



# DARBY DIGEST



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**Asian Pacific Heritage**  
May 16, 11:30 at DFAC.  
Celebrate Asian culture and cuisine with guest speaker. May 24, 6 p.m. at DCC enjoy free food tasting, Hawaiian and Filipino dancers and arts & poetry by school youth.

**Emergency Services Day**  
May 18, noon until 3 p.m. at Fitness center. DES vs. Carabinieri

**Bicycle Safety Day**  
May 19, noon until 1:30. Bike rodeo in the Photo lab parking lot adjacent to the MP station. Trophies, prizes, bike raffles and snacks and drinks.

**ID Card Section**  
Its now fully functional can do CAC and dependent ID cards.

**Awards Ceremony**  
Camp Darby Military Community Annual Award Ceremony in conjunction with the Graduation Recognition Ceremony will be June 14 at 3 p.m. Contact SGT Wilson or SPC(P) Crossno to include your unit and your awards into the ceremony. Graduation Recognition Ceremony is intended to recognize any academic achievement during the 2006-2007 academic year. This is for all members of the camp Darby Community: Military, Civilian, and family. Contact Mr Alan Moses at the education center for any questions.

## **Motorcyclists hit the roads with warmer weather**

The weather is warming up at installations around the world and Soldiers are preparing their motorcycles for another spring and summer on the road. There are more than 35-thousand motorcycles registered on Army installations. As the number of motorcycles goes up, accidents increase proportionally. But accidents can be reduced, and many times prevented, by choosing the correct motorcycle

and having the proper equipment and training.

All Soldiers are required to attend a free Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) course at their installation. This class can be scheduled through your safety office. To operate a motorcycle on a military installation, riders are required to wear proper personal protective equipment

We have made progress in

motorcycle safety education and training. But it takes continued engagement by leaders to ensure our Soldiers, family members and DoD civilians "get it". Let's continue the downward trend of motorcycle accidents and have a safe riding season for 2007.

Thanks for all that you do for the Nation and for the United States Army. Hooah! SMA Ken Preston

## **Peak permanent change of station season begins**

By Robert Szostek, USEU-COM Customs PAO:

People moving to the States this summer should start preparing now by finding new homes for the things that are banned from import and applying now for import permits on restricted items since the process can take months.

"Prohibited items include meat and meat products such as sausage, pâté and salami, as well as plants, flammable substances, poisons, destructive devices and explosives," said Bill Greenwood, acting director of the U.S. European Command's Customs and Border Clearance Agency. "If you're planning on shipping firearms, ensure you have proof that you owned them in the States or have an import permit," Greenwood added.

He also explained that other important points to remember are:

1. Owners of vehicles not made to U.S. standards have to ship them through commercial

importers registered with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency. However, vehicles more than 25 years old are exempt from that rule.

2. Mopeds and motorcycles must also meet U.S. safety and pollution standards and all vehicles must be free of dirt, insects and vegetation.

3. Wine collections can be shipped with some advance coordination with the transportation office.

4. Endangered species items such as ivory, if registered, and some furs may only be shipped if owners can prove they were previously owned in the U.S.

5. Prescription drugs and tobacco products are not allowed in household goods, but can be taken on the airplane.

6. State attorneys general must approve imports of gambling devices. These devices must be registered with the Justice Department in Washington D.C.

Ronald Walton, the new Installation Transportation Officer (ITO), TMO (for our Air Force customers), for Camp Darby reminds all Military and DOD civilian personnel having a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) within the next 120 days that traditionally, from May 1 to August 31, is peak season!

He adds that while the Personal Property Shipment Office (PPSO) staff is small, they shouldn't have any problems handling the workload and will continue to provide the finest customer service in the Army.

All PCS shipments are booked out of the Consolidated Personal Property Shipment Office (CPPSO) in Grafenwoehr, Germany, which books for all of Europe.

In order to be assured of getting the pickup date you desire, as soon as you have a hard copy of your orders you can either walk-in or, if you have a tight schedule as some, call-in to 633-8151 or 8154 to set an appointment.

**Darby Job Corner**

Education Center, Overseas Contingent I, Part-time, Substitute Position 20-30 hours per week. Some weekends and evenings may be required. Primary responsibilities include the management of class registrations, financial reports, textbook sales, proctor exams, and the marketing of UMUC-Europe programs. The field representative must work effectively with the Community Field Representative, Education Service Officers, counselors, faculty, and administrative staff in Heidelberg. Only US citizen, ID card holders may apply. Compensation: The starting salary is \$7.20 per hour. Availability: Immediate Closing Date: Open Until Filled. To Apply: Internal applicants will be considered first. Application forms are available online at [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu)

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**Commissary Scholarship:** A \$1500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Visit the commissary or [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) for an application.

**Financial Aid Packets:** Visit the Camp Darby Education Center to pick up a financial aid packet. It has information on various loans, grants and scholarships.

**Voluntary Reclassification Opportunity**  
Soldiers who are in MOS's that consistently maintain high promotion cutoff scores and those Soldiers who are close to their retention control points are strongly encouraged to consider voluntarily reclassification. Contact MSG Smith, SETAF Command Career Counselor at DSN 634-7108.

**Darby Community Club Events**

- Every Tuesday it's Movie Night at the DCC where a new release will be shown.
- Wednesday's are DOUBLE DOG NITE – 2 Hot Dogs for the price of 1!
- Thursdays & Saturdays it's GAMERS NITE at the DCC – come play on the club's XBox 360 Network! We've got Madden 2007 & Perfect Dark, plus 1 copy of Tiger Woods Golf!
- Every Friday is TGIF and PACK MAN spinnin' the tunes in the Disco!

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**Community Action Council**

**Issue Description:** There should be a "three strike and out rule" with regard to private rental contracts. The failure of the landlord to repair a fault with the rental on three (3) separate instances (the same or different repairs) should eliminate the requirement to give the landlord six (6) months' notice to terminate the rental lease. The tenant should then be allowed to give 30 days' notice to vacate the rental with no financial penalty to the tenant. The three (3) failures on the landlord's part do not have to be consecutive or within a certain time period.

The fact that the landlord may repair any number of faults during the lease does

not neutralize the fact that on three (3) separate instances repairs were not effected.

In addition, tenants should not be held responsible for replacing/fixing obsolete or aged or faulty items, e.g., ovens, cook tops, faucets, etc. To help in this regard, it should be required that prior to signing a lease agreement, an independent house inspector should be engaged to test and verify which items are obsolete or aged or faulty and which are in good repair and expected to last the remainder of the rental lease. The expense for this service should be borne by the property owner.

**Response:** The recommendation has been submitted for legal review to first deter-

mine if such a process identified in the lease would be enforceable in an Italian court of law. If landlords did agree to such terms the anticipation would be for increased costs to the renter as well as fewer landlords willing to rent under such a clause. If there is a defect in the house that affects health, paragraph 12 in the standard lease allows "move from the premises without delay" with the proper documentation of the defect if the landlord does to provide correction within 15 days of formal notice.

The next CAC will be held on June 20 at 3:30 at the DCC. Send comments, suggestions, problems to [usaglacs@eur.army.mil](mailto:usaglacs@eur.army.mil) or at [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil)

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**Mushroom Festival:** May 18-29, 7 p.m.-midnight at Palazzolo di Incisa-Valdarno in Florence commune. Enjoy porcini mushrooms, live music and dancing. Call 055-8330221 for more info.

**Prosciutto and Fava bean Festival:** May 18-29 in Boschi di Lari.

**Roasted "Little Piggy" Festival:** May 19-20 at the sport field "M. Belcari" in Cascina Terme.

**Cherry Festival in Lari** May 26-27 in Lari. [www.ciliegidiinari.it/](http://www.ciliegidiinari.it/)

**Cultural events in honor of Leonardo Da Vinci** April 14 to July 15 Vinci - Call 0571568012 - [www.comune.vinci.fi.it](http://www.comune.vinci.fi.it)

**Fakes can cost big**

Tourists of can face possible fines for buying counterfeit clothing and other merchandise from the street vendors. Tourist are often lured in by a good deal and often 'purchase these illegal goods unknowingly'. Fines start at 1,000 Euro and can reach up to 10,000 Euro.

**First annual exhibition of Florentine Perfumery** May 16-20 Giardino dei Boboli, piazza Pittati the greenhouse and botanical gardens of Florence's famed Giardino dei Boboli. Master artisans dedicated to the craft of perfume-making will display their talents. Entrance is free.

**Free admission to Forte Belvedere**

Until May 31, Forte belvedere - timetable: 12:00-17:00; from April: 14:00-19:00 [www.comune.fi.it/](http://www.comune.fi.it/)

**FITC Story Hour** at the Paperback Exchange Bookstore. (in English) 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, Paperback Exchange Bookstore Via Delle Oche 4R, h 10-11 am, This is a free offering and a part of Florence International Theatre Company's Creative Campus program. [www.florence theatre.com](http://www.florence theatre.com)

**Camp Darby ITR** Stop by or call to see what trips they have coming up or look in the Darby Horizon's. 633-7589