Center and Area 2 Fitness Center. All monetary donations can be taken to the HAWC.

"I feel that this event can be helpful for people who are in need of shoes," said Sergeant Albert. "Even if we only get 200 pairs of shoes, that is 200 people who will be walking in real shoes instead of homemade shoes."

31st LRS POL Flight fuels the fight

**Story by
2nd Lt. Scott Manno**
31st Logistics Readiness
Squadron

These Airmen not only power the jets roaring overhead that accomplish the mission here at Aviano Air Base, they also support NATO allies and transient mobility aircraft. Their mission is to provide on specifics and on-time petroleum and cryogenic products necessary for the 31st Fighter Wing to project combat power across the globe. Despite almost one-third of their personnel being deployed around the globe, these professionals still fuel the fight effectively and safely, without missing an aircraft or spilling a single drop.

The lifblood of the 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron's petroleum, oil and lubricants flight is the Distribution Element.

"POL is important because we ensure that the 31st FW mission continues," said Tech. Sgt. Francisco Rodriguez, 31st LRS mobile distribution supervisor. "Without us, pilots are just pedestrians."

Dispensing almost 1 million gallons of fuel a month, the 31-member team works 24/7 to ensure a steady flow of fuel to aircraft whenever needed.

"We are the backbone of the POL flight," Sergeant Rodriguez said. "We are the element that meets the customer and brings fuel."

Ensuring the success of this gargantuan mission requires teamwork and a detail-oriented, cyclical process from the beginning to the end.

Controllers in the Fuels Service Center receive refueling requests from the different flying organizations on

base, prioritize and then strategically dispatch or redirect Fuels Mobile Distribution Operators where needed. The clock begins ticking the moment from the phone call is fielded to the time they reach the aircraft. The teamwork and professionalism of these Airmen is what maintains their remarkable 10-minute average response time, demolishing the Air Force standard of 20 minutes.

The key to this well-oiled system is the preparation taken before the day's refueling operations even begin. When a truck depletes its inventory after refueling an aircraft it is immediately dispatched to the bulk fuel storage area to refuel. This procedure ensures that anytime a parked truck departs the yard it has a full load to bring to the next aircraft. Safety is paramount to their preparation as well.

"We have to make sure that all systems and equipment on our trucks are operation ready," Sergeant Rodriguez said. "We are dealing with 6,000 gallons of fuel per truck. Any malfunction could cause a catastrophic event."

With this in mind the Refueling Maintenance Shop arrives at 5 a.m. to thoroughly inspect all refueling vehicles that will be used in the day's operations.

"We do a 120-point inspection to ensure that each and every refueling truck is good to go," said Tech. Sgt. Stephen Hanson, RFM noncommissioned officer in charge.

Some of their morning duties include testing and replacing refueling hoses, checking filter elements, monitoring fluids and a meticulous inspection of all safety and spill response equipment.

All Airmen assigned to RFM are also



Airman 1st Class Dameion Johnson, 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel distribution journeyman, carries a hose after refueling an aircraft.

qualified Fuels Distribution Operators, making them a double threat in ensuring total mission success. Their dedication paid off recently when the RFM shop was recognized as IG Team Superior Performers during the 2010 Unit Compliance Inspection.

Both Sergeant Rodriguez and Sergeant Hanson are proud of their team's hard work.

"They are very professional," Sergeant Rodriguez said. "They come to work every day with tenacity to perform the mission."

The next time an F-16 Fighting Falcon roars over Aviano AB, you'll know: "Who the Hell....POL!!!

(Staff Sgt. Julius Delos Reyes contributed to this story)

Bioenvironmental: keeping Aviano safe

Airman 1st Class Kerry Capozella, 31st Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental technician, checks acidity levels in the base pool June 4. Keeping the correct levels ensures the safety of the Aviano pool users.



Photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Mans

JULY 4th WEEKEND!

JULY 3RD | SPORTING EVENTS

- 0800 Red, White & Blue Golf Tournament
- 0800 Firecracker 5K Run
- 1030 Chiefs vs. Eagles Game (Field 3)

JULY 4TH

- 1700-2130 Kids/Fun Zone
Water Slides, Bouncy Castle, Climbing Wall
- 1700-1900 6th Annual Car & Bike Show
- 1700-1800 Oriental Fusion Dancers
- 1800-1900 Base Side Band
- 1830 Hole in One Contest – Sign Ups
- 1830-2000 Batting Cage Hitting Competition
- 1900-2200 Electric Youth
- 2205 31 FW/CC Comments and count down
- 2210 Fireworks (25 Min. Show)



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Camp Darby

4th of July events

Story and photos by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Independence Day always evokes favorite childhood memories of sitting on the beach at Hilton Head Island, Galveston, Corpus Christi and even Cleveland and watching the colors of the fireworks burst into the sky reflecting brightly on the ocean.

Those weekends were always spent eating barbecue, floating in the waves as swimming after eating was highly discouraged, collecting sea shells and building sand castles with new friends. Its a family tradition that the Costello clan keeps sacred. July 4th is always celebrated at the beach with family and loved ones. It is a tradition I try to keep with my own daughter even when we are stationed overseas.

For the last three years we've gone to the American Beach in Tirrenia, just minutes away from Camp Darby. We rent an umbrella for the weekend and she tries to bury me under the sand, draws on the big graffiti coloring wall and chases after errant volleyballs during beach volleyball games.

Sure, she always wants me to buy the neon necklaces and fresh coconut from the beach vendors, but at the end of the night when she hugs me tightly while gasping at the firework display in the evening, I know this is a family tradition she will love and cherish.

This year, we'll return to the American beach for Independence day once more. She has already begged me to bring some of her friends from school. What can I say- life at Camp Darby is good.

July 2-5 Weekend Trips

July 2- ITR trips to Elba and Venice

July 3- ITR Florence Trip

July 4- ITR Cavallino Matto Amusement Park Trip

July 5- ITR trips to Rome and Venice.

For information contact ITR at DSN 633-7589

Independence Day at American Beach in Tirrenia

Beaches opens at 9 a.m. Get there early to rent your umbrella

There will be free games and activities for the kids, barbecue meal for purchase, and fireworks are scheduled to begin at 10 p.m.

Where to stay

Sea Pines lodge and log cabins are sold out July 2-5, but you can enjoy the Camp Darby campgrounds complete with electricity, water points, picnic tables, barbecue grills, and shower facilities. Call DSN 633- 7225 or e-mail sea_pines_lodge@eur.army.mil to make your reservation.



Mtn View Lodge

0434-30-4040 | DSN 632-4040

New Welcome Baskets!

Order your newcomer an Aviano Welcome Basket thru Mountain View Lodge Guest Services. Basket includes essential supplies to get guests thru their first 24-hours of stay. Choose between a Bachelor Basket, designed for singles for \$25, or Family Basket, designed for a family of four for \$35.

A 72-hour notice is required for orders. Basket will be delivered to guest's room by Mountain View Lodge staff prior to 2 p.m. check in. Orders can be placed at Mountain View Lodge Front Desk or by calling 632-4040 extension 0 for Guest Services.

Conference Room Services

Need to conduct a business meeting or a working lunch while staying in Lodging? Mountain View Lodge offers a 12-person Conference Room service free of charge for lodging guests. Contact Guest Services at 632-4040 ext 0 to check for availability.

Make Reservations Online!

Mountain View Lodge is excited to announce that they are now accepting reservations online! E-mail lodging@aviano.af.mil with "Reservation" in the subject line and include the details of your stay. Your reservation request will be reviewed, processed and responded to within 24 hours by Guest Services. Be sure to include your e-mail address and telephone and/or fax number in order for Mountain View Lodge to confirm your online reservation.

Lodging Space A Policy

Need a break? Got family visiting and no room to house them? Need to get away for a night? You can book lodging rooms on a space available basis up to thirty (30) days in advance depending on projected occupancy. So why wait? Call now!

Daily Room Rates

Business Suites: \$48.25
Standard VQ Suites: \$39
Temp Lodging Facility (TLF): \$41.50
Pet Friendly TLF: \$41.50

Need Help?

Contact our Guest Services Department [From the United States:](http://www.31fss.com)

011-39-0434-30-4040, Fax: 4050

[From Europe:](http://www.31fss.com)

39-0434-30-4040, Fax: 4050

DSN: 632-4040, Fax: 4050

E-Mail: lodging@aviano.af.mil

Alpine Golf Course

0434-30-7386 | DSN 632-7386

Monthly Drawing!

Win a Callaway FT Driver in the Jun. Mulligan's Grill Drawing! Just spend \$4 or more on your food and write your name on the back of your receipt and drop it in the box. The winner will be drawn on Jul. 1.

Active Duty Friday

Jun. 18

Half price green fees from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. It is recommended to schedule a tee time for this day.

Scotch Doubles Tournament

Jun. 20, 2 p.m.

Shotgun Start

The Scotch Doubles is an alternate shot mixed team (male & female) event. The entry fee for each team is \$10 plus the necessary green fees &/or cart fees. The event will use the Callaway Handicap system, so no handicap is necessary. This event is always loads of fun for all players, sign-up NLT COB Jun. 18. The minimum number of teams to hold the event is four. Call 632-7386 for more information.

Lignano vs. Alpine Challenge Match

Jun. 19

This is our annual 'Home & Home' match versus Lignano Golf Club at their beautiful golf course on the beach! The format is a 2-person Stableford that concludes with a nice meal at the end of the event. Sign-ups for this event are being taken now so find a partner and get ready to play one of the finest golf courses in Northern Italy! Entry fee is €25 per person. All players are required to have a valid handicap to participate.

Pick Your Own Pro

Jun. 19 & 20

Pick your own pro for the US Open Golf Championship days! The entry fee is \$10 per person (not including green fees/cart fees.) Saturday & Sunday are completely different competitions so you can pick different pros each day. After you pick your tour pro, go out and play 18-holes on our course that day. After the completion of the round we will subtract your handicap from your 18-hole score and then add it with the professional's score for the applicable round of US Open. The low total for the day, wins! Depending on the number of players 'picking a pro' will depend on how many places are paid. The golf course will not be closed or reserved for this event; it is an optional program for those who would like to participate during open play.

Airman & Family Readiness Center

0434-30-5407 | DSN 632-5407

Employment Class

Jun. 22, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This workshop helps enhance the marketability and employability of spouses and active duty members. This class thoroughly discusses developing a resume, effective interviewing techniques, and job search skills.

Pre-Separation Briefing

Jun. 22, 1 - 3 p.m.

By law, all transitioning military personnel are required to receive pre-separation counseling no less than 90 days prior to separating from active duty. During pre-separation counseling, you will learn about your benefits and rights, as well as the services that are available.

Transition Assistance Program

Jun. 22, 23, 24, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

T.A.P workshops are 3-day workshops that are conducted by trained Department of Labor facilitators. Participants will learn to write effective resumes and cover letters, interviewing techniques and successful job search methods.

U.S. Home Buyers Seminar

Jun. 23, 1 - 4:30 p.m.

This seminar will cover a variety of issues dealing with buying a home in the U.S. including renting versus buying, loan types, choosing a realtor, home inspections, liabilities and much more!

Pre-Deployment Briefing

Jun. 23 & Jun. 30, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

This briefing is required for all those going TDY or deploying for 30 days or more and will fulfill your pre-deployment checklist requirement. Family members are encouraged to attend.

Smooth Move

Jun. 25, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

This class is a consolidated 2-hour briefing of relocation services brought to you by Wing agencies such as AMC, TMO Household Goods, Finance, Housing, Legal, etc. This class will equip you with all the information you will need for a Smooth Move PCS from Aviano AB, Italy.

CDC (Area 1)

0434-30-8246 | DSN 632-8246

Give Parents a Break

Jun. 25, 6:30 - 11 p.m.

Ages: 6 weeks to Kindergarten

Give Parents a Break is a program offered by the CDC that is designed to give you that break that you need! Registration is free with referral or \$13.50 on space available basis. Deadline to register: Jun. 23

Arts & Crafts

0434-30-2989 | DSN 632-2989



Register for the Summer Craft Camp

There's no limit to the beauty a child can create when given some artistic freedom. With an ounce of inspiration, a pinch of creativity and a sparkling of imagination, your child will craft a summer of enjoyment.

Fee: \$50 per session

Ages 7-10: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Ages 11 & up: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Jun. 21-25, Session 1:

Drawing and Painting Processes

Jul. 12-16, Session 2:

3-Dimensional Processes

Aug. 9-13, Session 3:

General Crafting & Printmaking Processes

Craft Camp Specials

Plan on registering your child for craft camp? If so this discount is for you! Receive 15% off your child's craft kit. Offer ends Aug. 31.

Custom Framing

Let us custom frame your child's artwork and receive 10% off. Offer ends Aug. 31.

2010 Air Force Arts & Crafts Gallery Showcase

Get those creative juices flowing and prepare now to submit your artwork, crafts and photography! The Arts and Crafts Center will be accepting entries throughout Aug. and Sep. for the Showcase. Photographs of all submissions will be forwarded to HQ USAFE and selected entries will be forwarded to HQ AFSVA and shown on the Air Force Gallery website.

There are two categories:

Artist-Craftsman and Photography

Three age groups:

Youth: 6-12 and 13-17

Adults: 18+.

Bowling Center

0434-30-7487 | DSN 632-7487

Father's Day Bowling Special:

Jun. 20

Dads bowl FREE all day long!

\$5 Buck Wednesday

All day Wednesday you can bowl for 3 hours for just \$5.



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Fitness & Sports Center

0434-30-7459/7574

DSN 632-7459/7474

Parent/Children Personal Training

The parent pays the individual trainer price and the child pays only \$15! Ages 10 and up.

Family Boot Camp

Saturday Mornings, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. The Dragon Fitness Center is now offering a fun and entertaining workout atmosphere for you and your kids. This workout is fast paced and a great cardio workout! For children ages 4 and up.

Martial Arts

Tuesday & Thursdays Taekwondo and Tang Soo Do are now being offered at the Dragon Fitness Center. \$30 per month for adults, \$20 per month for ages 8-18.

Bench Press Competition

Jun. 19 | Sign up dates: Jun. 8-16 Schwartz/Malone Formula will be used to determine the winner. 3 attempts to achieve the max weight. See DFC Front Desk for a copy of contest rules.

La Bella Vista Club

0434-30-4303 | DSN 632-4303

Fiesta Night

Every Thursday, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Stop by the LBV for some good ole' Tex/Mex and cheap margaritas!

Pricing is as follows:

Adults 13 & Up:

\$11 Mbrs. and \$13 Non-Mbrs.

Kids 12 - 6:

\$5 Mbrs. and \$7 Non-Mbrs.

Kids 5 & Under: Free



Father's Brunch

Jun. 20, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

It's Dad's Day! Show him some love by treating him to all his favorites at the club! Dad's - If you're a club member, you eat for half price when you bring your family, or a picture of them. Only \$17 for adults and \$11 for tikes ages 6 to 12. Members receive \$2 off each person.

First Friday

Friday, Jul. 2, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Members, come out to your respective bars and enjoy free bites, cold beers and begin the weekend with some relaxation with your peers.

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Alpine Golf Course

Cook

Recreation Assistant

Arts and Crafts Center

Engraver

Auto Hobby

Automotive Worker

Sales Clerk

Aviano Youth Program

Child And Youth Program Assistant

School Age Program

Child And Youth Program

Assistant (CY3)

Child And Youth Program

Assistant (CY5)

Bowling Center

Cook

Recreation Aid

Recreation Assistant

Child Development Center

Child And Youth Program Assistant

Community Center

Recreation Aid

Home Fules

Sales Clerk

ITT

Recreation Aid

La Bella Vista

Bartender

Cashier

Cook

Mountain View Lodge

Custodial Worker

Guest Services Representative

Guest Services Representative (Temp)

Outdoor Recreation Center

Recreation Aid

Applications need to be submitted to the NAF Human Resources office located in Area 2, Bldg. 256, Room #213.

Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Visit www.usafejobs.com for more details.



Sunday: \$1 Bowling (per person)

Monday: \$1 Shoe Rental

Tuesday: \$1 Bowling for ages 13 and under

Wednesday: \$1 Bowling for ages 13 and up

Thursday: \$1 Fountain Soda w/Meal Purchase

Friday: \$1 Off Final Bill (Blwoing Only)

Saturday: \$1 Bowling (per person, 11am-5pm)