



# US/NSE

## Heavy Airlifter Newsletter



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### The Director's Box

#### US/NSE MISSION STATEMENT

Provide the highest level of customer service for all US active duty members and their families. Manage the execution of all US-mandated activities.

#### *Why Are We Here?*

The US/NSE was established to provide support to the US service members stationed at Papa. We provide postal services, FMO, Airman and Family Readiness, School Liaison Officer, Hungarian translator services and Communications requirements.

The NSE has very large shoes to fill, at most bases it takes most of a Mission Support Group to do what we accomplish here. As we continue to expand services we will use this newsletter to keep you updated on current services and our progress towards fulfilling our mission.

Please dig into this initial issue of Heavy Support News to see where we are now!

### Ration Card Update

*Who Can & Who Can't*

US/NSE  
Building 17

Ration cards are now available from the US/NSE in building 17 for issue. Permanent party U.S. service members and their spouses are authorized to be issued Ration Cards.

The following stipulations apply for issuance of Ration Cards IAW AE Regulation AE 600-702:

- Military members and their spouse must be present when issuing Ration Cards to spouses; however, spouses will sign for their own Ration Card
- Either the service member or spouse will be authorized to have the supplemental coffee soluble (CS) portion of the Ration Card. Whomever of the two does not have the Supplemental CS privilege will have that section VOIDED.
- Both ration cards will still have the non-supplemental CS section (3 lbs per month)
- Alcohol and Tobacco are unaffected

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## Multi-National Family Center (MNFC)

Location: Next door to Tarczy Lajos School, Papa

The MNFC is a resource open to anyone who is assigned here in support of the Heavy Airlift Wing. We have an Accredited Financial Counselor who is available for one-on-one consultations, as well as classes and briefings on a variety of topics. We also assist with personal readiness issues such as stress management, relationship education, and self-esteem, just to name a few.

Stop by to browse the household loan locker, educational resources, Region 1 DVD collection, and book library. You can reserve the space for meetings and gatherings.

To reserve time for a meeting, please stop by, in advance, to coordinate with the MNFC staff or receive email confirmation at [afrc.director@gmail.com](mailto:afrc.director@gmail.com). Many events are being scheduled, so advance coordination will ensure the building is available when you need it.

We welcome our newest translator, Beata Pongracz. She has walk-in hours available Monday-Thursday at the MNFC from 2-4 pm.

Check out our March Calendar of Events on page 5 of this newsletter.

## NSE Current Programs

US/NSE  
Building 17

- Ration Card Issuance
- FMO (Long and Short Term)
- Translation Services
- Custom's Inspections

## NSE Future Programs

- TMO Coordination (ECD April 2010)
- "Courtesy" VPC Center (ECD May/June 2010)
- VAT processing (ECD March 2010)
- Financial Liaison (ECD June 2010)

## "Courtesy" VPC Coming

*The Little Car That Couldn't*

US/NSE  
Building 17

A "courtesy" Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) is currently being developed and funded for U.S. service members stationed at Pápa Airbase.

A "courtesy" VPC will afford members the preclearance of DOT (safety, emissions, registration), USDA (contaminant and prohibited materials free), and customs (taxation) requirements. Included amenities are:

- A "sterile" holding area consisting of concrete, asphalt or 6 inches of permeable rock
- High pressure washer
- Four feet high vehicle ramp at an incline
- Coordination to pick up vehicles and deliver them to the Schinnen VPC
- Pre-clearance to proceed to supporting VPC for final inspection and transportation to Bremerhaven

The main goal of this program is to prevent members from incurring hardships from shipping uncleared vehicles to the main processing VPC at Schinnen, Netherlands. It will also alleviate members from having to make shipping arrangements for their vehicles themselves. ❖

## Pápa APO

"Bits & Pieces"

US/NSE  
Building 5

### The Best Addressed Gets the Best Response

Although we may not think about it, it is important to understand that every day millions of letter, packages, magazines, and other publications transit through the United States Postal Service (USPS) system. Electronic sorting equipment scans and sorts the mail and the best quality format moves on while some may have to be hand sorted. Here are few tips to help prevent your mail from being delayed:

- Use all capital letters in the address. Do not use cursive, script, ornamental or script-like fonts
- Type addresses or use rubber stamps whenever possible NOTE: USPS recommends NEW COURIER 12-POINT for typed addresses
- Do not include punctuation in the address except the hyphen between the ZIP Code and ZIP-plus four (i.e. 09745-0001)

### Correspondent's Stateside-APO:

- Do not put the actual city (Pápa), Base, or country (Hungary) in your address
- The APO serves as the city and AE as the state code for postal processing
- International agreements call for mail addressed with city or country names to be sent to the respective country's postal service, further delaying delivery

Correct Address Formats for Pápa:

#### Personal:

Rank & Name  
PSC 119 BOX\_\_\_\_  
APO AE 09745

#### Official:

Rank & Name  
US/NSE POSTAL  
UNIT 9905 BOX 5  
APO AE 09745

*Coming up next...*

- New Postal Facility with assigned APO boxes
- Dedicated mail runs three days a week from Budapest Ferihegy Airport
- Express mail service for Voting Absentee Ballots

## Area Info

Know Before You Go

### Parking problems

It was brought to our attention that some cars have been fined for prohibited parking in town.

Please note you have to get a parking pass, usually from a ticket machine, if you are parking in most sections of the downtown area, otherwise you will receive a parking ticket.

Free parking is available in the area around the Villa Classica, Bus Station and select areas on the main road between MNFC and Hotel Griff.

In Pápa, not only can the Police fine you for prohibited parking, the town's Public Land Management also have the right to fine you. To avoid these issues in the future please ensure you check the traffic signs before you park your vehicle.



If you see this sign it means Parking is Prohibited

"**Kiveve Engedellyel**" means you can park with special permission only. ❖

### Headlights On

Did you know that it is the law to turn on your headlights when you leave the city limits? Headlights are also mandatory when driving on the motorway (Autobahn). ❖

Check out the quick reference road guide at the hyperlink below or stop by the NSE for a copy.

[Hungarian Driving Quick Reference Guide](#)

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0800 - 1700

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*NOTE: DSN currently does not work when calling from building 5. We are working with Ramstein to resolve the issue.*

## Upcoming Local Events

**6 March:** Black Bunny International Acrobatic Rock & Roll Dance Competition at the Papa Sport Hall. Girls perform at 1100, couples at 1400

**15 March:** Hungarian National Holiday – National Revolution of 1848. **All local shops will be closed.**

**20 March – 5 April:** Vienna Easter Markets  
<http://www.ostermarkt.co.at/>

**24 March:** Harlem Globetrotters at the Veszprem Arena, 1900. Tickets: [www.jegy.hu](http://www.jegy.hu)

## Papa Information

- [www.papa.hu](http://www.papa.hu) (Official website)
- [www.papa-ma.hu](http://www.papa-ma.hu) (News)

*\*They both have an English version, just click on the British or American flag!*

## Papa Movie Theater

The Petőfi Mozi Cinema is on Deak Ferenc utca (just off the walking street).

[http://www.jmkpapa.hu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=4&Itemid=160](http://www.jmkpapa.hu/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=4&Itemid=160)

*\*Some of the films are in English with Hungarian subtitles.*

SPEED LIMITS				
Vehicle	Motorway (Autobahn)	Highway (Dual Lane)	Highway (Single Lane)	City
<b>Car</b>	<b>130 (81 MPH)</b>	<b>110 (68 MPH)</b>	<b>90 (55 MPH)</b>	<b>50 (31 MPH)</b>
Car & Trailer	80 (50 MPH)	70 (44 MPH)	70 (44 MPH)	50 (31 MPH)
Motorcycle	130 (81 MPH)	110 (68 MPH)	90 (55 MPH)	50 (31 MPH)
Bus	80 (50 MPH)	70 (44 MPH)	70 (44 MPH)	50 (31 MPH)
Trucks	80 (50 MPH)	70 (44 MPH)	70 (44 MPH)	50 (31 MPH)

# Multi-National Family Center

## March 2010

The Multi-National Family Center (MNFC) is located next to the Tarczy Lajos School in Papa. Stop by to:

- Browse and check out books/DVDs from our collection
- Reserve the space for your own meetings
- Use the wireless internet
- Schedule a class or one-on-one appointment with our School Liaison Officer, Accredited Financial Counselor, or Community Readiness Consultant
- Share new ideas of how to use this space

Stay informed of current events with the HAW Shutterfly page and/or the HAW Multinational Family Center group on Facebook. Look for the MNSE's newsletter that will be a great way to learn of all the great support services and activities. It will be available the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month.

Date	Time	Event Description
<b>1 Mar, Mon</b>	0830	Romanian Spring Day for Spouses. Coffee social and presentation by Gabriela Gavrila.
<b>4 Mar, Thu</b>	1900	Military Lecture Series (weekly, evening presentations to educate on specific countries) - Estonia
<b>8 Mar, Mon</b>	0830	International Spouses' Day. Coffee social for all spouses.
<b>9 Mar, Tue</b>	1300	Multi-National School Board Meeting
<b>11 Mar, Thu</b>	1900	Military Lecture Series - Hungary
<b>17 Mar, Wed</b>	1400-1530	Saint Patrick's Game Day for all 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> graders and parents. Bring a snack to share. <i>**Parents must bring children to and from the event or provide a permission slip in advance with alternate arrangements.</i>
<b>17 Mar, Wed</b>	1530-1700	Saint Patrick's Game Day for all 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> graders and parents. Bring a snack to share. <i>**Parents must bring children to and from the event or provide a permission slip in advance with alternate arrangements.</i>
<b>17 Mar, Wed</b>	1800	U.S. Parents' Meeting
<b>18 Mar, Thu</b>	1900	Military Lecture Series - Lithuania
<b>24 Mar, Wed</b>	1030-1130	Basic investing class facilitated by our Accredited Financial Counselor. Let us know if you plan to attend so we know how many handouts are needed.
<b>25 Mar, Thu</b>	1900	Military Lecture Series - Finland
<b>26 Mar, Fri</b>	1900	Couples Night
<b>27 Mar, Sat</b>	1900	Teen Night