

## First Look

### Open house

Air Base No. 4 will open to the public 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, as part of the celebration of the Portuguese Air Force's 52nd anniversary.

The schedule of events includes:

- First flights for children and adults on both days - two in the morning and three in the afternoon

- Static displays in the South Hangar will feature several base organizations and services.

- A video presentation of Air Base No. 4 activities

- A military working dog demonstration at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on both days

- Rides in the Portuguese Air Police's armored vehicles beginning at 1:30 p.m.

### Power outage

In preparation for the Sept. 18 power conversion, the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron has scheduled a four-hour power outage 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesday. The following housing units will be affected: T-1500, T-1501, T-1502, T-1503, T-1504, T-1505, T-1506, T-1507, T-1508, T-1509 and T-1510.

Only the above housing units will be affected by the temporary outage. No critical facilities will be affected.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Gabriel Garza at 2-6399.

### Preflight

- Days since last DUI ..... 159
- DUIs since Jan. 1 ..... one
- Current AEF ..... 9&10
- Current FPCON ..... Alpha
- Next Strong Patriot....Thursday
- Combat Nighthawk : Capt. Dave Brazeau, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; Capt. Joe Ludwig, 65th Operations Support Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Oakley Coleman, 65th Mission Support Squadron; Master Sgt. Tracey Burke, 65th Contracting Squadron

## Fireworks bursting in air



Hundreds of Lajes families watched the fireworks display and enjoyed food and games at the 4th of July celebration. More photos on pages 4-5. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

## Tops in Blue performs for Lajes

by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner  
Crossroads editor

Admission is free for the Tops In Blue performance here at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Portuguese Hangar.

The active duty Air Force member cast performs 90 minutes of entertainment that includes music, dance and comedy for the entire family.

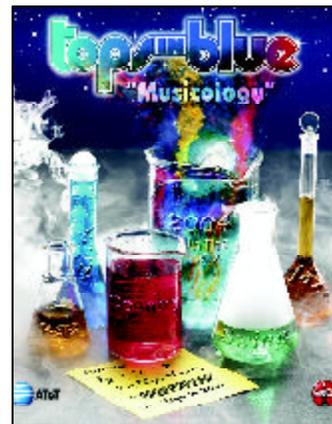
Tops in Blue has provided entertainment for 50 years to Air Force members and their families, including those in remote and isolated locations.

Every year they present approximately 120 performances, at 100 locations, to more than 250,000 people worldwide. Besides performing in the United States, they also do shows in Canada, Europe, Central America, Alaska and the Pacific.

The 30-member Tops In Blue group is made up of a variety of career fields including aircraft mechanics, electronic technicians, security specialists and other functional areas.

Tops In Blue was created by Col. Alvin E. Reilly to recognize entertainment available in the Air

Force community. In the last 50 years, Tops In Blue has performed in films, produced albums and has been featured on national television with Ed Sullivan, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Barbara Mandrell and country band Alabama. They also performed at Super Bowl XIX and at the 2002 Daytona 500.



Editor's note: *Tops in Blue* is part of the *Extreme Summer* program - Don't forget to log points.

## Lajes cleans house

By Tech. Sgt. Renee Kirkland  
NCOIC, public affairs

The Combat Special Interest Program Combat Proud focuses on keeping U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases maintained and looking their best. Here at Lajes, the program concentrates on both organization and housing areas as Lajes prepares for the July 21 USAFE Combat Proud Competition inspection.

"The exterior of the base facilities is an area of emphasis," said 1st Lt. Darin North, alternate base Combat Proud manager. "We are asking people to look at the outside of their buildings to see what improvements can be done."

Facility maintenance includes ensuring that vegetation is taken care of. This consists of removing weeds and grass growing out through concrete walkways and pavements and planting shrubs and flowers in accordance with 65th Civil Engineer Squadron guidelines.

Touching up paint on facilities and sheds can also be done, but Lieutenant North asks members to contact 65th CES to make sure they use

correct color schemes. Members may paint walls, facilities, steps and handrails, but not unpainted concrete, he said.

Removing improperly stored equipment such as crates and boxes around buildings and policing the area for trash and cigarette butts is also in order.

Units who need ideas on how to make quality improvements on their facilities can call the self-help store at 2-2010 for more details.

Housing areas are another area that can use some beautification.

"Lawn maintenance and grounds upkeep are the responsibility of the occupants regardless of whether or not someone has been hired to cut the lawn and trim the hedges," said Lieutenant North. "Landscaped areas should be raked, and lawns should be mowed and edged. Porches should be neat and grass watered in accordance with the housing watering schedule. Building exteriors should also be free of dirt."

The watering schedule for housing is odd number houses on odd days and even number housing on even days. Watering hours are 6-8



Master Sgt. Will Mitchell, 65th Mission Support Squadron, paints the wall in front of building T-112 June 30 as part of Lajes Combat Proud Day. (Photo By Airman Josie Kemp)

a.m. and 6-8 p.m.

One other area of concern in military family housing is the storage of personal items when not in use. "Children's bicycles, grills and play equipment should be stored in the house when not being used," said Lieutenant North.

Questions concerning items available to help maintain MFH should be directed to the housing self help store at 2-2363. The store can also answer questions on what can and can't be done to housing areas.

## Yard of the month winners



Col. David Reynolds, 65th Mission Support Group deputy commander, presented the June yard of the month award for the field grade officer category to Reida, Kelly, Andy and Maj. Brian Fillmore, 65th Air Base Wing, at Bldg. T-28D July 2.



Col. David Reynolds, 65th Mission Support Group deputy commander, presented the June yard of the month award for the senior non-commission officer category to Stephanie and Master Sgt. Douglas Koonst, 65th Operation Support Squadron, at Bldg. T-1551B July 2.

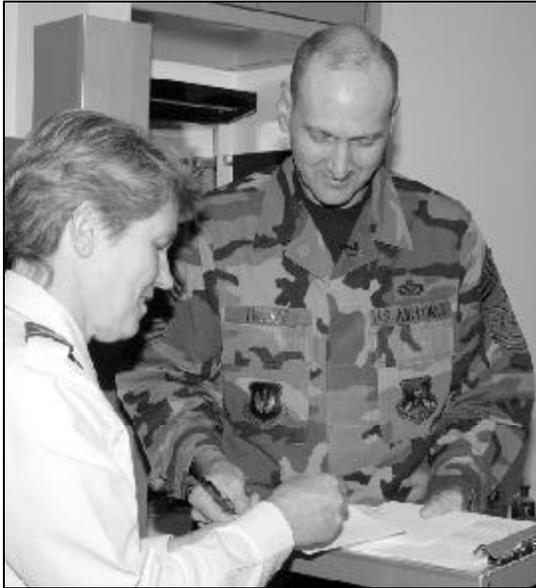


Col. David Reynolds, 65th Mission Support Group deputy commander, presented the June yard of the month award for company grade officer category to Stacy and Bailey North, family of 1st Lt. Darin North, 65th Mission Support Group, at Bldg. T-1305A July 2.



Col. David Reynolds, 65th Mission Support Group deputy commander, presented the June yard of the month award for the junior non-commission officer category to Elisia, Angela and Staff Sgt. Benjamin Westra, 65th Communications Squadron, at Bldg. T-1569C July 2.

## Keep it clean



Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Hodge, 65th Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant, inspect dorm rooms June 30. Airman 1st Class Bethany Schwartzkopf, 65th Contracting Squadron, won for last quarter and as a result received a three-day pass. (Photo by Guido Melo)

## Vacation bible school



Staff Sgt. Arnold Nilssen, 65th Air Base Wing, helps with arts and crafts during the 'Lava Lava Island' project during vacation bible school at the chapel June 30. Approximately 150 children participated in the bible school. (Photo by Airman Josie Kemp)

# Manpower takes flight

by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner  
Crossroads Editor

As part of the Air Force wide manpower and personnel career field merge, the manpower office here became the newest flight of the 65th Mission Support Squadron during a ceremony at the family support center June 30.

The ceremony marked the first visible step at Lajes to implement the integration of the manpower and personnel staffs and the concept for integrating both the manpower and personnel utilization career fields approved by the Secretary of the Air Force on Jan. 22, 2002, at Headquarters United States Air Force.

"Since its inception, the Air Force has sought to find natural synergies, to find the most effective balance between our generalists and specialists, bringing together different career fields and reminding us we are all Airmen in our total force," said Maj. Susan Wheeler, 65th Mission Support Squadron commander.

According to the Headquarters U.S. Air Force Program Action Directive AF-

03-04, the last 10 years has had changes in both operational doctrine and technology, but the structure of career fields that deal with the management and utilization of the Air Force's people has remained relatively unchanged.

"The increased emphasis on force development demands that we do a better job of understanding what our requirements are and developing our resources to meet those requirements," said Master Sgt. Bryan Turner, manpower and organization superintendent.

According to Major Wheeler, currently officials in separate Air Force specialty codes manage similar functions: manpower offices manage requirements and organization, personnel offices manage the people, and education and training offices focus on training.

"Unfortunately, actions often stovepipe within the separate organizations and hinder their overall efficiency," Major Wheeler said.

"The merger of these functions will facilitate the completion of the force development life cycle and better align both

military and civilian resources with manpower requirements for mission accomplishment."

According to Sergeant Turner, it's only natural to merge the two.

"Career-broadening opportunities will also open up drastically when we develop people who understand the programming, development, training and sustainment of our most precious resource—our people," said Sergeant Turner.

The major noted that change is not easy, but no goal worth reaching is easily achieved.

"So as we learn about each other and the different priorities of each career field, we'll keep our core values at the forefront, for these are the values we all share," she said. "Whether we are preserving the integrity of personnel authorizations at Lajes or building excellence in our military and civilian force through proper assignment, training, promotion, evaluation and recognition programs, our core values are always there guiding us as Airmen."

# *Lajes celebrates Independence Day*



(Above) The Taylor Made Jazz band performed at the 4th of July celebration Sunday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Rafael Pena-Perez)



(Left) Kiera McCarty, daughter of Jessie and Staff Sgt. Joshua McCarty, shows how high she can go in the jump castle. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

(Below) Rich Christie shows his patriotic side with an American flag painted on his head. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Rafael Pena-Perez)





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(Left) Miguel Jett, son of Master Sgt. Christopher and Margaret Jett, stands next to Sparky, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, at the celebration.  
(Above) Braxton Torgerson, son of Windy and Tech. Sgt. D.J. Torgerson, and Drew MacFarlane, son of Jules and Lt. Col. James MacFarlane, do their best to try and finish first in the sack race. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)

(Right) Tech. Sgt. Sharon Washington and Master Sgt. Kiwon Kim, both from the 729th Air Mobility Squadron, sell a glow-in-the-dark necklace to Star Kemp and her dad Staff Sgt. Eddie Kemp at the 729th AMS booth during the 4th of July celebrations. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)





## Lajes readies for power change

By Tech. Sgt. Renee Kirkland  
NCOIC, public affairs

On September 18 the base will transfer its power from an internally generated 60 hertz to an externally produced 50 hertz power source.

EDA, the local power company, is in the process of constructing a new substation just outside the front gate. This substation will provide Lajes with a dedicated, reliable power source.

"Many military members who have lived overseas before and used a transformer in their homes know that European power for off-base facilities is distributed at 50 hertz," said Capt. Kevin Golart, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"65th Air Base Wing members living off base are also familiar with European power and could be a valuable source of lessons learned."

That said, the change in power source will be almost transparent, said Captain Golart. Affected areas will include base facilities, housing and the dormitories. The most no-

table difference will be in the operation of equipment which runs on timers, such as alarm clocks and microwave ovens.

Many household items run on power distributed at 110 volts and 60 cycles per second, which is what the current base power plant supplies. Power produced by the local utility company will run at 110 volts and 50 cycles per second. According to Captain Golart this change from 60 to 50 cycles per second will cause some electric alarm clocks and other equipment to run slower.

Preparation for the change in power source is crucial. Members should check their appliances for the power source rating on their equipment. This information is usually found on the rear of the item, on the plate that contains the serial number. Every item that plugs into the wall should be checked for compatibility, especially uninterrupted power sources, appliances with clocks, and battery chargers, said Captain Golart.

"Some items rated to function at 60 hertz will operate on 50 hertz power. If you have questions, contact the civil engineer squad-

ron to test your appliances for 50 hertz compatibility before September 18," said Captain Golart.

The Lajes base exchange is gearing up to help support the power change. Many items now sold at AAFES will operate on 50 hertz power, while many of the products sold in the States are only rated for 60 hertz.

"The Lajes base exchange offers a wide variety of televisions, stereos, mini systems, and a small section of appliances that come in dual voltage and dual hertz," said Pat Riordan, Lajes AAFES manager. "Most 110 volt 60 hertz appliances will run properly on 50 hertz power, however, using a 60 hertz appliance on a 50 hertz power source will void the unit's warranty."

All equipment and appliances that are compatible with the Lajes power system will be clearly identified in the base exchange, said Mr. Riordan. "We have large orders for high demand items on the way to ensure that we meet the needs of our customers. We ask customers to be patient while we convert our stocks to these required items."



### CC call

Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base Wing commander, speaks to local Portuguese national employees at a wing commander's call at the base theater June 30. Colonel Jacobi talked about the retroactive pay settlement, the chief of staff survey, safety and other topics. (Photo by Airman Josie Kemp)

## 32 graduate ALS

Thirty-two senior airmen, from class 04-03 graduated from Airman Leadership School July 2.

Academic Award: **Jenny Woodward**, 65th Communications Squadron

Leadership Award: **Latisha Speaks**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron

Distinguished Graduate Awards: **Lori West** 729th Air Mobility Squadron, and **Amy Lacy**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron

John L. Levitow Award: **Trent Farmer**, 729th AMS

Other graduates were:

Eagle Flight

**Nicholas Baumgartner**, 729th AMS; **Keith Burritt**, 65th CES; **Phillip Byrd**, 65th Operation Support Squadron; **Adrienne Ford**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Tina Hunter**, 65th MDOS; **Tayquoyah Johnson**, 65th LRS; **Jarett Reidnauer**, 65th CS; **Urayoan Rodriguez**, 65th OSS; **Nicholas Stamm**, 65th OSS; **Richard Thompson**, 65th CS; **Rene Torres**, 65th Security Forces Squadron; **Mary Turner**, 65th Medical Support Squadron

Falcon Flight

**Kevin Capach**, 65th LRS; **Justin Curtis**, 65th CES; **Catrena Gainer**, 65th OSS; **Clifton Hollonquest**, 65th OSS; **Kenzie Johnson**, 65th LRS; **Kelsey Kent**, 65th CES; **Jason Kline**, 65th CS; **Matthew Machlied**, 65th CS; **Michael Mayfield**, 65th OSS; **Jared Miller**, 729th AMS; **Keisha Quinn**, 729th AMS; **Jason West**, 729th AMS; **Angela Williams**, 65th MDOS; **Jeremiah Yount**, 65 LRS

### Now showing

The Family Support Center has a new electronic billboard sign on the East side of Bldg. T-126. The sign advertises upcoming classes, programs and other important information at the FSC. (Photo by Airman Josie Kemp)





# Time to step down

by Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Hodge  
65th Air Base Wing  
Command Chief Master Sergeant

Just like the old saying goes...all good things must come to an end. Unfortunately this is very true in my case. I have had the tremendous honor and privilege to serve our great nation and our Air Force for 30 years and now it's time to step aside and allow another Air Force member to take the reins.

I have been extremely blessed in my career to garner some great assignments and some fantastic duties. Some of those duties people only dream about. However, I was fortunate enough to hold the titles and was trusted with the duties and responsibilities.

I have served with thousands of outstanding Airmen, NCOs, senior NCOs, and officers that are truly dedicated to our mission and love our great Air Force. I have also worked for a lot of fantastic commanders that were excellent examples of leadership that I would follow anywhere, and who made a significant impact on my life and career. The same is said for our enlisted corps. We have some tremendous Airmen, NCOs, and senior NCOs that have sacrificed and are still sacrificing daily for the good of our Air Force and our country with whom I am proud and honored to have served.

I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my career than as the command chief at Lajes. This assignment and duty has been a great experience for both my wife and I. From day one, when we were truly welcomed, we've been taken care of.

Team Lajes is just not a cliché, it's the truth. It doesn't matter if you are a tenant organization or part of the wing; we are a close knit military community that cares about one another and performs our mission superbly, everyday. The men and women at Lajes take great pride in what they do and it shows.

The best part of my duty is visiting the troops in the units and having them explain to me what they do. The pride that shows on their faces is great to see. At times they even let me perform the task, which probably scares them a little. I try not to mess it up too bad and they seem to be able to recover once I leave.

I'd also like to thank our local national and U.S. civilians; they truly are a conduit to help us perform our mission. They have a wealth of experience and know how to get things done. I have performed duty with thousands of civilians over my career and the Air Force could not do its mission without their service.

When I first came in the Air Force it was the civilians that helped me get started and taught me about my career field. I owe our civilian work force a lot of credit for setting this old

chief on the right path and helping me get to where I am today.

I have been blessed with overwhelming support from hundreds of Air Force professionals throughout my career and I will always be very grateful for that.

I have also had the home support from a great lady, my wife Debbie. My wife has been my strongest supporter and my sounding board for 28 years of my career. She is my best friend, my partner, and my trusted agent. She has always been there for me and has never wavered in helping and supporting me along the path. Debbie loves the Air Force as much as I do and has put a lot of time and effort in helping the troops in our Air Force. There is no way I would have had such great success without her and I look forward to the future with her by my side.

Finally, Team Lajes, it has absolutely been a great honor serving as your command

chief. I'll take with me some good memories of the Airmen, NCOs, senior NCOs, officers, and civilians here at Lajes.

A huge thank you for the tremendous support you provided to Debbie and me. We will always remember the special people at Lajes. Keep doing what you do for our Air Force and remember to always take advantage of new opportunities that may come your way. Time goes so fast when you really enjoy and cherish what you do.

I wish all of you and your families the very best in whatever path you decide to take as you continue your careers. May God continue to bless you and our great Air Force. I hope we meet again some day.

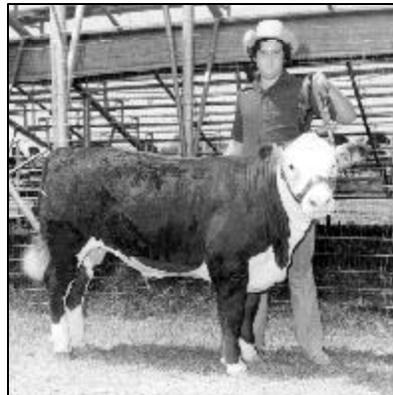


In 1976, Airman 1st Class Doug Hodge was stationed at Rickenbacker Air Force Base, Ohio.

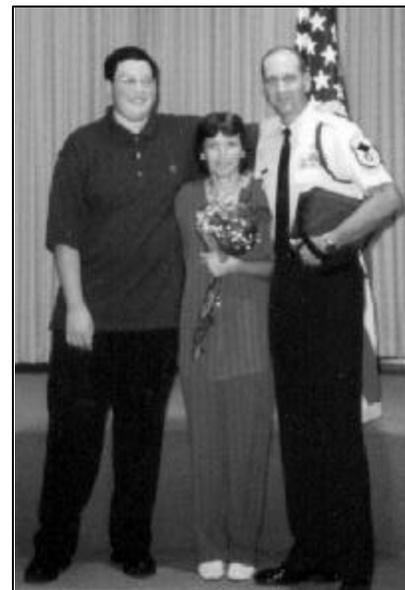


(Above) In 1976 Debra Raymond and Airman 1st Class Doug Hodge sit on the porch at her parents house. She became Mrs. Hodge Dec. 4, 1976.

(Below) Son, Jeffery, and wife, Debra, congratulate the new chief after his pin on ceremony Sept. 1, 1997 at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.



One of Doug Hodge's favorite past times as a teenager was raising and showing his steers in competitions. (Courtesy photos)



## Action Alert: Snyder Bill Would Repeal GI Bill Enrollment Fee

United States Representative Vic Snyder introduced a bill last Thursday that would repeal the \$1,200 Active Duty Montgomery G.I. Bill enrollment fee.

Currently, persons participating in the G.I. Bill have their basic pay reduced by \$100 per month for each of the first 12 months of service.

Congressman Snyder's legislation, The Fairness in Veterans' Education Act (FIVE) of 2004, would significantly alter this pay system.

Currently, the G.I. Bill pays enlistees up to \$985 per month for full time educational training.

The benefit may be used any time up to 10 years after release from active duty, but in order to participate, enlistees must pay an "enrollment fee." According to Congressman Snyder, this fee is particularly burdensome for young servicemembers who are just beginning their careers in the military.

Do you agree or disagree with this bill? Let your representatives know how you feel — your voice matters! Share your view on this critical bill.

Send an email directly to your representatives now through our system at [http://vote.military.com/military/mail/oneclick\\_compose/?alertid=6002901](http://vote.military.com/military/mail/oneclick_compose/?alertid=6002901).

## Uniform board releases results

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials recently released the results of the 96th Air Force Uniform Board held June 18 and 19.

The chief of staff approved a number of changes, affecting everything from cell phones to scarves. Among the changes are:

- Establish a standardized Air Force physical training uniform.

- Redesign the female lightweight blue jacket.

- Authorize the lightweight blue jacket to be worn indoors.

- Authorize, as an option, to have the Air Force symbol embroidered on the lightweight blue jacket.

- Offer the A-line skirt as an optional item.

- Redesign and revise maternity uniforms.

- Authorize the black scarf only with all Air Force uniforms, eliminating white, gray and olive drab options.

- Authorize conservative ornamentation on nonprescription sunglasses and eyeglasses.

- Authorize one small, black, nondescript personal digital assistant, pager or cellular phone at a time to be worn on the uniform belt.

- Allow females to wear small, black spherical earrings when in uniform.

- Allow black web belts or black riggers belts with nondescript buckles as an optional item with the battle dress uniform.

- Remove the requirement to wear a tie or tab with short-sleeved shirt or blouse while traveling on a commercial airline.

- Authorize wear of a backpack over both shoulders.

- Authorize only a solid-color black backpack with blue uniform combinations and solid black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpack with battle dress uniforms.

- Redesign the security forces beret.

- Allow the wear of plain black conservative hairpins, combs, headbands, elastic bands and barrettes with all female hair colors.

- Allow males to cleanly shave their heads or have military high-and-tight haircuts; females are not authorized to shave their heads or wear high-and-tight haircuts.

More information about these and other uniform board decisions will be included in the next update of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, being released this summer. Questions should be addressed to local military personnel flights.

## DOD expands troop anthrax, smallpox vaccination

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — More U.S. servicemembers, including those serving in South Korea, will be vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, the Defense Department's senior medical adviser said June 30.

The availability of additional smallpox and anthrax vaccine will allow for vaccinating all servicemembers assigned to U.S. Central Command, and many serving in U.S. Pacific Command, said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. This includes troops assigned in South Korea.

Dr. Winkenwerder said he could not provide the numbers of troops affected by the policy change, other than saying "tens of thousands" would be vaccinated. The policy change, he said, was

not precipitated by a definite threat increase.

"There is no substantial change to the threat situation," Dr. Winkenwerder said, explaining the increased availability of both vaccines "will provide an additional layer of protection" for servicemembers.

Central Command troops deployed to the Afghanistan and Iraq theaters of operation had been vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, Dr. Winkenwerder said, but now "all personnel in Central Command" will receive both vaccinations.

Servicemembers serving in selected areas of PACOM, including South Korea, also will receive the anthrax and smallpox vaccines, Dr. Winkenwerder said.

The cost of administering more smallpox and anthrax shots will run into "the tens of millions of dollars," Dr. Winkenwerder said, but the program would not strain his \$30 billion overall budget.

Medical studies, Dr. Winkenwerder said, have shown that administration of the vaccines poses little threat to servicemembers' health. Since June 2002, the Defense Department has vaccinated more than 750,000 troops against anthrax. That number, he said, increases to an aggregate of more than 1 million if vaccinations administered since 1998 are factored in. Since December 2002, he said, more than 625,000 troops received smallpox vaccinations.

## Simple errors delay mail

Something as simple as adding the name of the destination country to an address can delay the delivery of mail to service members overseas.

It is a problem that the military postal system encounters daily.

To alleviate this situation, help is needed from the family and friends of deployed service members.

Senders stateside are actually slowing the delivery of the mail by not properly addressing letters and packages.

The sender needs to know that the name of the country and the name of the base camp where a service member is stationed are incompatible with regulated military addresses.

By writing Kuwait or Iraq on a letter or package it is routed through civilian mail channels rather than military ones.

When that happens, the mail can be delayed significantly.

For more information, see [http://www.4army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story\\_id\\_key=6089](http://www.4army.mil/ocpa/read.php?story_id_key=6089)

# Camping sites on Terceira

**Question:** Are there any other camping sites on Terceira? Are any of them free or do I have to pay a fee to use them?

**Answer:** Terceira Island offers local residents and visitors various camping grounds they can use during the summer months.

They are: the camping grounds of Salga, located next to the swimming area at Salga Bay in the beautiful village of Porto Judeu; Salgueiros, also a popular swimming area located just after the village of Porto Martins; Cinco Ribeiras, next to the ocean; Biscoitos, next to the swimming hole; and Mata da Esperança, between Cabrito and the highway to Angra.

The well-maintained camping ground of Salga is run by Angra's City Hall, while the one in Cinco

Ribeiras is run by a private business. Both camping grounds feature showers with hot water and electricity that can be used inside your tent with the use of an extension cord. There is a daily fee for each occupant — children under 10 are free, and a fee for a spot to set up your tent — which varies according to the tent's size. These prices do not include the use of showers or washing machines, which also requires a small fee.

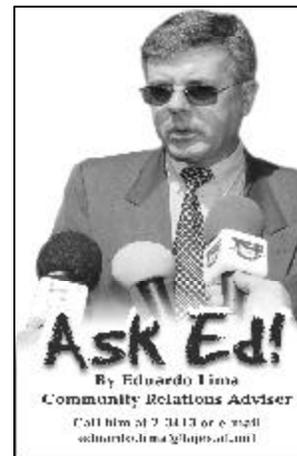
The use of Salgueiros and Biscoitos camping grounds is free, but they don't provide services such as showers and electricity. While water is available for cooking and washing purposes you will need to bring your own drinking water. Both areas are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The other authorized

camping site, Mata da Esperança, is frequently used by the local boy and girl scouts during their campouts. This is a forested area located between Cabrito and the highway to Angra. It is the only area under the jurisdiction of the Regional Forest Services. This is also the only camping site that doesn't provide water and restroom facilities. Camping there is free and campfires are allowed as long as people take necessary precautions to prevent forest fires.

Although people still camp in the area of Duck Lake, in the center of the island, it is not an authorized camping ground. According to the Regional Forest Services, it's just a picnic area.

In addition to these camping sites, people are also allowed to camp on private property, such as an



open field or a forest area, provided they have permission from the owners.

For more information on the Salga and Cinco Ribeiras camping grounds call 295-905-451 and 295-907-225 respectively.

## Financial facts – proportional per diem primer

by 1Lts Jessi Rozman & Kurt Bahr  
31st Comptroller Squadron

There are three TDY reimbursement rates for military travelers.

1.) Government rate—Paid to military travelers lodged on a military installation where three meals a day are available at a military dining facility.

2.) Proportional rate—Paid to military travelers lodged on a military installation where at least one meal a day is available at a military dining facility.

3.) Full rate—Paid to military travelers lodged off base or on base where no meals are available from a military dining facility.

Note: Civilian travelers are authorized

full rate per diem no matter where they lodge while TDY. And travelers lodging under field conditions for training or real-world contingencies will not receive reimbursement for meals.

The Air Force Audit Agency conducted an audit in March 2004 which uncovered a large under-utilization of the "proportional per diem" TDY rate resulting in loss of over \$1.3M Air Force-wide.

These rates are intended to reimburse members for meal expenses incurred while in travel status. The rate is designated on the travel orders and approved by the orders approving official. Travelers and approving officials are responsible for ensuring that the correct reimbursement rate is designated on the travel orders.

Travelers using Federal Automated System for Travel (FAST) to initiate their travel orders, may view world-wide status of government meal availability by logging on to [www.dtic.mil/perdiem/](http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/) and following the link to "Lodging & Dining."

Approving officials are authorized to consider mission needs when determining which rate to use. In limited circumstances, when the mission does not allow or it is impractical for members to eat at the military dining facility, then the full rate of meal reimbursement may be used in limited circumstances.

If you have questions or comments concerning the correct use of proportional rate meal reimbursement, contact Finance Customer Service at 2-3403.



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## We love that basketball

(Above) Thomas Stockton, #44, 65th Communications Squadron, throws up a prayer in the last 8 seconds of the game in hopes of beating Praia. His hopes were not answered and Praia won 51-50.

(Below) Trent Farmer, 43, and Jason Young, 15, both from the 729th AMS team, scramble for the ball. Angra lost that brawl but won the game. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner)



(Above) 729th Air Mobility Squadron commander James MacFarelane, 16, tries to be like Kareem Abdul-Jabar by demonstrating one of his many offensive weapons as he launches a hook shot against Angra. The hook shot wasn't enough, AMS lost 36-63.

## Sports Briefs

### Fitlinxx

All military members are reminded to log in all of their workout at <http://lajes.fitlinxx.com>

### USAFE golf

Registration is ongoing for the 2004 USAFE Golf Championship Aug. 2-5 at RAF Lakenheath, England. The categories are: men's and women's open, senior and master. Cost is \$20 person or \$50 for non-Air Force annual green fee holders. Registration must be received by July 20. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Kevin Garnerat 2-5152.

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

# PLANNER

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## 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 dinner special.

## Chapel services

**Adoration and rosary:** 3 p.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

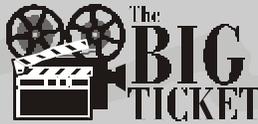
CWOC Mass, 5:30 p.m., 1st Friday; Gospel Choir Practice, 7 p.m.

## 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.:** "Van Helsing," Rated PG-13 for nonstop creature violence, frightening images and sensuality, 132 minutes. Cast includes Hugh Jackman and Will Kemp. Van Helsing the legendary vampire hunter, is in an ongoing battle to rid the world of vampires and other ghoules. He travels to Transylvania to bring down the powerful Count Dracula and joins forces with Anna Valerious to rid her family of an old curse by defeating the vampire. **10 p.m., "13 Going on 30,"** rated PG-13 for some sexual content and brief drug references. Cast includes Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. Jenna makes a wish, if only she could be all grown up, she'd have the life she's always wanted. Miraculously, her wish comes true. The next day, she's 30 years old and not 13 years old anymore. What's more, she is a gorgeous successful woman with a great job and a fabulous apartment. Jenna soon learns that having it all is not enough. 97 minutes.

**Saturday, 7 p.m.:** "Mean Girls," rated PG-13 for sexual content, language, teen partying, 97 minutes. Cast includes Lindsay Lohan and Tina Fey. Raised in the African bush country, Cady thinks she knows about "survival of the fittest." But the law of the jungle takes on a whole new meaning when the home-schooled 15-year-old enters public high school for the first time and falls prey to the psychological warfare and unwritten social rules that teenage girls face today.

**Sunday, 2 p.m.:** "New York Minute," Rated PG for sensuality and thematic elements, 91 minutes. Cast includes Mary-Kate Olson and Ashley Olsen. 17-year-old sisters Jane and Roxanne are on a wild romp through the streets of Manhattan. Sidetracked, sideswiped and chased from Chinatown to Times Square to Harlem by everyone from assassins to politicians to a whacked-out truancy officer, the sisters also find unexpected romance. **7 p.m.:** "Van Helsing."

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**Thursday, 7 p.m.:** "Van Helsing."

For information about the movie schedule, call the base theater at 2-3302.

## AFN Sports on TV

### Friday

#### AFN-Sports

MLB: Oakland Athletics @ Boston Red Sox, noon  
Cycling: 2004 Tour de France - Stage 6, 4 p.m.  
Fishing: Bassmaster Elite 50 (Paducah, KY), 6 p.m.  
MLB: Atlanta Braves @ Philadelphia Phillies, 11 p.m.

### Saturday

#### AFN-Pacific

Boxing: Ebo Elder vs. Fernar, 1 a.m.  
Motorcross: AMA Motorcross (125cc) (Buchanan, MD), 4 p.m.  
MLB: Texas Rangers @ Boston Red Sox, 11 p.m.

#### AFN-Sports

MLB: Houston Astros @ Los Angeles Dodgers, 2 a.m.  
MLB: NY Mets @ Florida Marlins, 7 a.m.  
MLB: Cincinnati Reds @ Milwaukee Brewers, 11 a.m.  
Olympics: U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials, 4 p.m.  
NASCAR: Busch Series, Twister 300 (Chicagoland Speedway), 6 p.m.

MLS: San Jose Earthquakes @ NY/NJ Metrostars \*JIP, 10:30 p.m.

#### AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Chicago Cubs @ St. Louis, 5 p.m.

### Sunday

#### AFN-Sports

NASCAR: Craftsman Truck Series (KY Speedway), 12 a.m.  
WNBA: Seattle Storm @ Detroit Shock, 4 a.m.  
MLB: Oakland Athletics @ Cleveland Indians, 7 a.m.  
Cycling: 2004 Tour de France - Stage 7, 2 p.m.  
MLB: Houston Astros @ Los Angeles Dodgers, 8 p.m.

#### AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Detroit Tigers @ Minnesota Twins, 11 a.m.  
Olympics: U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials, 4 p.m.  
MLB: Tampa Bay Devil Rays @ NY Yankees, 5 p.m.  
NASCAR: Nextel Cup Series: Tropicana 400, 7:30 p.m.  
AFN-Pacific  
PGA: John Deere Classic: Final Round, 6 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 e-mail to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil). Dates and times should be in civilian format, and include full name of P.O.C.

## Bullfights

**Friday:** 6 p.m., Corpo Santo, Angra

**Saturday:** 6 p.m., Santa Rita (past AFN station); 6:30 p.m. Serra da Ribeirinha; 6:30 p.m. Caminho da Cidade, Porto Judeu

**Sunday:** 6 p.m., Remedios, Lajes; 6:30 p.m., Caminho da Cidade, Porto Judeu; 6:30 p.m., Cinco Ribeiras

**Thursday:** 6:30 p.m., Largo Sao Bento, Angra

## Closures/shifts

**Burger King:** Due to the installation of a new operating system, Burger King will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday and resume normal operating hours on July 15.

**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.

**Disconnecting phone service:** Portuguese Telecom Communications officials say Lajes personnel who are making a permanent change of station move from Lajes need to give at least 10 days notice prior to leaving to receive a final bill. This is to ensure all international call charges are listed. Payment and notifications for phone service and ADSL, as well as new service requests, can be made at the P.T. store in the Portuguese Terminal. As of Thursday, the store is open from 8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and closed on Portuguese holidays.

**Sponsorship training:** Training for the month of July has been rescheduled for 10-11 a.m., July 28 at the family support center. For more information, call Lauren Jackson at 2-4138.

## Education Center

**UMUC hours:** The University of Maryland's office hours this week are 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**UMUC registration:** The University of Maryland is still registering students for the LIBS150 seminar. The class starts on Saturday. Also, the new schedule for term I is out. For more information, call Ana Furk at 2-4187.

**Graduate course:** Human Emotions, an elective in the University of Oklahoma's Master of Human Relations degree, will be held Aug. 10-15. For more information, call Erika

Golart at 2-3171.

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

**ERAU online:** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is holding registration for the August 15 undergraduate distance learning term through July 30. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

## Classes

**Federal jobs:** The 10 Steps to a Federal Job class is from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., July 22 at the family support center. This class offers information about job searching, reading vacancy announcements, resume building and more. Someone will win the Jobseeker's Guidebook, which offers sample resumes and other important federal information. For more information, and to sign up, call Lauren Jackson at 2-4138.

**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.

**Couples Communication:** A six week relationship enhancement class designed to help couples preserve a lasting love and prevent divorce is 3-5 p.m., starting Wednesday and every Wednesday thereafter until Aug. 18, in the conference room in Bldg. T-416. For more information, call Master Sgt. Mark Gama at 2-3457.

## Events

**Dolphin watching:** Trips aboard the Catamaran "Tango" go out from 8-11 a.m., Sunday, July 18, 25 and 31. Cost is \$45 per person. A minimum of 6 and maximum of 9 participants, ages 5 and above. Sign up three days prior to trip. For more information call outdoor recreation at 2-4140.

**Paintball games:** Paintball games are from 10-2 p.m., July 17. Cost is \$20 per person or \$15 with own equipment. Includes transportation, Co2 and full face mask. A minimum of 8 and maximum of 25 participants can play, ages 16 and above. Sign up three days prior to trip. For more information call outdoor recreation at 2-4140.

**Cave exploring:** A cave exploration trip leaves outdoor recreation at 9 a.m., July 24. Cost is \$12 per adult and \$15 for children 12 and under. A minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 participants, ages 8 and above is required. Sign up three days prior to trip. For more information call 2-4140.

**Fishing trips:** Boat trips are from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 17 and 24. Cost is \$65 per person. A minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 participants, ages 8 and above is re-

quired. Sign up three days prior to trip. For more information call 2-4140.

**Shore fishing:** A shore fishing trip leaves outdoor recreation at 9 a.m., Saturday. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$15 for children 12 and under. A minimum of 6 and maximum of 9 participants, ages 5 and above can go. Sign up three days prior to trip. For more information call outdoor recreation at 2-4140.

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

**Reading program:** Children can 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](http://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. The 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 Saturday.

## Volunteers/jobs

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

**UMUC job:** The University of Maryland is looking for a computer instructor for Term 1, Aug. 9 - Oct. 15. Applicants must hold a Master's Degree in computers. For more information, call Kimberly Holzer or Ana Furk at 2-4187.

**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 Nelvia 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, recreation 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 can do something fun or learn a new skill by volunteering this summer. 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](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil). Ads are due by 5 p.m. today.

For sale: 1986 Subaru DL Wagon, 5-sp., approx 76k miles, great for driving the pets or large boxes around. Runs strong, looks great, available 18 July. \$1500, call Bruce Brown at 295-549-490 or 96-881-3627.

PCS sale: RCA bookshelf stereo w/ CD, \$20; 3 small 4-shelf bookcases, \$10 ea.; 2 toddler girl bikes, \$10 ea; tricycle, almost new, \$10; Little Tikes' Victorian Kitchen, missing accessories, \$15; medium-sized computer desk, \$35; TV stand, \$10; stroller, \$20; dressing mirror, \$15. Call to see, 295-549-490 or cell 96-881-3627.

Must sell: Matching wheeled bookshelves, entertainment center, coffee table, \$250; 29" TV/VCR, \$375; DVD player, \$50; orange recliner, \$25; secretary desk/sewing table, \$50; 3 large bookshelves, \$60 each; telephone table, \$25; crib, \$25, toddler bed, \$20; Eversaucer, \$20; laser printer, \$50; 15" color monitor, \$25; Arway 19-piece cookware set, \$250; microwave, \$150; Cuisinart food processor, \$150; CrockPot, \$50; bread maker, \$100; toaster, \$20; ice cream maker, \$30; electric fry pan, \$30. Prices negotiable. Call Danyelle or Dan at 295-513-060.

FOR SALE 220V: microwave \$40; 2 slice toaster, \$5; 110V: dehumidifier, \$100; Gas grill, \$40; Green Metal patio table and 4 chairs, \$100; Yellow/blue dishes, service for 12, \$25; Set of Mixing bowls, \$10 Teal green area rug, \$25; Fitness magazines, 50 cents each; Call Ken at 295-573-546.