

First Look

Commander's call

All Portuguese base employees are highly encouraged to attend commander's call in the base theater with Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander on one of the following days: 10 a.m., Tuesday, in English or 2 p.m., Wednesday, in Portuguese. This will be considered an alternate duty location.

Power outage

The following buildings will experience a power outage 5:30-6 p.m. June 28 and 8-9 a.m. July 1 as the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron performs upgrades in preparation for the 50 Hz changeover Sep. 18. Lower-T and Nascer do Sol housing, and Temporary Bldgs. 233-234, 238, 240, 245, 247-252, 254-257, 286, 294, 297, 600, 603-612, 615, 617-621, 625, 627-629, 640, 660, 670-672, 675-678, 695, 700-701, 703-711, 714-715, 750-751, 907, 910-911, 913-915, 919, 922-923, 925-930, 935 and 1254-1255. For more information call Jose Barbosa at 2-68390 or 963-704-202.

Bowling Tournament

The Crash Firefighters Association is holding a bowling tournament today at 1 p.m. Teams are 5 people, cost is \$12. For more information call Senior Airman Phillip Burns or Airman 1st Class Oscar Rojas at 2-1402.

Testing change

Beginning next week, the education center will offer testing at 1:30 p.m., Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. Fridays. This affects Career Development Course, End of Course, Dante, Clep and distance learning tests. For more information call the education center at 2-3355.

Preflight

- Days since last DUI 145
- DUIs since Jan. 1 one
- Current AEF 9&10
- Current FPCON Alpha
- Combat Nighthawk : Capt. Michael Francis, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; Capt. Carla Lugo, 65th Services Squadron; Master Sgt. Ricardo Melendez, 65th CES; Tech. Sgt. Gina Walker, 65th Contracting Squadron

Happy 63rd Anniversary



Air Base No. 4 Commander Col. Francisco Baptista and Portuguese Air Force Chief of Staff General Taveira Martins cut the cake at the Portuguese hangar during the Air Base No. 4 anniversary celebration Tuesday. To learn more about Air Base No. 4 history see story on Page 8. (Photo by Guido Melo)

USAFE surpasses goals through Combat, Special Interest Programs

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – We all naturally want to do well and, in our case, we set the bar high and the U.S. Air Forces in Europe team not only reached our goals, but exceeded them!

In the military, our business demands excellence and requires dedicated professionals who understand that anything less will cost people their lives. What makes our organization successful is not just all of the hard work, but our ability to work hard together toward a common purpose — our mission.

The 14 Combat and Special Interest Programs instituted within the command are intended to increase our readiness, improve our mission effectiveness and help take care of our people. They help us translate our vision, mission and goals into concrete results and institutionalize our higher standards of excellence.

With this surement system that covers a wide spectrum of important functions within our organi-

zation. Each month we review our CSIP metrics and some 23 other quality indicators, covering everything from how quickly patients are attended to at our medical facilities to how many aircraft assigned to our wings are ready to fly at any given time. The quality indicators identify strengths and weaknesses and provide a baseline to measure improvement. This system provides valuable insight into the health of the organization and our progress toward stated goals.

We can be incredibly proud of USAFE's accomplishments since program inception. Comparing the April 2004 results to January, USAFE has come a long way in a short time.

We've improved in 50 out of 74 metrics tracked. And, of the 24 remaining metrics, most changed marginally and still met the USAFE goal.

The examples highlighted here are truly only a peek into the overall success of the programs in total. Results clearly indicate our organization is focused and energized on key mission enablers: readi-

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Focus Notes

Customer College

The following are the Customer College graduates from June 18:

Distinguished graduates were: **Jocelyn Warner**, 65th Contracting Squadron; **Filomena Meneses**, 65th CONS and **Staff Sgt. Sarah Drinkard**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron.

Other graduates were: **Staff Sgt. Michelle Manjarrez**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Jamie Dufrene**, 65th CONS, **Eduardo Arruda**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Jose Soares**, 65th Operations Support Squadron; **Francisco Freitas**, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; **Cristina Reis**, Defense Commissary Agency; **Airman 1st Class Bethany Schwartzkopf**, 65th CONS; **Staff Sgt. Thomas Versichelli**, 65th Security Forces Squadron, **Alicia Alves**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Francisco Barbosa**, 65th LRS; **Jose Correia**, 65th Services Squadron; **Sandra Mota**, 65th CES; **Carlos Tavares**, 65th SVS; **Lisete Silva**, 65th Mission Support Squadron; **Luci Lima**, 65th SVS; **Senior Airman Christopher Day**, 65th CONS; **Staff Sgt. Carl Smith**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Rebecca Chi**, 65th SVS; **Master Sgt. Ric Melendez**, 65th CES; and **Nichole Taylor**, 65th SVS.

Lajes prepares for USAFE Combat Proud Competition

by **Tech. Sgt. Renee Kirkland**
NCOIC, public affairs

The USAFE Combat Proud Competition judging the appearance of USAFE's seven main operating bases is July 20 and the grand prize is \$100K to use for Combat Proud initiatives.

To prepare for the event Lajes' Combat Proud Day is Wednesday, according to Maj. Mike Nelson, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The wing formed a Combat Proud Competition Tiger Team with representatives from each unit to spearhead the event.

Major Nelson encourages members to seek out their unit points of contact to determine what squadron initiatives are in the works.

"If your unit doesn't already have a plan everyone is asked to come up with ideas and supply energy to those projects," he said.

Self-help is one of the judged areas of competition, said Major Nelson. Units are encouraged to take advantage of the base self-help store to improve the appearance of their facilities. Available

items at the store include pressure washers, cream beige paint and hand tools for maintaining landscape.

Major Nelson said the competition is not just about unit projects and asks base organizations to take on some Combat Proud projects.

"We challenge groups such as the Rising VI, Top 3, Company Grade Officers Council, First Term Airmen's Center, Enlisted and Officers Spouse Clubs and others to join together and complete projects like landscaping in housing and main base common areas," he said. "There is also painting that could be accomplished in common areas and assisting organizations that have low manning such as the schools."

Major focus areas for the base include cleaning mold and mildew from facility exteriors, cleaning weeds and trash out flowerbeds, removing tall grass and weeds growing in shrubs, and pruning shrubs and trees of dead limbs.

For more information on self-

help call Staff Sgt. Joshua Schultz at 2-2010.

The following is a list of base and squadron Combat Proud points of contact:

Maj. Mike Nelson, primary Base POC; **1st Lt. Darin North**, alternate base POC; **Mr. Patrick Riordan**; **Mr. David Parker**; **Mr. Ramiro Barbosa**; **Mr. John Correia**; **Mr. Raul Ferreira**; **Mr. Honorato Lourenco**, AAFES; **Mr. Roger Wright**, commissary; **Mrs. Monica Chandler Potts**, DODDS; **Tech. Sgt. Richard King**, 65th Communications Squadron; **SSgt Michael Luetkeman**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Master Sgt. Tony Pinkney**, 65th Mission Support Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Mary Accomando**, 65th Contracting Squadron; **Master Sgt. Donny Eubanks**, 65th Services Squadron; **Senior Master Sgt. Ray Johnson**, 65th Security Forces Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Scott Rios**, 65th Comptroller Flight; **Tech. Sgt. Edward Stobierski** and **Master Sgt. Bryan Turner**, wing agencies; **Tech. Sgt. Bradley Tafel**, 65th Operations Support Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Robin Brooks**, 65th Medical Support Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Jamie Kennedy** and **Staff Sgt. Ramon Moss**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron.

Pick-up game



Airman 1st Class Robbie Arp, Det. 6, AFN, plays a game of pool during the Sun and Sand Hut grand opening at the Community Activities Center, June 19. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

New leader at MSG helm

by Capt. Yvonne Levardi
Chief of public affairs

Two years and a wing reorganization later, command of the 65th Mission Support Group changed from Col. Mike Giroux to Col. Mike Silver in a ceremony June 8 at the Top of the Rock Club.

As 65th MSG commander, Colonel Giroux led the group through many milestones to include enabling more than 12,000 U.S. and allied aircraft to transit through Lajes, helping to organize the short-notice Atlantic Summit in March 2003, and hosting the 450-member Tanker Task Force of 18 KC-135s that deployed here as the 492nd Air Expeditionary Group in support of the war.

"There are so many things - too many to count - that he has done for this wing and base," said Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander. "But what really stood out were his commitment to excellence, dedication and incredible team spirit."

Colonel Giroux and his wife, Donna, made a permanent change of station move to Virginia, where Colonel Giroux will work with the Defense Energy

Support Center at Fort Belvoir.

Taking command was Col. Mike Silver. Colonel Silver came to Lajes from Headquarters, U.S. European Command where he served as the deputy executive officer to the deputy commander, General Charles F. Wald.

"Colonel Silver brings with him vital experience from the European theater and oversight of many of the issues we work with daily," Colonel Jacobi said.

Colonel Silver is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours in the T-37, T-38 and four versions of the F-16, including 112 combat hours during Operation Southern Watch. He's held staff assignments at the numbered Air Force, major command and joint combatant command levels.

As commander of the 85th Flying Training Squadron at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, he led his team to "Top Squadron" out of 60 operations squadrons in Air Education and Training Command.

"Today he takes the guidon of the 65th Mission Support Group, and over the next two years, he'll have the opportunity to lead a dynamic team to new achieve-



Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, passes the guidon to Col. Mike Silver, the new 65th Mission Support Group commander as the outgoing commander Col. Mike Giroux looks on. (Photo by Guido Melo)

ments and accomplishments," Colonel Jacobi said. "As the 65th MSG commander, he will truly be able to take what he's learned from his varied past assignments and put those experiences to-

gether in a new way to benefit his group and all of Team Lajes."

Colonel Silver's wife Karen and children Sabrina, Tabitha, Logan and Luke accompanied him to Lajes.

FTAC graduates

The following are the June 7 graduates from the First Term Airman's Center:

Airman Rebecca Blascak, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Airman 1st Class Andrea Buchanan**, Detachment 6, AFN; **Airman 1st Class Timothy Wright**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Airman Sara Bender**, 65th CS; **Airman Daniel Goodman**, 65th CS; **Airman David Longval**, 65th Operations Support Squadron; **Airman Justin Solis**, 65th CS; **Airman 1st Class Bethany Schwartzkopf**, 65th Contracting Squadron; **Airman Ben Cornelius**, 65th CS; **Airman 1st Class Grant Stevens**, Det. 6, AFN; **Airman 1st Class Travix Leftwich**, 65th CS.

Winner of the Professional Pride Award was: **Airman 1st Class Andrea Buchanan**.

Federal long term care insurance available to those who qualify

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Active-duty Airmen, some reservists, appropriated fund U.S. civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members can still apply for Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program.

FLTCIP is a benefit authorized by Congress to help federal employees defray the costs of in home care, nursing home care, or assisted living facilities for people no longer able to perform normal daily activities because of chronic health conditions.

According to officials, most people believe they don't need long-term care insurance because they have health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. However, in most cases, only skilled medical services are covered and usually only for a limited time.

Health plans usually don't cover ongoing chronic care such as extended stays in assisted living facilities or continued need

for a home health aid. Disability income insurance does not pay for long-term care.

"When you need long-term care services, securing the best type and quality of care can seem daunting," said Ms. Kay Cole James, Office of Personnel Management director she said. "That's why the care coordination services provided by the federally-sponsored long-term care insurance program are so valuable."

FLTCIP enrollees have access to care coordination services at no additional charge, she said.

Enrollment is not tied to an open season and employees may enroll at any time under one of two application processes:

Full underwriting application - Most employees will use this option.

Abbreviated underwriting application - This process is limited to use by:

— New spouses of current employees within 60 days of marriage

— Newly hired and rehired employees within 60 days of hiring

— Temporary employees converting to permanent appointments within 60 days of conversion or new qualifying appointment.

— Employees returning from a non-pay status (including activated reservists) within 60 days of returning to duty, as long as they were in a non-pay status for more than three months of the initial open season held July 1 through Dec. 31, 2002. If these employees don't enroll during the 60 day window, they can also apply through the full underwriting process.

For more information on the insurance program and how to enroll, visit <http://www.ltcfeds.com>.

Certified specialists are available to answer questions Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Eastern time, by calling (800) 582-3337 or TTY (800) 843-3557.

Lajes Airmen earn new stripes

Crossroads staff

More than 85 Airmen assigned or inbound to Lajes earned promotions to technical and master sergeant.

Thirty-five of the eligible 175 Lajes Airmen eligible for promotion to technical sergeant were selected for a promotion rate of 20 percent.

Twenty-five of the eligible 87 Lajes Airmen eligible for promotion to master sergeant were selected for a promotion rate of 28.73 percent.

Technical sergeant selects:

65th Air Base Wing:
Arnold E. Nilssen
65th Operations Support Squadron:
Richard W. Bennett, Robert L. Dean Jr., Thomas E. Vezel III
65th Mission Support Squadron:
Jose A. Chi, Trupti Warren
65th Civil Engineer Squadron:
Mark Campbell, Mark A. Denesha, Clinton Jaynes, Clinton J. Jordan, Eddie L. Kemp II, Eric D. Lewis, Edward W. Logan, Garry P. Warren Jr.
65th Security Forces Squadron:
Craig A. Fagan
65th Communications Squadron:
Christopher Juvrud, Charlton B. Duncan, Matthew R. Johnson
65th Contracting Squadron:
Holly S. Pearlman
65th Logistics Readiness Squadron:
Judy A. Kemp, John T. Melly, Harlan C. Royce III, Darrin G. Warfield
65th Services Squadron:

Rebecca A. Chi
65th Medical Support Squadron:
Eveline Kown
65th Medical Operations Squadron:
Vector B. Byrd, Sarah R. Edwards,
Tanya K. Hubbard
729th Air Mobility Squadron:
Michael R. Hayden, Rafael J. Pena-Perez, Bryan A. Smith

Gains:

65th OSS:
Felicia Shropshire
65th CES:
Kevin L. Schumacher, Brian M. Heck Jr., Craig V. Brodber
65th SFS:
Thomas Verichelli, Chad M. Guieb
65th CS:
Christopher Arrington, William J. Patrick, Abdel Quesadafaez
65th LRS:
Tamara D. Jones, Jessie M. Ojeda,
Raymond McLaughlin, Alvin E. Harris
65th MDOS:
Rhonda R. Daniels
729th AMS:
Lamar R. Isaac, Mark E. Graham,
Juan E. Pena, Corey L. McNeal

Master sergeant selects:

65th OSS:
Juan R. Amador, Kenneth L. Hellmer,
Seam T. Prucha, Bradley A. Tafel, Curtis A. Timmons
65th MSS:
Daniel L. Thompson
65th CES:

Cristina E. Dixon, Andrew J. Henne, John D. Walker Jr.
65th SFS:
Amaria T.C. Diaz
65th CS:
Richard D. King, Alan D. Machir, Calvin L. Wilson
65th CONS:
Kathryn Harshberger
65th LRS:
Anthony C. Hanshaw, Savina T. Hughes-Thomas, Jon C. Kristof, Felicia A. Lewis, Michel McCullough
65th MDSS:
Robin M. Brooks
729th AMS:
Ronald Brooks, Daniel A. Hill, Richard R. Rizzo

Gains:

65th ABW:
Elixzine Kennedy
65th OSS:
Ricky W. Herring
65th CES:
William Rumbaugh
65th CS:
Frank E. Lewis, Thomas F. Fischer
65th LRS:
Daryl A. Fisher, Dean T. Klebenow
65th SVS:
Annette Lyons
65th MDOS:
Cristina Crouch, Geraldine Flowers
729th AMS:
Burk S. Davies, Alex D. Anderson



E-6, E-7 promotion rates nearly same as last year

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - The Air Force has selected 6,217 of 23,956 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, a 25.95 percent selection rate; and 9,114 of 42,248 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant, a 21.57 percent selection rate.

The final tally will increase as AFPC receives score tests for those members currently deployed, said officials. As usual, each of those airmen has from 30-60 days after they return home to test.

"We have roughly 3,000 warriors who haven't tested yet because they've been deployed. They will be allowed to test when they return, and we'll automatically consider them for promotion," said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, enlisted promotions branch chief here. "We do this as quickly as possible and announce supplemental promotions on a monthly basis until everyone has been considered."

The master sergeant selection rate rose .39 percent from last year, while this year's technical sergeant rate dropped .32 percent from last year.

"This year has proven to be another banner year in terms of the number of people who have been able to earn promotions. The Air Force had predicted we'd see rates

start to stabilize and that's what is happening here," the chief said.

"The rates this year are almost identical to last year's rates, but we are actually able to promote several thousand more people to each rank than we did initially last year," Chief Billingsley said. "That's because we're getting a better handle on testing folks before they deploy — trying to get in sync with the AEF battle rhythm.

"The higher number of people selected is very good news for those Airman who are showing through performance and preparation the potential for more responsibility and the higher rank to go with it. The message is clear, there is opportunity for those who want to step up to the challenge," he added.

The Air Force will release both promotion lists at 1400Z June 24. The complete list of selectees will be posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's web page, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/>, by 6 p.m. central time June 25.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in early July, allowing them to see just how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against others within their Air Force Specialty Code.

Each individual can also get an electronic copy of his or her score notice, June 28, by logging into the virtual Military Personnel Flight at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>.

The average master sergeant selectee score for the 04E7 master sergeant test cycle was 340.73 points, based on the following:

- 134.33 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 64.01 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 64.86 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 28.30 Time in Grade
- 36.10 Time in Service
- 21.21 Decorations

The average master sergeant selectee has 3.64 years time in grade and 17.22 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant from August to July 2005.

The average selectee score for the 04E6 technical sergeant test cycle was 317.55 points, based on the following:

- 133.02 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 62.35 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 55.66 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 33.72 Time in Grade
- 25.19 Time in Service
- 5.91 Decorations

The average technical sergeant selectee has 4.55 years time in grade and 11.46 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to technical sergeant from August to July 2005.

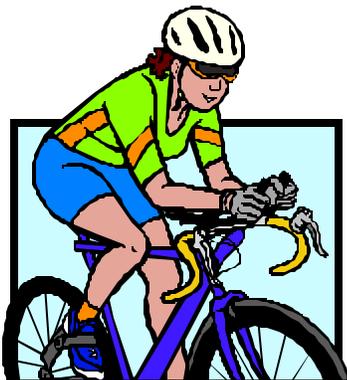


Bike SMART tips for safe riding

by Major Bruce Brown
Chief of safety

Summertime sees an increase in all outdoor activities, including bicycling. Even though bicycles are used year round for transportation, the recreational and fitness value of riding bicycles is invigorated by warm weather.

June is Bike SMART month in USAFE's Project SMART safety awareness and risk management campaign to reduce mishaps. There are many things that bike riders can do to make themselves more visible to others and to avoid dangerous behavior that could get them in a hospital-or worse.



■ Wear high-visibility outer garments. A neon-colored exercise suit is preferred, but not always realistic. A bright orange or lime safety vest with reflective strips also fits the bill, to augment visibility for those folks who have only "earth tone" clothes in their wardrobe. Otherwise a bright shirt or jacket is usually sufficient.

■ Tuck loose pants into a cuff, or use elastic to prevent loose pants from becoming tangled in chains and sprockets.

■ Consider wearing sturdy shoes, not flip-flops, sandals, or pedaling with bare feet. Sturdy shoes do two things: The athletic sole helps your foot maintain contact with the pedal, and also provides protection in the event of a spill.

■ Follow all traffic laws and signs if you're on the road. All directional, right-of-way, and other regulatory signs-to include SPEED LIMITS-are binding on all conveyances which use roadways. Remember to ride with traffic.

■ If you're off-road on a mountain bike then try to scout the route before tackling the trail full-bore. If you're unfamiliar with a route and can't check it out ahead of time, then take the first circuit a little slower. Consider using more than

the minimum protective gear. In other words, elbow and knee pads, as well as riding gloves. Eye protection keeps bugs and branches from scratching your corneas! Make sure the bike is recently inspected, tuned and in great shape. Tell someone where you'll be and when you are expected back. Even if you have a cell phone, you might not get a signal in the bottom of that ravine into which you just fell.

■ Last thing: No matter where or how you ride, ALWAYS, ALWAYS wear an approved helmet, and always buckle the chinstrap.

Following these tips should provide you with the tools to assess your bike riding risk and take the proper steps to avoid injury. Have fun on your bike this summer and remember to Bike SMART.

Editors Note:

The 65th Security Forces Squadron will register bicycles Wednesday as part of the Ident-A-Bike Program. They will be in the Beira Mar Housing Area from 5-7 p.m. and the Naser De sol/Lower-T Housing Area on July 7 during the same time. For more information call Staff Sgt. Jerome Worthington at 2-3611.

Take time to reflect, learn: "Win one for the Gipper"

By Brig. Gen. Mark T. Matthews
48th Fighter Wing Commander

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England — In 1980 it seemed improbable to me that an actor I remembered most as host of "Death Valley Days" might get elected, much less succeed, as President of the United States. But I and a lot of other Americans were mightily surprised.

What I failed to understand at the time was the importance of not only communicating, but selling, a vision of where you wanted to lead people. I've met a lot of smart folks over the years, but only a few had this rare gift as did our 40th President. How did he do it?

Most importantly, I think it was his sincerity; his sincerity in the love for his country and the sincerity of the love for his wife. Like every President in my lifetime, he had his detractors as well as fierce proponents, but only the most cynical of pundits doubted his heartfelt belief in what the

United States stood for, his love of the American people and his commitment to the First Lady. Regardless of your own political viewpoints, I think these characteristics are instructive for all of us.

As members of the United States Air Force, we define ourselves by our commitment to defend the liberties guaranteed by our Constitution. But do you project that commitment in the way you comport yourself on a daily basis? Do those around you see in you that fervor as manifested by your commitment to know your job and do it well? Do they sense your sincerity by the way you treat and talk of those officers and NCOs appointed above you? Do you show yourself as one who holds sacred the values of loyalty and honesty in the way you keep the trust of your spouse and others close to you?

If not then your words will ring hollow and your actions will be suspect. Your apparent commitment—unmasked by your insincerity—will be seen as nothing more

than a superficial facade worn as a means to some self-serving goal.

Don't misunderstand. It's not wrong to use your military service as a way to gain an education, learn a life-long skill, or just as an opportunity to go out and do something really interesting while you figure out how you want to spend the rest of your life. But while you do this, if you're not equally as committed, as demonstrated by your sincerity, in preparing yourself for what we all took an oath to do — defend liberty, with our lives if necessary — then you will fall short of the standard our citizens, and those who would follow you, expect.

June 11 was a day of national mourning. We took that day to reflect on the life and many achievements of President Ronald Reagan. Most importantly, it was a time for introspection and to remember an example of a great American who simply loved his country and its people. "Win one for the Gipper." Learn from him. (Courtesy of USAFE News Service)

Contractors on runway before accidental landing

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. — Three contracted painters were working on the runway here just before the landing of Northwest Airlines Flight 1152 on June 19.

The runway was closed when the Northwest pilots mistook the base airfield for the Rapid City Regional Airport runway located six nautical miles south of the base.

“The contractors spotted the plane coming in about two minutes out from the base,” said Maj. Randall Looke, 28th Contracting Squadron commander. “They knew that the runway was closed, but when they determined that the plane may actually land on the base, they quickly moved out of harm’s way.”

No one was injured during the landing.

Airmen from the 28th Security Forces Squadron immediately responded to the scene when the aircraft landed. The aircraft was contained and monitored until both base and Northwest officials were ready to send the aircraft to its original destination at the regional airport. The plane left the base at about 3:20 p.m.

Security forces on scene asked the Northwest crew to have passengers lower their blinds as a security measure to protect the base while awaiting the plane’s clearance for take-off.

Base officials are assisting the Transportation Security Agency and the Federal Aviation Administration with their investigations of the incident. *(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)*

Don’t forget to register to vote

General elections are approaching and Air Force voting officials here want to remind everyone to register to vote.

The Department of Defense recently announced that it has worked out a plan with the United States Postal Service to get absentee ballots to overseas members faster but registering to vote is the first step to acquiring a ballot.

“Getting registered to vote is not a difficult process, it’s just a matter of making it a priority,” said Lt. Col. Lee Shick, Air Force voting action officer.

Deadlines and state specific rules on voter registration can be found on the Federal Voting Assistance Program web site at <http://www.fvap.gov>. The site includes a list of 10 things to do to ensure your vote counts.

“Our goal is 100 percent contact with every Airman by a voting representative,” he

Ensuring communication



BAGHDAD, Iraq — Being able to call in air support for the Army requires reliable communications in the field. Tech. Sgt. Christopher Bates, a radio maintainer for a tactical air control party, ensures that happens. *(U.S. Army photo by Private 1st Class Bryce Dabee)*

said. “The opportunity to vote has been emphasized as a command responsibility and our installation voting officers play a key role.

“We want to make sure each individual gets the word about voting and that they have the tools and information to apply for an absentee ballot and vote,” Colonel Shick said. “If Airman can’t get registered online, installation voting officers will have a supply of federal postcard applications.”

Contact information for base voting officers is available at local military personnel flights. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel News Service)*

IMAX returns to Nellis

by Mike Estrada
Air Warfare Center Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — A production crew filming an IMAX movie on the Air Force returned here June 14 to 18 to continue work on the 43-minute action documentary about Red Flag exercises.

Filming for the production began here in June 2003, and this is scheduled to be the crew’s last visit. Besides their initial visit, filming took place here in August and January, and at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, in April.

The schedule calls for filming of command and control sequences in Montreal in July and

postproduction thereafter.

Director Stephen Low said the film is a hybrid, mixing a documentary approach with elements of a feature film.

“It’s going to have a real emotional story line,” he said.

While here for their final shoot, the IMAX crew filmed a combat search and rescue sequence with HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters and crews from the Air Force Special Operations Command’s 66th Rescue Squadron here.

“We decided to add several more to the sequence, including one where the IMAX camera is on the ground with the helicopter hovering above and firing its Gatling gun,” Mr. Low said. “The rain of spent shell casings falling around the camera should produce a spectacular effect on the IMAX theater’s huge screen.”

The debut of the film, originally scheduled for mid-September, has been pushed back to Dec. 2.

It will debut at the new IMAX theater at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum at Dulles International Airport, Va., and later at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, on Dec. 3, Mr. Low said. The film is also scheduled to open in Las Vegas and other IMAX venues nationwide shortly thereafter. *(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)*

63 years young

Air Base No. 4 celebrates its anniversary

The aeronautics evolution, especially during the first decades of this century as the result of World War I, originated a quantity of aerial achievements that amazed the world.

The flights over the Atlantic were undoubtedly the most spectacular events and included, in May 1919, the first successful transatlantic flight of the "Curtis Flyer" seaplanes which flew from the U.S. to the United Kingdom using Horta Bay on the Island of Faial as a stopping point.

Some believe the interest in the Azores as a stopping point in the middle of the Atlantic resulted from a crash of a Polish airplane on the Island of Graciosa in 1928, while trying to cross the Atlantic. The ideal position of the Azores between Europe and the new continent was evident.

In 1928, the Portuguese considered the possibility of constructing an airfield on one of the Azorean islands and it was decided that the airfield should be constructed in Achada, a flat area located near Cinco Picos in the center of Terceira Island. It was from this improvised runway that the first

airplane, a single-engine Avro biplane, took off on Oct. 4, 1930, maneuvered by Capt. Frederico de Melo, a native of the village of Altares in Terceira.

The airfield of Achada was soon abandoned due to constant foggy and rainy weather and it was decided to construct another airfield on the Lajes flatlands, which became a crucial element with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1934, the Portuguese Military Engineering Service began the construction of a dirt runway in the Lajes plain.

In 1941, due to the intensification of World War II, the Portuguese government assigned an Expeditionary Corps among which there were

two flying squadrons equipped with Gladiator aircraft. These aircraft and personnel were assigned to the Santana airfield on the Island of São Miguel and Lajes Airfield on Terceira. In 1942 the Corps expanded their activity, patrolling the ocean around the archipelago's central group of islands, protecting the convoys traveling in the area and also performing reconnaissance and meteorological flights.

As a result of the quick evolution and with the arrival of more aircraft, the initial

squadron was designated Group Fighter Squadron No. 2 and No. 4, and ultimately as Air Base No. 5. This was later changed to Air Base No.4.

In August 1943, using an old existing Treaty between Portugal and Great Britain, both countries signed an agreement, which granted the British forces military facilities in the Azores.

On Oct. 8, 1943, at the height of war, the British troops disembarked in Angra do Heroísmo. Thirty days later, the first German submarine was sunk. In February 1944, an agreement with the United States allowed the U.S. Army and Navy to use Lajes. The airfield again experienced a big surge and more runways were constructed, but in 1945 the U.S. moved their installation to the island of Santa Maria, where they built the still existing airport.

The end of the war terminated the use of Lajes Field by Great Britain and on June 3, 1946 the Portuguese flag was again hoisted at Lajes Field. With the departure of the British forces the United States moved their operations from Santa Maria to Terceira.

The airfield's configuration underwent more modifications and the base's structure was reorganized. Aircraft such as the Boeing B-17, Douglas C-54, Albatroz SA-16, Sikorsky SH-19 and Dakota C-47 started operating from Lajes and Air Base No. 4 was tasked with search and rescue missions.

From 1946 to 1961 Air Base No.4 accomplished its missions with dignity and pride despite the reduced assets available, and its role considerably diminished between 1961 and 1976 due to the Portuguese overseas war in Africa.

Air Base No.4 was integrated in the Azores Air Command in 1978 and assigned a mission that included search and rescue, tactical transport and maritime patrol within the Azores' territorial waters. Today, its 711th Squadron with SA-330S Puma helicopters and Casa 212-100 Aviocar cargo aircraft still has an important role with search and rescue missions in the Atlantic as well as in the support to the local population, namely through humanitarian evacuations and transportation among the islands.

Currently Air Base No. 4 has a working force of approximately 380 military members and 150 civilians who ensure the Portuguese Air Force mission in the middle of the Atlantic is carried out.

Although Air Base No. 4's anniversary date is June 12, this year the official celebration of the base's 63rd anniversary took place Tuesday during a military ceremony on the flightline in front of the Portuguese Terminal Building.



Col. Francisco Baptista, Air Base No.4 Commander, takes the flag from the 2003-2004 color guard in preparation of presenting it to the new color guard team. The flag is passed from team to team during a ceremony to mark the air base's anniversary. (Photo by Guido Melo)

World Child Day

Comment: I wanted to comment on the World Child Day Event held June 1 in Praia. I am so glad that the school accepted the invitation from the Portuguese schools to have our children participate. It was a great, well-organized event, with many fun activities for the students — including horseback riding, a zip line and parades that the younger kids participated in. Our children were introduced to Portuguese children's games and got to mingle and interact with the local children. My child had a wonderful time and I just wanted to thank all those involved: the schools; transportation; all the wonderful parent volunteers; and especially the local Portuguese schools that invited our kids to participate.

Answer: I'm so glad that your child had a good time at the World Child Day Event. We were pleased, too, that the local schools invited the Americans to participate, and consider it a great success anytime our

in organized activities with our friends in the Azorean community. Thank you for your comment.



The Action Line is your means of addressing a problem, concern or challenge to me about something in the 65th Air Base Wing or U.S. Forces Azores.

However, your chain of command should always be your first option. When that's not the answer, then call the Action Line at 2-4240 and I'll address it quickly and with care. Thank you!

Col. Barbara Jacobi
65th Air Base Wing commander



Everyday Hero

Staff Sgt. Marcie Fuller
65th Communications Squadron

Duty title: Information Systems Security Manager

Job description: I manage the base Information Assurance Program, to include Computer Security and Emissions Security.

How long have you been in the Air Force: 6 years

How long have you been at Lajes: 2 years

What's the best aspect of your job: I love my job; it gives me the opportunity to work with people from every squadron.

Who are your spouse/children: Husband Staff Sgt. Ernesto Fuller, 4 month old son Aiden Patrick, 19 month old daughter Maya Elizabeth

What are your career goals: To be an Air Force Physician Assistant; I am applying for the program this winter.

Life goal: To raise happy, healthy, well adjusted kids.

Best Air Force experience: ALS was a blast!

Hometown: Chico, California

One word to describe you: ambitious

Hobbies: lately—studying

Favorite food: enchiladas

Favorite color: purple

Pet peeve: smoking indoors

No one knows I ...got married in Mexico.

When I was growing up, I wanted to be: in the Air Force



Dancing the night away

Lt. Col. Kimberly Ramos, 65th Communications Squadron commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Darryl Foster, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron chief enlisted manager, perform during the Sanjoaninas official parade June 18. (Photo by Ted McGinley)



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It's in the tank



Mr. Paulo Santos is a Master instructor for the Aqua Knights of Atlantis at Lajes and is helping Ms. Yvonne Tucker, water waste treatment plant chief operator, get ready for her first dive. (Photo by Guido Melo)

LRS "Dogs" Jam Session in bowling roll-offs

By Walt Baer
Lajes Bowling League vice president

After 14 weeks of close competition, the Lajes Intramural Bowling League concluded with the top 8 teams competing for the title of League Champion.

LRS#1, The Dogs, completed the 14-week season in 8th place thereby making the roll-offs cut. The Dogs team members were team captain Jason Beecroft, Terry Mateka, Norman Darling, Gerald Zweeres and Joe Moody from the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

With their superior bowling skills, luck and great team spirit they bowled to the final roll-off match against Team JAMS#1, Jam Session, made up of team captain Jason Tudor, 65th Air Base Wing; Walt Baer, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction office; Josh Gray, Det. 6, AFN; Manuel Mendonca, 65th Services Squadron, and Dave Baca, U.S. Forces Azores.

Jam Session gave up 100 to 200 points handicap to all other teams throughout the season. The team finished in 2nd place during the regular season, and dominated

the first two rounds of the roll-offs with 3-game series scores of 3076 and 3061. The Dogs scored 2818 and 3005 for their initial first two rounds of the playoffs.

Throughout the 14-week season, many teams didn't have an opportunity to compete head to head due to the short season and the 26 teams bowling in the league. As a result, these top two qualifiers had not competed until the championship.

The final championship series of 3 games ended with The Dogs facing off against Jam Session, with LRS giving up 27 points handicap to JAMS.

Game 1 saw The Dogs dominating the lanes with a victory of 134 pins over Jam Session. The second game proved to be a much closer match but The Dogs' anchor bowler, Jason Beecroft, performed well under pressure, pulling out a slim victory of 1015 pins to Jam Sessions' 1003. The final game was a victory for Jam Session, scoring 992 to 978, but the final total pinfall point spread of 100 pins in The Dogs' favor proved the first game was too much for Jam Session to overcome and The Dogs took the trophy home to the 65th LRS.

Did you know?

The Portuguese national soccer team has finished the Euro 2004 Soccer Tournament's first phase in first place for division A.

Portugal will play the second place team of division B Thursday in Lisbon, and if the team wins it will advance to the semi-finals.

During the first phase of the tournament, Portugal was defeated by Greece 2-1, and beat Russia 2-0 and Spain 1-0.

Portugal is the host country for this edition of the Euro Soccer Championship, which takes place every four years in Europe. Sixteen teams compete in this year's European championship.

Sports Briefs

Water aerobics

The base pool offers water aerobics 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Class is free for military and pool pass holders, all others pay the daily fee. Minimum age to participate is 18 years old. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 2-4140.

Sea kayak instructor

Outdoor recreation is looking for certified Sea Kayak instructors. If interested, call 2-4140.

Boat rentals

The Island Breeze boat rental season runs through Sept. 5 at the TTU port. Fifty horsepower Zodiacs are \$20 per hour, gas included. Sea kayaks are \$4 per hour and paddle boats are \$5 per hour. Hours of operation will be noon-5 p.m., Saturdays-Sundays, U.S. holidays and Friday family days. A boating safety certification must be obtained prior to renting the Zodiacs at www.boat-ed.com; use the internet version of the Rhode Island test. For more information, call 2-4140.

Karate

The Lajes youth center has karate classes from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays and 3:30-5:30 p.m., Saturdays for children ages 6-18. For more information call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197 or sign up at the youth center.

Yoga

Classes are at 9 a.m., Saturdays, at the Chace Fitness Center. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Joshua Clark at 2-6126.

Hours of Operation

Pool hours: Through Sept. 5
 Lap swim: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., open swim: 1-7 p.m., Mon., Wed.-Fri.; noon-7 p.m., Sat.; noon-6 p.m., Sun.

Hillside Lanes: 4-11 p.m., Tue.; 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Wed.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Fri.-Sat.; 4-11 p.m., Sun.

Skating Rink/Skate Park: (On alternating weekends) 7-11 p.m., Fri.-Sat.

AAFES

Flight View BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon.-Tue., Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun.

Ocean Front BX: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun.

Shoppette: 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun.

Beauty shop: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue.-Sat.

Dry cleaners: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Mon.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue.-Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat.

Gas station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun.-Mon. (gas only); 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue.-Sat.

Lajes services

Child development center: 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Community activities center: 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Tue.-Sat.; noon-5 p.m., Sun.

Commissary: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon.-Wed., Fri.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thu.

Chace Fitness Center: 5 a.m.-

midnight, Mon.-Fri.; 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat.-Sun.

Library: 4-9 p.m., Mon.; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.-Sun.

Outdoor recreation: 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tue.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun.

Skills development center: noon-8 p.m., Tue.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri.-Sat.

Thrift Shop: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Mon. and Wed.; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fri and 1st Saturday of the month.

Vet Clinic: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.; noon-6 p.m. 1st and 3rd Wed.; 2-8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wed.

Youth and teen center: 3-6 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 8 p.m.-midnight, Fri.-Sat.

Meal time

Burger King: 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon.-Thu.; 7 a.m.-1 a.m., Fri.-Sat.; 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun.

Dining hall: Breakfast 6-8:30 a.m., lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., dinner 4-7 p.m., midnight meal 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri., 11

p.m.-1 a.m., Sat.; Brunch 7 a.m.-1 p.m., supper 4-7 p.m., Sat.-Sun.

Oceanview Island Grill: 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Mon.-Sun. Lunch specials: Mon., roasted chicken or meatball sandwich; Tue., 16" pizza w/2 toppings; Wed., Fried shrimp; Thu., 16" pizza w/1 topping or taco salad; Fri., Lasagna. Specials come with fries or salad, and a drink. Pizza specials only come with drinks.

Top of the Rock club: Lunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; brunch 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sat.; dinner 5-9 p.m., Tue.-Sat. Lunch buffets and specials: Mon., Southern buffet; Tue., Mexican buffet; Wed., Italian buffet, family dinner buffet; Thu., Oriental buffet, 2-4-1 steak night; Fri., seafood buffet, Prime & Wine dinner; Huff & Fin dinnerspecial.

Chapel services

Adoration and rosary: 3p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 5:40 p.m., Sun.

Mass: 5 p.m., Sun.-Fri.; 10 a.m., Sat.

Meditation and prayer: 6:30 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

Monday

Women's bible study, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Catholic Women of the Chapel, 7 p.m., 3rd Tuesday

Wednesday

Protestant Men of the Chapel lunch/study, noon; PWOC lunch/study, noon; Catholic Men of the Chapel, 6 p.m., 2nd Wednesday; Traditional choir practice, 6 p.m.; Bell choir practice, 7 p.m.; Catholic choir rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday

Gospel Praise Team practice, 7 p.m.; Men's bible study, 7 p.m.

Friday

CWOC Mass, 5:30 p.m., 1st Friday; Gospel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Mass, 10 a.m.

Sunday

Traditional Protestant service, 9 a.m.; Confessions, 9:45 a.m.; Traditional Protestant fellowship, 10 a.m.; Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Gospel service & fellowship, noon; Catholic youth organization, noon; Catholic choir rehearsal, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.; Rosary and adoration, 5:40 p.m.; Protestant Youth/Teens of the Chapel, 6:15 p.m.



Today, 7 p.m.: "Ella Enchanted," rated PG for some crude humor and language, 95 minutes. Cast includes Anne Hathaway and Hugh Dancy. Ella of Frell was born with the "gift" of absolute obedience given by a magical fairy godmother. But when her inability to disobey orders threatens to keep her away from her true love, Prince Charmont, she sets out on a journey to rid herself of the curse.

Saturday, 7 p.m.: "Envy," rated PG-13 for language and sexual/crude humor, 99 minutes. Cast includes Ben Stiller and Jack Black. When a hapless schmo becomes rich after selling an invention called Vapoorize, which causes dog waste to vanish instantly, his longtime friend and neighbor is driven insane with envy and proceeds to wage war on him.

Sunday, 2 p.m.: "Ella Enchanted," 7 p.m.: "Kill Bill Vol. 2," rated R for strong bloody violence, language and some sexual content, 137 minutes. Cast includes Uma Thurman and David Carradine. There were five on her list. Now it's three. O-Ren Ishii and Vernita Green were the first to fall. Now The Bride is out to finish the job by killing the rest. If the final three aren't afraid now, they better start because she's coming for them. However, something has thrown her plans off a bit.

Tuesday, 7 p.m.: "Envy."

Wednesday, 7 p.m.: "Kill Bill Vol. 2."

For information about the movie schedule, call the base theater at 2-4100.

AFN Sports on TV

Friday

AFN-Sports
Golf: 104th U.S. Open Championship - final round, 4:30 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic
MLB: Interleague - Cleveland Indians @ Atlanta Braves, 5 p.m.; Boston Red Sox @ San Francisco Giants, 8 p.m.

AFN-Pacific
NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: DHL 400, 5 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Sports
MLB: NY Yankees @ Los Angeles Dodgers, midnight
Teams TBD: 7 a.m.
Wimbledon Tennis Tournament: Today at Wimbledon, 11 a.m.
AMA Motorcross: Southwick, MA (125CC), 4 p.m.
Southwick, MA (250CC), 5 p.m.
Wimbledon Tennis Tournament: Early round coverage day 6, 7 p.m.
IRL Auto Racing: Suntrust Indy Challenge, 11:30 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic
MLB: Teams TBD, 5 p.m.; 8 p.m.

AFN-Pacific
Sports Special: NHL draft, 4 p.m.
MLB: Teams TBD, 11 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Sports
NASCAR Busch Series: Alan Kulwicki 250, 7 a.m.
College Baseball: College World Series Championship game 1, 2 p.m.
U.S. Olympic Trials: Gymnastics, 5 p.m.
College Baseball: College World Series Championship game 2, 7 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic
Major League Soccer: DC United @ Dallas Burn, 11 a.m.
WWE Smackdown!, 2 p.m.
MLB: Teams TBD, 5 p.m.
NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Dodge/Save Mart 350, 8 p.m.

AFN-Pacific
WWE Smackdown!, 7 a.m.
Wimbledon Tennis Tournament: Early round coverage day 7, 5 p.m.
AFL: San Jose Sabrecats @ Arizona Rattlers, 8 p.m.

EVENTS

The deadline for Crossroads ads is one week out, or the Friday prior to the paper date. Submit announcements weekly in normal text with the what, when, where, who, why and contact info in an email to news@lajes.af.mil. Dates and times should be in civilian format, and include full name of P.O.C.

Bullfights

Today: 6:30 p.m., Angra port
Saturday: 6:30 p.m., Arena bullfight in Angra
Sunday: 6:30 p.m., Arena bullfight in Angra

Closures/shifts

Skills closed: The skills development center will be closed Wednesday.

Wing ceremony: The Wing Recognition ceremony has been rescheduled for 2 p.m., July 2 in the base theater. Promotees from June and July should show up at 1 p.m. in service dress. Visual information, sound people and emcees need to attend 2 p.m., July 1 practice.

The 65th Comptroller Squadron activation ceremony has been moved from June 25 to 10 a.m., July 7 in the Top of the Rock club ballroom.

MSS closure: All 65th Mission Support Squadron flights will be closed from noon-5 p.m., July 23, for an official function. This includes the military personnel flight, civilian personnel office, family support center, education center and American Red Cross. For emergencies during that time, call 967-916-845.

Testing change: Beginning in December, all master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will test on the USAF supervisory examination between Dec. 6-17. The testing cycle will no longer be conducted in January. Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out-of-cycle.

Education Center

OU online: Registration for the University of Oklahoma's fall online graduate-level courses runs until July 15. Enroll early; courses fill quickly. For more information, call Erika Golart at 2-3171.

Graduate course: Human Emotions, an elective in the OU's Master of Human Relations degree, runs Aug. 10-15. Enroll by July 8. For more information, call Erika Golart at 2-3171.

ERAU online: Register now for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on-site Safety Program Management, offered June

23-30. For more information, call Tina Lake at 2-3375.

Register now: ERAU is holding registration for the July 15 undergraduate distance learning term through June 30. For more information call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

Classes

Sponsor training: Learn tips and information on becoming a great sponsor at the family support center's sponsorship training class 10-11 a.m., today and July 30. For more information call 2-4138.

FRAME: Family Readiness Azorean Mission Enhancement is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. July 8-9. Newcomers to Lajes Field can learn about services on base and the Azorean history and culture. On day 2, class members take a trip to explore the restaurants and shopping district in Praia.

Karate: The Lajes youth center has karate classes from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays and 3:30-5:30 p.m., Saturdays for children ages 6-18. For more information call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197 or sign up at the youth center.

Chess: Learn to play chess. Free classes are 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays at the community activities center beginning June 12. Ages 6 years and up are welcome. To sign up, call the CAC at 2-4135.

Water aerobics: The pool offers water aerobics 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mon., Wed. and Friday. free to military and pool pass holders. All others pay the daily fee. Must be 18 to participate. For more information, call 2-3363.

Events

Pet adoptions: The Lajes Veterinary Clinic now has kittens and puppies available for adoptions. Adoption includes a waiver of some fees. Photos are posted in the public folders and at the clinic. For more information, call 2-3134 or 2-4220.

Youth campout: The Lajes Youth Program is having a campout at the youth center's soccer field 7 p.m.-7 a.m., July 2-3 for ages 7-12. Register by June 30. Cost is \$15.75 for members and \$23.75 for non-members. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call Joanne Cozart at 2-1197.

Reading program: Children will read books, go online and take tests to earn points and win prizes for the Read by Mail Summer reading program. All general membership and school age program children are registered. Visit www.bookadventure.org to see what prizes are available. For more information, call Ruth Hinojosa at 2-1197.

Bike event: The motorcycle cruiser club "Gravediggers" from Sao Miguel is having a round-the-island group ride and rally July 17-18. Cost is 15 Euros per person and includes a t-shirt, pin and key chain, as well as breakfast, lunch and two dinners. Ride is about "customs" i.e. Milwaukee iron, Harleys and the like. Lajes people can transport their bikes on the Golfinho Azul. To register call Cherie Patti at 2-5228 by July 3.

Volunteers/jobs

Be a star: Det. 6, AFN needs people of all ages to be in commercials. If interested, call 2-3497, or email Airman 1st Class Sara Feldkamp at sara.feldkamp@lajes.af.mil or Airman 1st Class Robbie Arp at Robbie.arp@lajes.af.mil with name and phone number.

Creative job: AAFES is seeking a highly motivated person with a creative flair for the position of visual merchandiser. Applications are accepted from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Mon.-Fri. in Bldg. T-800. For more information call Nelia Faria at 2-3634.

Theater positions: AAFES is now accepting applications for a theater supervisor and projectionist. Applications are being accepted 8 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. at building T-800. For more information, call 2-3634.

Red Cross: The American Red Cross is looking for a Health & Safety Chairman. This is a volunteer position requiring about 2-4 hours weekly. Duties include directing and scheduling CPR/First Aid classes, preparing publicity items, and attending monthly volunteer board meetings. For more information and to apply, call the ARC at 2-3516 or visit the office at Bldg. T-112.

NAF jobs: The following Non-appropriated funds positions are open. Outdoor recreation: lifeguard, cashier/checker, recreation aid - boating, recre-

ation assistance - boating; Youth center: youth recreation aid, school age program assistant; Auto skills development center: skills aid; Central warehouse: supply technician; Child development center: child development program assistant; Atlantic Island Kennels: animal caretaker; Resource management: independent observer; Sun and Sand Hut/community center: recreation aid.

Family readiness: A volunteer assistant is needed to help maintain a program dedicated to families of deployed troops. It requires a six-month minimum commitment. Free childcare is available. For more information, call 2-4138.

Student volunteers: Students, don't be bored this summer! Do something fun or learn a new skill by volunteering. Opportunities are available all over base - work with animals, in an office, on computers or with children. For more information, call the family support center at 2-4138.

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. today.

Must sell: Matching wheeled bookshelves/ entertainment center/ coffee table - \$250; tapestry couch & love seat - \$200; orange recliner - \$25; 2 VHS/DVD racks - \$25 each; dining table w/4 rolling chairs - \$100; large desk set - \$200; small computer desk w/chair - \$75; small secretary desk/ sewing table - \$50; 3 large bookshelves - \$60 each; 3 large Army trunks - \$5 each; jogging stroller - \$75; laser printer - \$50; 15" color monitor \$25. Prices negotiable. Call Danyelle or Dan at 295-513-060.

For sale: 85 Nissan pickup. Runs fine, looks terrible. Inspected through March '05. \$300 OBO. Call Mike Mayo at 2-3522 or 295-903-533 or 963-528-485.

For sale: Nokia 3310 mobile phone. 9 months old, 10 Euro airtime available. \$50 OBO. Call Mike Mayo at 2-3522 or 295-903-533 or 963-528-485.

1989 Peugeot 309. Reliable 4-door hatchback. 4 cyl, 5 spd, looks good, drives great. Available now. \$1500. Capt Ken Hobbs-295-516-501 or DP 2-3546.

For Sale: Satellite dish for AFN off base. -\$70 Can transfer decoder to someone else name. 9x12 light green carpet. Do not have pets. \$30.00 Please call 96-893-7102. No answer, please leave message.

For Sale: boys bike \$20, lady or teen girl's bike \$20. Call 295-549-426.