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Community News for USAG Livorno

**Army Community Service**  
Bldg. 504  
USAG Livorno

**Mon-Wed 8:00-5:00**  
**Thurs 11:00-5:00**  
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## 2010 Camp Darby Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference

AFAP is an Army-Wide program to improve Army quality of life. Through AFAP, all members of the Army, including Active, Reserve, Family Members, Retirees, Spouses, and DA Civilians, have a forum to voice concern to Army leadership and make recommendations for change.

You may submit issues through your AFAP Program Manager (PM) at any time. The PM will provide assistance with writing the issues to ensure they meet DA AFAP guidelines. The PM will research the issues to determine if a similar one is already in the AFAP process or preciously deemed unattainable, and if so, submitter will be informed. If issues impact only the local community, they are resolved locally. If they have a broader scope, they are sent forward and evaluated in ongoing community improvements. Your PM can assist, train or brief the program to local

commanders, family members, and soldiers upon request.

Issues can also be submitted online at: [http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil/AFAP\\_Form.asp](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil/AFAP_Form.asp) submitted to any of the submission boxes located throughout Camp Darby, or dropped off at the ACS Bldg 504. You may also email your issues directly to the AFAP Coordinator at [britta.pederson@us.army.mil](mailto:britta.pederson@us.army.mil).

### What examples are AFAP Issues?

Issues pertaining to benefits, medical, entitlements, education, and finances are examples of potential AFAP issues. All issues should relate to a "quality of life" concern within the Department of Defense, the Department of Army (DA), or Camp Darby. All issues must present a realistic solution or creative alternative, and have a broad impact.

The 2010 Installation conference will be held on February 24-25 at the Darby Community Club. Don't miss out on your opportunity to make a difference in your community.

Submitted By: Britta Pederson

## ARMY FAMILY ACTION PLAN FACTS!!!

In the 20 years AFAP has been operating:

589 issues have been adopted into the HQDA AFAP and have resulted in the following:

- 95 changes to legislation
- 137 changes to Army changes to Army and OSD policy
- 153 improvements to programs and services
- 52% of AFAP issues benefit all of DOD

**Intervene! Act!**  
**Motivate!**  
**24-Hour Sexual Assault Response**  
**Phone number: 335-771-4989**





**RELOCATION READINESS**

**Benvenuti at Camp Darby**

January 4, 8:15 a.m. at SGM Shields Conference Room.

New to Camp Darby and don't know where to go to get the answers? Learn about Italian customs, culture, local shopping, paying Italian bills and more. Please sign up for the next Benvenuti session by calling ACS.

**Sponsorship Training**

January 5, 9:00-11:00 January 20, 11:30-12:30 Bldg. 428

Learn what it takes to make somebody have a smooth move to Camp Darby.

**Multicultural Spouse Meeting**

January 20, 11:30-12:30 Bldg. 428

Obtain valuable information on medical services, employment, immigration and naturalization services, driver's license, ESL and much more.

**EMPLOYMENT READINESS**

**Resume Writing**

January 15, 1130-1230 Bldg. 428

Learn how to make your resume shout "HIRE ME!!"

**AFAP/AFTB**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

The AFAP program grew out of the voluntary efforts of Army spouses who met to identify and document the concerns of Soldiers and Family members. Looking for the best way to communicate these issues to the highest level of command, the piece of the program that is the AFAP forum was developed.

Integral to the AFAP is the involvement of volunteers at every level. Whether working as a delegate, facilitator, recorder, transcriber, issue disposition person, conference committee member, or with paid staff in the office, volunteers are essential to the heart and effectiveness of AFAP.

Volunteer to work the 2010 AFAP conference! Camp Darby AFAP is looking for community members who are not only interested in making an impact on their community but all military services.

**FINANCIAL READINESS**

**Insurance Basics**

January 5, 9:00-11:00 Bldg. 428

Let's figure out the confusion of insurance together!!

**Checkbook/ATM Mgmt/Checkbook Refresher**

January 12, 11:30-12:00 Bldg. 428.

Need a quick refresher on how to keep that checkbook straight? Sign up with ACS.

**Investment Club Meeting**

January 12, 19 12:00-13:00

**Budgeting Basics**

January 14, 11:30-12:00 Bldg. 428

Come learn how to set up a basic budget to get you track financial success.

**Shopping with Children**

January 19, 11:30-12:00 Bldg. 428

Did your kids get a lot of money for Christmas? Teach them how to spend and wisely!

**Banking & Credit Union Services**

January 26, 11:30-12:00 Bldg. 428

Get familiarized with the services offered by your bank or credit union.

**FAMILY ADVOCACY**

**New Parent Play Group**

January 6, 20 10:00-11:00 Bldg. 428

An interactive and educational playgroup for service members and their families with children from birth-3 years.

**Single Parent Play Group**

January 13, 3:30-4:30 Bldg. 428

Feel like you are the only single parent on Camp Darby? Why not come out and meet other single parents. Let the kids play and the parents can talk to and encourage each other.

**Military One Source**



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- Counseling
  - Educational Materials
  - Interpretation/Translation
- Stateside: 1-800-342-9647  
Overseas: 800-3429-6477  
Overseas Collect: 484-530-5908  
TTY/TDD: 1-866-607-6794  
En Espanol: 1-877-888-0727