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# First Look

## Road construction

Traffic across the main road on both sides of the Beira Mar housing gate will be reduced to one lane Sept. 7-10 for road construction. For more information call Tech. Sgt. John Walker at 2-3793.

## Town hall meeting

A power conversion town hall meeting will take place at 6 p.m., Tuesday, at the base theater. Members of the 65th Mission Support Group and a representive from AAFES will be there to answer questions. For more information call 1st Lt. Robert Toney at 2-6825.

## Memorial service

A service of Remembrance, Honor and Resolve for 9/11 is at 3:30 p.m., Sept. 10. For more information on these events call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Glaros at 2-4211.

## Holiday greetings

Hometown News teams will visit Lajes Sept. 13 and 14 to film holiday greetings. Military, Department of Defense civilians and their family members are encouraged to particpate. Filming will take place at the Top of the Rock Club's Warrior Park. Sign up by sending an e-mail to *news@lajes.af.mil*. Include name, number of people in group, date and an hour of availability. For more information call 2-3520.

## Preflight

- **Days since last DUI...**215
- **DUIs since Jan. 1....**one
- **Current AEF .....**1&2
- **Current FPCON .....**Alpha
- **Combat Nighthawk: Capt. Chad Raper**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; **Master Sgt. Donny Eubanks**, 65th Services Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Jason Lekse**, 65th MDOS

## Leave 'em laughing

Comedians Tracy Tedesco and Leon Rogers Jr. perform their routines at the Top of the Rock Club Aug 28. Together they provided a show with non-stop laughs and high energy for Team Lajes. More than 120 people attended the comedy night. The next entertainment act to perform at the TORC will be Air Force Entertainment's singer Angel Martinez. Watch the Crossroads for more information on her performance as it becomes available. (*Photo by MSgt Robert W. Valenca)*

# Safety concerns everyone

**Lt. Col. Walter Scales**
**USAFE Director of Safety**

The Labor Day holiday provides a well-deserved break and a chance to enjoy some of the remaining days of summer. Though the roads in Europe will not be as busy as they will be in the states, the traffic environment continues to pose the greatest threat to USAFE personnel. We must make the time to prepare our people and ourselves for the long weekend.

Each commander must communicate their concern for every member of their unit and their families before they depart for the weekend. Personalize your message, but the threats to our people remain the same: impaired driving, failure to wear seat belts, driving too fast for conditions and driving while fatigued. Commanders need to emphasize the importance of managing individual risk when planning and executing Labor Day activities.

Additionally, encourage your people to use the buddy system and have a designated driver or other transportation arrangements if they plan to drink. In any case the key to a safe weekend is having a clear plan in place before engaging in holiday activities.

Supervisors at all levels need to personally reinforce their commander's message with each member they supervise. Know what your people have planned and intervene to stop or adjust excessively risky plans. Drive home the importance of smart planning, especially when alcohol is involved.

We all have the responsibility to watch out for each other and our families. If you see someone who has consumed too much alcohol, don't expect that person to use common sense; intervene as needed to ensure they get home without incident. Likewise, summer rotations brought many new families to Lajes, help them understand the risks and hazards unique to Terceria—informed people make smart, safe decisions. Finally, for families with school-age children ensure they understand the unique local school bus rules before the start of a new school year.

This Labor Day weekend get out and enjoy the local area, spend time with your family and friends, but take care of each other and make smart decisions.

## Good eats

Airman 1st Class Jennifer Demaurez, 65th Services Squadron, dishes out meatballs to Airman 1st Class Samy Fineman, Det. 6, AFN, during a single and unaccompanied members dinner at the base Chapel Aug. 26. The dinner was sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants' Association. *(Photo by MSgt Robert W. Valenca)*

## *Project CHEER sponsors SUV giveaway*

A drawing for a new SUV highlights the USAFE Services Project CHEER celebration of the Air Force's 57th birthday. Exchange New Car Sales Chevrolet has contributed a 2005 Equinox SUV, to be given away on Sept. 18 .

"We're delighted that Exchange New Car Sales is partnering with us in supporting Project CHEER, and honoring the birthday of the Air Force," said Mandy Smith-Nethercott, Project CHEER program manager and Chief of USAFE Services Marketing. "Project CHEER was developed to create hope, energy, enthusiasm and recreation for our single and unaccompanied Airmen, and this prize drawing certainly does that!"

The drawing is open to everyone 18 years and over with a valid DOD identification card. Entry forms must be faxed or mailed to arrive at USAFE Services headquarters by Sept. 17. In order to make the deadline, members should fax their entries in as soon as possible.

Information about rules, eligibility, and participation is on the entry forms, and can also be viewed at *www.usafesvsmarketig.org/ProjCHEER_AFBdayInfo.htm*. Forms can be picked up at the following Lajes facilities: community activities center, Trade Winds Dining Facility, the Top of the Rock, bowling center, Chace Fitness Center, post office and AAFES.

*(No federal endorsement of sponsor intended)*

# Customer college grads

Graduating from customer college were:

**Airman 1st Class Timothy Shackelford**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron

**Staff Sgt. James Zanetti**, 65th Communications Squadron CS

**Tech. Sgt. Charles Brown**, 65th CS

**Tech. Sgt. Brian McCoy**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Master Sgt. Gabriel Garza**, 65th CES

**Sandy Rocha**, 65th Mission Support Squadron

**Tech. Sgt. Elixzine Kennedy**, 65th MSS

**Airman David Longval**, 65th Operations Support Squadron

**Augustino Silva**, 65th Services Squadron

**Tech. Sgt. Jerome Brittingham**, 65th Logistic Readiness Squadron

**Tech. Sgt. Geraldine Flowers**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron

**Carla Costa**, 65th MDOS

**Staff Sgt. Larenza Smartt,** 65th LRS

**1st Lt. Brian Matchik**, 65th Air Base Wing

Distinguished Graduate – **Staff Sgt. Damon Henderson**, 65th Security Forces Squadron

# Focus notes

All events are at the base chapel unless otherwise noted.

**Singles of the Chapel:** A singles dinner, Bible study and game night is at 7 p.m., Tuesday.

**Single's breakfast:** 10 a.m., Sept. 11, at the Top of the Rock club.

**AWANA**: The children's AWANA group begins 6 p.m., Sept. 14.

**Single's breakfast:** 10 a.m., Sept. 11, at the Top of the Rock club.

**Men's breakfast:** Men's spiritual leadership training and breakfast is 8 a.m., Sept. 18.

**SOC dinner:** Singles of the Chapel dinner is 7 p.m., Sept. 18, at John Melly's house – meet at the base chapel.

**Children and youth movie night:** 7 p.m., Sept. 24.

**Singles bowling:** Noon, Sept. 25 – meet at the base chapel.

**Sunday school teachers' workshop:** 7 p.m., Sept. 15.

**Sunday school:** Sunday school and children's church begins at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 19.

**PWOC:** Protestant women's spiritual fitness training is 7 p.m., Mondays.

**Women's training:** Working women's spiritual fitness training and lunch is noon, Wednesdays.

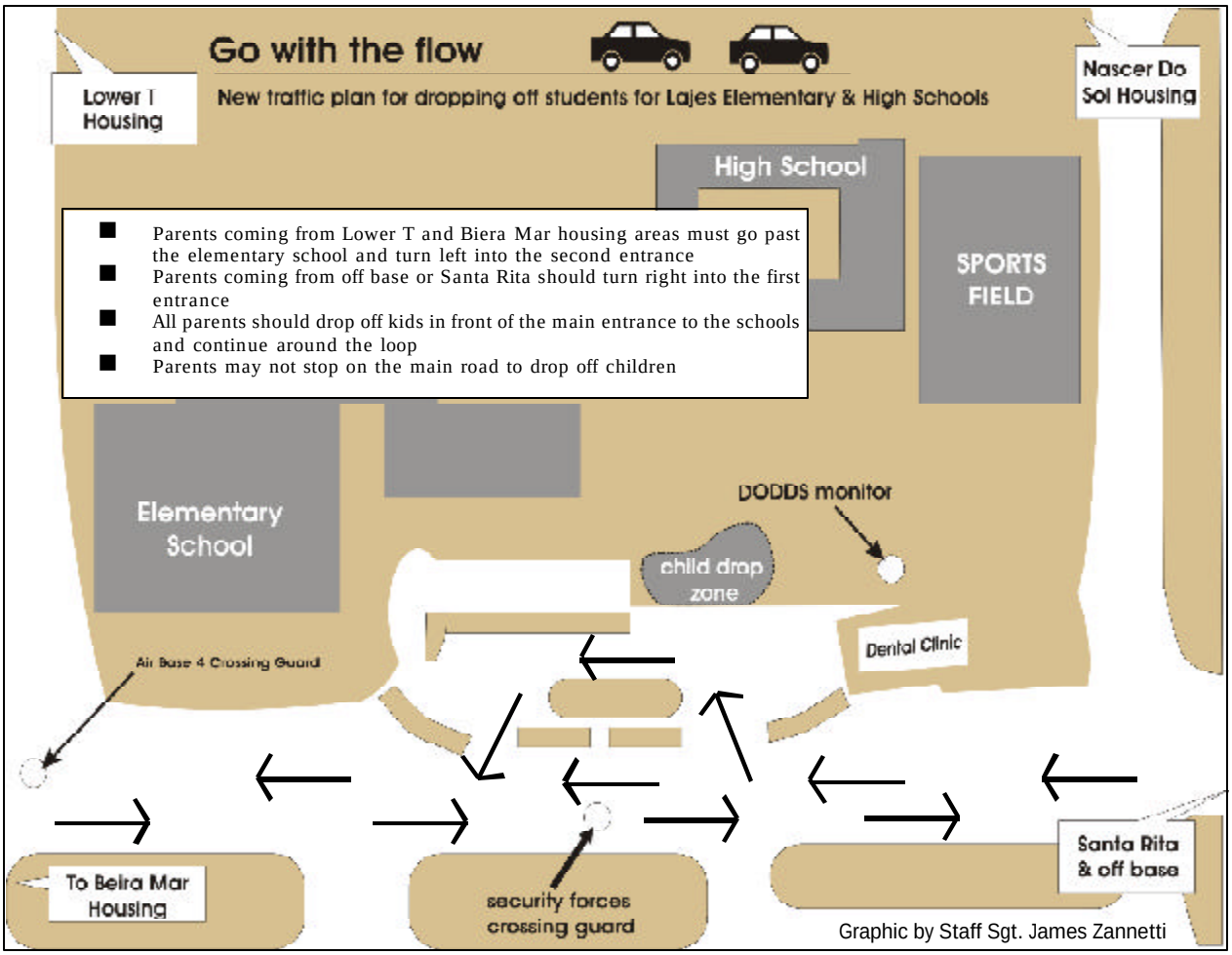
**Men's training:** Men's spiritual fitness training and lunch is noon, Wednesdays.

For more information on these events call Chaplain (Lt Col.) Michael Coggins at 2-4211.

**CCD Starts:** 9 a.m., Sept. 19.

**SUM Dinner:** This month's single and unaccompanied member dinner, hosted by the Organization of Latin Americans, is at 5:30p.m., Sept. 23.

**PMOC Conference:** The Fall 2004 European Protestant Men of the Chapel Conference will be held Oct. 15-17 at the Sauerland Stern Resort Hotel Willingen, Germany. The deadline to register for the conference is Sept. 27. The deadline for hotel reservations is Sept. 14. For more information, contact EPMOC president, Hector Rivera at DSN 486-7338 or via e-mail at *hector.a.rivera@us.army.mil.* or Aton stiles at DSN 496-3878, or e-mail *aton.stiles@sembach.af.mil.*



Graphic by Staff Sgt. James Zannetti

# School notes

## New look for DODDS

The Lajes DODDS schools are undergoing a facelift and while the facilities' appearance will improve, the purpose behind the change is force protection, said school liaison Monica Chandler-Potts. Since 2001, DODDS-Europe has been funding force protection upgrades to all of their campuses, including Lajes. The upgrade project at Lajes features the following changes:

Traffic reconfiguration - fewer driveways ensures that the entrance to the school can be controlled.

Removal of the access road behind the dental clinic - this road violated standoff distance requirements and was often used as parking.

Fencing replaced - the old fencing will be removed from its present location close to the school and replaced with new fencing and gates near the street.

The engineers have worked closely with DODDS-Europe as they adapted and molded this project into one that includes the school facility as part of the overall base community and the outcome will be a campus that looks better and is safer for the students.

For information about this project call Monica Chandler-Potts at 2-1314.

## Lunch prices

Meal prices for the 2004-2005 school year are $.10 higher than last year to compensate for operating costs. Elementary students will pay $2.05 per meal while middle and high school students pay $2.20.

## School bus registration

Forms for school bus registration can be picked up at Bldg. T-100, Room 241 or in the public folders. Forms should be returned to Bldg. T-100 or taken to the school.

## Skating party

A back-to-school skating party is at 7 p.m., Sept. 18 at the Lajes skating rink. The party theme is tropical. Games, prizes, a guest DJ and a best costume design contest will take place. Age groups are 5-6 year olds, 7-10 year olds, 11-14 year olds and 15-18 year olds. For more infomation call Pam Darling at 295-549-751 or the community center at 2-4135.

## School Lunch Coupons

Summer is coming to an end and parents and children are heading to the base exchange to purchase all the necessities to ensure a successful start at school. Parents can also purchase school lunch coupons at the main store cashier's cage. There are four different school lunch coupons available:

* A - Free
* B - 40 cents each - $8 book
* C - $2.05 each - $41 book
* D - $2.20 each - $44 book

People who still have last years C or D coupons should feel free to send them to school with students with an additional 10 cents or return them to the main store cashier's cage for a full refund.

Many Lajes students' families are eligible for free or reduced priced lunches. People with questions concerning qualifications can call the school liaison officer at 2-6216.

Parents with compliments or concerns regarding the school lunch program can call the AAFES School Feeding Team Leader at 2-3179 or Patrick Riordan, base exchange general manager, at 2-3209.

# NEWS

# CSAF speaks on decreased Air Force manning

**By Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell**
**USAFE News Service**

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** - Although the Air Force is required to reduce personnel manning numbers, a decrease in recruiting rather than forced reductions, is the right way to make it happen, the service's senior uniformed leader said during a visit here Aug. 30.

Throughout this process, ensuring America's Airmen know they are appreciated is a number one priority, said Gen. John P. Jumper, the Air Force chief of staff.

"Retention and recruiting for the Air Force throughout this crisis over the last three years has remained superb," the general said. "Even after Stop-Loss was lifted and people feared that Airmen would be leaving the Air Force in great numbers, especially in the Guard and Reserve, it just didn't happen.

"And so we find ourselves in a position where we have 20,000 people more than we should have by law," he continued. "I want to try and deal with it without any forced reductions in the force. I don't want anybody to be forced to leave that doesn't want to. The Secretary of the Air Force, (Dr. James G. Roche), and I are absolutely dedicated to making sure we don't break faith with our Airmen."

In order to get the manning numbers to where they should be and keep Airmen's faith, recruiting is going to be cut by about one third for a year, General Jumper said.

"We've never tried this before, but I think it's the right thing to do" he said. "Taking that (recruiting) loss in one year (should help us) get back to the numbers we're supposed to have, and we hope that the excesses in the few previous years will help fill in those holes as far as grade opportunity ..."

Taking care of our people, and the Air Force organization as a whole, is all about knowing where the critical shortages are and ensuring the right people have the right skills and are doing the right things, General Jumper said.

"We went for years during the '90s making cuts in people," he said. "We would cut 10 percent, and then 15 percent and then 20 percent - and then we finally ended up cutting a total of 40 percent of our force ... In a lot of cases, those slots didn't go away, and people with other skills then migrated into them. You have people with essential skills that we need, now filling slots that should have been taken off the books and never were.

"It's a hard thing to do and it's very traumatic, but the first two years of my tenure we got the books balanced, and we got the people out of the slots that were supposed to be emptied; we got the right people in the right slots," he said. "Only then did we really know what our critical shortages were."

But this shift in manning doesn't mean we're doing more with less, said General Jumper.

"We've got better budgets over the last three years than we've had in many years ..." he said. "We've got airplane parts, and we've got mission capable rates in our airplanes higher than what they've been for years. Why? Because we've had money to buy the parts for the first time in years and years.

"We've had pay raises and bonuses that have continued in unprecedented levels that Congress continues to vote for us," he continued. "We're not doing more with less, we are doing more with the same amount of people — particularly when you talk about trying to sustain two wars."

It all comes down to proper utilization of our people and letting them know they're valued, the general said.

"What I want everybody to know," General Jumper said. "(Is) that every Airman out there — we appreciate their service and we're going to do everything we can to keep people who want to stay in the service in the service."

# Shipping pets with AMC

**by Crossroads staff**

Paying attention to details makes moving with pets easier and Air Mobility Command's guidelines governing the shipment of pets on their flights is a good place to start.

One of the common and easily fixed problems AMC is seeing is the type of pet kennels being used.

"It's become a systematic problem," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Hollandsworth, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, traffic management office superintendent. "The problem can easily be fixed if everyone would make sure they have the required pet documentation and approved kennels."

Collapsible kennels are not allowed according to Sergeant Hollandsworth.

"Passengers must provide a hard-shell, hard-sided International Air Transport Association or U.S. Department of Agriculture approved kennel which is available at most exchange and retail stores.

"No soft-sided or collapsible kennels will be accepted, even for in-cabin pets. The kennel must be large enough for the animal to stand up, turn around and lie down with normal posture and body movements," he said.

"On several occasions passengers have showed up with kennels that are damaged and unfit for travel," Sergeant Hollandsworth said. "In these instances we ask all passenger agents to screen pet kennels and if the condition of the pet kennel seems questionable for travel, the duty officer will make the final determination whether to accept the kennel for movement."

To qualify for in-cabin travel, kennels must be hard sided and no larger than 20" length x 16" width x 8" height. He said passengers who have pets that weigh more than 70 pounds may have additional costs.

Another concern is up-to-date vaccinations.

"There've been several incidents where passengers have not had up-to-date health certificates and immunization records," said Sergeant Hollandsworth. "Passengers should know it's their responsibility to ensure their pet's documentation is up to date and meets all country entry requirements."

The AMC has a pet brochure with all the important information for moving pets on their website at *https://amclg.scott.af.mil.*

For more information, call the traffic management office at 2-3134.

## Not a pebble

Members of the Army Surface, Deployment and Distribution Command's 952nd Transportation Company move boulders to a staging area at the military port. The high-density boulders, weighing 16 tons each, have been shipped to the island from Norway and will be used to fix the breakwater in Praia. A total of three barges loaded with 1,800 stones apiece will arrive at the port. *The stones will be part of a berm that will extend into the ocean off the ocean side of the breakwater. This will reduce wave energy before it impacts the breakwater. (Photo by Kevin Burns)*

# Lajes baby couldn't wait

**by Capt. Yvonne Levardi**
**Chief of public affairs**

When Morgon Damron asks his parents about his birth, Kimberly and Todd Damron can tell him he was born a Portuguese citizen. Then they can tell him he must have been very anxious to be born, because he couldn't wait until they got to the hospital.

"I was sitting in the front seat of the car and I kept having contractions, non-stop," said Staff Sgt. Kimberly Damron, 65th Operations Support Squadron. "I asked my husband to lean the seat back so I would be more comfortable. He said he would as long as I didn't push."

She didn't think she was pushing but it quickly became apparent to her, the baby was going to make his appearance soon.

"I said 'Honey, the baby's coming right now,'" Kimberly said. "He wasn't waiting for anybody."

Staff Sgt. Todd Damron, 65th OSS, said earlier in the day the whole situation had been calm and relaxed – Kimberly had been

Morgon "Jetta Boy" Damron

having contractions that were about 10 minutes apart all afternoon. They called the on-call doctor when they were closer to five minutes apart, and he told them to head for the hospital.

"The contractions went from five minutes apart to having the baby," Todd said. "When she said the baby was coming, I reached over to try and reassure her that we'd reach the hospital – but I felt the baby's head crowning."

Todd pulled the car over to the side of the road.

"We did the only thing we could do – find out what was going on," Todd said.

They took off her pants, and Todd could see Morgon's head. He pushed on it a little, and Morgon slid out into his father's hands. He was born at 8:10 p.m., on the highway to Angra, next to the Quinta de Martello sign.

"He wasn't breathing so I gave him a couple of firm pats on the back," Todd said. "When I did that I could feel some movement. I turned him over and that's when he took some deep breaths and started moving his arms and legs."

He wrapped Morgon up, laid him next to his mother and got back on the road to Angra.

"At that point we were about six minutes from the hospital so I figured we'd worry about the umbilical cord then," Todd said.

"I wasn't scared because Todd wasn't – he kept me pretty calm," Kimberly said.

When they arrived at the emergency room, Todd approached a paramedic for assistance. Todd said the paramedic was at first a bit confused by what Todd was saying, but that quickly turned to surprise when he saw Kimberly and Morgon in the car. Within a couple of minutes, about 15 staff members and a surgeon had come to help.

"The surgeon cut the cord in the car," Todd said, "and within about a half hour Kimberly was in recovery with Morgon, sitting up, talking and generally feeling fine."

Both said the care was great.

"The staff was wonderful; the care was the same – they all want to make sure you're healthy," Kimberly said. "We had heard so many bad stories and when we got there everyone was great. The recovery was great, and the language barrier didn't seem to matter."

Todd agreed and said there was no reason for anyone to be apprehensive.

"There are so many rules, but they (the hospital staff) are so willing to work with you to make your stay comfortable," he said.

Both mother and baby are back home now and according to Kimberly, Morgon is growing and eating, and is perfectly healthy.

"He's wonderful," Kimberly said.

According to Todd, Morgon's already earned his first nickname.

"It's 'Jetta Boy' because he was born in his daddy's Jetta," Todd said. "The story we will tell Morgon is his birth was a miracle."

# *Home away from home requires TLC*

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

Prior to many unaccompanied Airman's arrival on base, their sponsor has already gotten them a place to stay: a dormitory room. This one room becomes their home away from home.

Just like at home, there are rules regarding the upkeep of base dormitories. Dormitories, just like an apartment, are surveyed prior to occupation.

"Sponsors are given the keys to the room and are asked to inspect the room to ensure it's ready for occupancy," Staff Sgt. Sylonnya Heyward, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, dormitory manager said.

Once the resident arrives, they are brought to dormitory management to in-process. There they are briefed on the do's and don'ts of the dormitories, Sergeant Heyward said.

"They're briefed on the rules of the dorms, response for fire and bomb alarms, procedures for lock-outs or lost keys, quiet hours, smoking restrictions and so on."

In their briefing they're told, as residents of the dormitories, they are responsible for the basic up-keep of their facilities.

"They're responsible for their personal trash. It should be emptied into the dumpsters and not in the common areas," Sergeant Heyward said. "They're also responsible for keeping their individual rooms clean and cleaning up after themselves after using the dayroom or kitchen."

Supervisors also take part in the up-keep of the base dormitories by showing an interest in the residents.

"Supervisors are responsible for knowing how and where their people live, and should routinely check on their personnel in the dorms to make sure everything is all right," Master Sgt. Christopher Moore, 65th CES first sergeant said. "First sergeants should use the supervisor as the front line in several instances. Whether there are noise complaints or if a room is not as clean as it should be, the Shirts should engage the supervisor to take any necessary corrective actions."

According to Sergeant Heyward, the dormitories are not smoke free. However, smoking is prohibited in common areas.

"Smoking is allowed in individual rooms as long as doors are closed. Residents may also smoke outside in the designated smoking areas. For safety reasons, other flame items such as candles and incense are prohibited," she said.

The consumption of alcohol in the dormitories is not prohibited either.

"Alcohol is allowed in the dormitories since all of our residents are over 18 years of age," Sergeant Moore said. "No minors (under 17) are allowed in the dormitories unless specifically cleared by the dorm manager and unit first sergeant on a case-by-case basis. Our residents are asked to drink responsibly and to utilize the resources available such as the LADD van or taxis if they decide to go somewhere."

Unfortunately, protection of personal property is an area for dormitory residents to pay particular attention to.

"The fact that we still have thefts in the dormitories is an area of concern," Sergeant Moore said. "The first action for dormitory residents to counter this is to ensure that the building's side doors are locked and not propped open."

Securing personal property and the dormitories themselves can eliminate some of the thefts.

"There've been thefts throughout the year with clothes being taken out of the laundry areas and out of the facilities," Sergeant Moore said. "The simple act of ensuring the door is secure can eliminate some of the theft and give added protection so only those residents in those dormitories can enter with their key."

For more information regarding dormitory guidance, call dormitory management at 2-4173.

# Realignment won't be hasty

**by Samantha L. Quigley**
**American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — "The first message I would pass to troops and their families is that they needn't pack their bags," a senior Department of Defense official said Aug. 17, referring to plans for globally realigning U.S. armed forces.

Andrew Hoehn, deputy assistant secretary of defense for strategy, reassured servicemembers and their families that any changes would not be made in haste.

"This is something that's going to take place over a period of time," he said.

As restructuring plans progress, senior defense officials said department officials will follow closely any developments. DOD officials have set up a special e-mail address at *gpquestions@osd.mil* for people to send in questions, and they will release articles to address concerns.

Mr. Hoehn referred to President Bush's announcement Aug. 16 that said the government is entering a different stage of the realignment process, from consulting with allies and partners to presenting ideas to these groups more formally.

Perhaps more important to the troops was the message of how the realignment of forces is going to affect troops and their families. The president made it clear that this was a process that would take 10 years to complete, Mr. Hoehn said.

"They'll have plenty of notice," Mr. Hoehn said about servicemembers and families. "It is our intention that these are changes that need to take place. But we're going to do them in a time and (at) a pace [so] that all the parties are going to have sufficient information that they can act upon, and they can plan."

The ability to plan for moves and deployments is important, but the president said he realizes that this is only a start.

"The president is very concerned with the welfare of our forces," Mr. Hoehn said. "It is a real statement about the concern for the welfare of our servicemembers and for their families to bring that kind of predictability, that stability to their lives that so many seek."

Some changes being considered are longer tours of duty and fewer permanent station moves during a career, Mr. Hoehn said. This means that servicemembers' spouses can pursue employment options and keep their jobs longer, children can stay in schools longer, and families and children have more time with grandparents, aunts and uncles.

"Of course, we have missions that we're all going to be carrying out and will be called upon," he said. "And when duty calls, we'll respond."

The decisions regarding any effect on forces returning to the United States are going to be taken within the base realignment and closure process, Mr. Hoehn said. DOD's internal work on that is already under way, but the BRAC commission does not form until May. Once the BRAC commission makes its recommendations, Congress, which has and will continue to play a vital role in realigning the armed forces, will have to make a decision, Mr. Hoehn said.

The government would not even have a final decision on the disposition of forces until about a year from now, Mr. Hoehn said. Funding for any adjustments that may have to be made would have to be secured, and this pushes any actual changes out at least a year to 18 months.

Some of these changes involve the stateside movement of a large number of servicemembers. These troop movements could include the return of two heavy divisions currently stationed in Germany to the United States. They would be replaced with a Stryker brigade, which combatant commanders feel is more fitting to face the challenges overseas, Mr. Hoehn said.

This strategy falls in line with the realignment strategy of making American forces lighter, faster and more agile.

President Bush indicated in his speech Aug. 16 that the movement of 60,000 to 70,000 servicemembers, mostly from Europe, and 100,000 family members stateside was not out of the question. The president added that a "very substantial" U.S. military ground presence would remain.

While they will remain, the location of these servicemembers will be adjusted to meet the new threats the United States faces.

"The threat that we thought we would confront in Europe is one that is no more," Mr. Hoehn said. "I think it was right and appropriate in the immediate aftermath of the Cold War that we not make any drastic adjustments, because we wanted to make sure that those changes were lasting ones."

Now the country faces new challenges and must retool its fighting forces to meet those challenges head on, Mr. Hoehn said.

## *Airman's contributions recognized at Enlisted Heritage Hall*

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) — Officials at Air Force Space Command headquarters and the Enlisted Heritage Hall at Gunter Annex, Ala., recognized the contributions of an enlisted Airman on Aug. 31.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Michael Kenderes devoted his entire working life, both in uniform and as a civilian, to the readiness of the ICBM force.

Chief Kenderes, who currently resides in Santa Maria, Calif., will be recognized for his career contributions, which span the early days of the Titan I intercontinental ballistic missile system through the Minuteman ICBM to the Peacekeeper.

During this time, Chief Kenderes led, trained and influenced hundreds of Airmen and noncommissioned officers, gave guidance to scores of officers and identified dozens of technical improvements to the weapon systems, officials said.

He also spent countless hours in the field himself, maintaining the strategic alert posture of missile forces.

Following his retirement from active duty in 1985, after 25 years of service in missiles, Chief Kenderes spent 13 years working as a commercial aerospace field engineer. He supported the Air Force in the deployment of the Peacekeeper system and in the implementation of the Rapid Execution and Combat Targeting modification for the Airborne Launch Control System and ground operations.

He will be featured in the Cold War exhibit at the Enlisted Heritage Hall.

The U.S. Air Force's Enlisted Heritage Hall offers visitors a unique glimpse at the country's history of military aviation.

The mission of the hall is to preserve the heritage and tradition of the enlisted corps of the U.S. Air Force and its predecessors in the development of air power to defend the United States.

**For information on absentee voting:**

Contact the base voting officer Capt. Joseph Zell at 2-7013 or visit

*http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/airmenvotes* or

*http://www.fvap.gov*

# The Importance of Voting — The Power of Your Vote

**By Gen. John P. Jumper**
**Air Force Chief of Staff**

Around the world, the Airmen of our United States Air Force make a difference. From the collapse of the Soviet Union and Desert Storm more than a decade ago to our global planning and execution of air and space power today, Airmen have done more than their part for our nation. In the coming months, we need to make a difference in another way. We all need to exercise the privilege only enjoyed by free nations — the privilege of voting.

Most of you have been deployed in an Air Expeditionary Force since you have been in the Air Force. You have seen our way of life compared to others in troubled parts of the world. While we as Americans are not without our problems and issues, if all the borders of all the nations of the world were open to all people, where do you think most would choose to reside? There is little doubt that it would be in the Land of the Free.

There have been many books written in recent years about our founding fathers — the men who wrote the powerful words that forged a new nation. In our Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson penned a phrase that is the cornerstone of our democratic institutions and makes us unique among nations. He wrote, ..."Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed." It is this idea of the "Consent of the Governed" that empowers each of us in the form of our vote.

Many of us have experienced some obstacles to voting while serving in the armed forces. The absentee voting system has traditionally been fraught with challenges, but we have been working hard to minimize the red tape. With Airmen and their families serving around the globe, many suffer from delays in mail service — another obstacle to registering and voting. Our leadership in the Department of Defense has worked with the U.S. Postal Service to give priority to voting materials in the mail system.

To facilitate the voting process, we have also created a user-friendly voting link called "Airmen Votes" on our Air Force Link website for you and your families to use. The "Airmen Votes" icon on the Air Force Link website, *www.af.mil*, will guide you to all the information you need to register to vote, file an absentee ballot request, and send in an absentee ballot. In most cases, all you need to do is fill out a postcard and mail it in.

Guidance is available for all states and territories and for those Airmen living overseas. Your family members who are eligible to vote can use this web link as well, including children away from home while attending school.

If you still have questions, contact your Voting Assistance Officers — they are available to address your voting questions or concerns. We want to make voting as easy as possible.

The Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Jim Roche, and I are dedicated to ensuring every eligible Airman has the opportunity to vote. As Airmen we have all taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution that guarantees our right to vote. As a nation we accept divergence of opinion and candidates with different views.

I encourage you to avail yourself of the right to vote for candidates and on the issues of your choice. No other single act is so fundamental to our form of Government. Please register. Please vote.

I urge you to exercise your right to vote. If there was any doubt that every vote counts, past presidential elections have proved that it does! Just a few votes can decide the outcome of an election. As we pave the way for democratic governments in Afghanistan and Iraq, it is only fitting that we provide an example of democracy in action by engaging in the democratic process at home. We protect democracy through our military duty and service to our country, but we also protect democracy when we vote. Democracy only works when people fulfill their obligation to cast their ballot.

This year, Americans will have the opportunity once again to exercise that right by going to the polls to vote for the President and Vice President, members of Congress, as well as thousands of local officials. Even if you are stationed far from your home of record, you can vote through the absentee ballot process. This is true whether you are stationed one state away or deployed to another country.

The absentee voting process is not without problems, but we are working to minimize them. As a result of America's global posture, many of our Airmen deployed in combat environments and other locations do not receive timely mail services. The Department of Defense has coordinated efforts with the U.S. Postal Service in order to better serve these members and their voting needs.

Secretary Roche and I are dedicated to ensuring every eligible Airman has the opportunity to vote. Historically, Airmen lead the public at large in exercising this fundamental right and duty of citizenship. We'd like to see this trend continue. To this end, voter assistance officers reside within each of your units who are responsible for answering your questions about elections and facilitating the voting process.

We all have an important voice that should be heard and heeded by our government. When we go to the polls, we can express our views through the democratic process As members of the world's greatest Air Force, we labor so that others may vote; let's make sure we exercise that same right. See you at the polls!

## Everyday Hero

Tech. Sgt.
Mike Luetkeman

65th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

**Duty title:** NCOIC, Funds and Facilities Management
**Job description:** Squadron point of contact for all facilities issues
**Time in the Air Force:** 10 years
**Time at Lajes:** 15 months
**What's the best aspect of your job:** Being able to make the work areas of my coworkers a much better place and seeing their gratitude after my work is complete
**What are your career goals:** To do the best that I can in everything I do no matter what the task
**Best Air Force experience:** Being a member of the Air Force's Team Aim High RAGBRAI Cycling Team for 3 years
**Life goal:** To retire from the military and do charity work in the Philippines
**Hometown:** Cherokee Iowa
**One word to describe you:** Perfectionist
**Hobbies:** Bicycling, traveling
**Favorite food:** Pizza
**Favorite color:** Yellow
**No one knows I/I'm:** Have 2 sons
**When I was growing up, I wanted to be:** In the military
**If I could have only one kind of food, it would be:** Fruit
**The first thing I would do if I won a $1,000,000 is**: Take a vacation

# COMMENTARY

# SMART summer for Lajes

**By Col. Barbara Jacobi**
**65 ABW Commander**

For many of us, Labor Day weekend affords one last opportunity to enjoy the summer before school's back in session at Lajes… And I expect to see everyone in class safe and ready for the new fiscal year, after the 101 Critical Days of Summer end, Sept. 6.

This summer Lajes has played SMART, however, this weekend will serve as our summer's final safety examination. As we plan our activities for the Labor Day weekend, make sure to review your Personal Risk Management checklist before playing too hard.

The good news is, so far, Lajes is doing very well with no major mishaps or fatalities during this year's campaign, and we hope to keep it that way. The bad news is the death of five Airmen in one week recently reminded the Air Force that seven days can cause a major change in many people's lives.

I highlight the deaths from the week of Aug. 18-25 to remind you all how deadly one weekend could be. Air Force-wide, there have been 26 deaths during this year's campaign and 72 deaths for FY04. Unfortunately, United States Air Forces in Europe personally experienced one of those losses due to an automobile accident and saw one of its members permanently disabled in a motorcycle accident.

Vehicle mishaps are the leading cause of accidental deaths in USAFE, so drive defensively, buckle up, keep a safe distance from others, adjust your speed to traffic and road conditions, and plan accordingly so you won't need to speed to get to your destination on time.

While not all accidents can be prevented regardless of how hard you try, we can certainly do our part to avoid them, and you have. I'm especially proud of your efforts against drinking and driving.

There has not been a single incident of driving under the influence this summer… a dramatic improvement from last year's five from May-September. I know this is a direct result of the teamwork you all live by, taking care of each other.

Thank you for your integrity and for doing your best to ensure everyone enjoys a safe summer. Your service to our country allows others to work with confidence in our nation's security. Enjoy the weekend designated to celebrate those who've worked hard to make America the land of promise, and play SMART!

## Question:

Is there a place on Terceira where one can go wine tasting?

## Answer:

There is only one place open to the public on the island, the Wine Museum in the village of Biscoitos, that still makes wine the "old-fashioned way."

If you decide to visit the museum, your first stop will be the cellar where the wine presses are located. This is where people smash the grapes with their bare feet during the vintage season, which runs from late August until mid September. It's in this cellar that the winery produces the country's renowned "Verdelho" wine and "Vinho de Cheiro," along with the sweet liquor called "Angelica" and some other brandies.

Huge casks made of American and European wood can be seen in another area of the cellars where the wine ages for nine to 12 years. After aging, the wine is bottled by hand and sold.

The museum, located above the wine cellar, depicts the history of wine production in the village since the beginning of the 20th century.

Items on display include the tools used to work the vineyards, such as hoes, pruning sheers, baskets and axes. There are also displays of old carpentry tools, ox carts, 19th-century wine presses, old British gin bottles used to carry the Verdelho wine to the Czars of Russia, and old photographs showing various tasks associated with the harvesting of grapes.

Senhor Francisco Maria Brum, a descendent of Dutch settlers, founded the winery in 1890. Fernando Brum, his grandson, presently owns it.

After touring the winery and museum, guests are usually given the opportunity to taste the different types of wines and liquors. The winery also has items available to purchase as souvenirs.

Every year in September, the museum sponsors a week-long festival known as "Festival of the Vintage." It features several activities related with the harvesting of grapes, as well as performances by folklore dancers and conferences about the production of wine.

The Wine Museum is located at Canada do Caldeiro in Biscoitos, and is open daily from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Admittance is free.

## *Wine Festival*

This year the wine festival is Saturday in the village of Biscoitos.

The festival kicks off at 2 p.m. with a parade between the wine museum and the vineyards located next to the seafront, where participants will be invited to help pick the grapes.

Following that, the parade heads back to the wine museum where participants can crush the grapes with their bare feet inside a tank the same way it used to be done many years ago. Visitors will also have the opportunity to taste the new wine juice that flows from the wine presses.

Members of a local folklore group dressed in old traditional costumes will also participate in these events and perform throughout the afternoon. The wine festival is open to everybody who wishes to participate or watch.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# Officer has nothing but respect for Polish military

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

When thinking of deployment locations, the first places that come to mind are Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, or one of the many "stans," Poland is not even on the list. For a logistics readiness squadron major, it was an experience he won't soon forget.

When called up for an AEF rotation, Maj. Rich Fillman's, 65th LRS, Director of Operations, first destination was not Poland.

"I was slated to deploy in both January and April of this year, one of them to Kuwait as a squadron commander," he said. "I had my bags packed and my plane ticket in hand and was called and told not to get on the aircraft 72 hours prior to departure."

After months on standby, Major Fillman received permission from his squadron commander to take some leave and he flew back to the States for vacation. While there he received a call from his squadron commander.

"Lt Col (Joe ) Martin told me I had been chosen to deploy again and that I had one week to get my stuff together and report," he said. "The joke on the base was that I wasn't going anywhere. Until people saw me get on the plane this was just another mobility exercise."

But this time, Major Fillman did leave. An American major with Polish ancestry was going to work as a liaison officer with the Polish military.

While in Warsaw, Poland, Major Fillman, the European Command Deployment Cell team chief, worked with the HQ Polish General Staff.

"Most of the military members I worked with were from the Polish army," he said. "It was inspiring how professional the people were. Some people make jokes about the Polish, but the professionalism they displayed was on level with what I have witnessed in the United States Air Force."

Polish Army Lt. Col. Dariusz Janasz briefs Maj Rich Fillman, 65 Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Brent Von Aschen, 86th Air Mobility Squadron, on the Polish 16th Mechanized Division troop preparations prior to boarding a B757 at the Lech Walesa airfield in Gdansk, Poland. In total the EUCOM Deployment Cell led by Major Fillman supported 61 airlift missions rotating 6,956 combat forces and 2,342 tons of baggage and cargo from Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Hungary, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia into the Iraq and Afghanistan theatres supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. *(Photo by Major Al Rebote)*

The chain of command as an Air Force liaison officer was a little complicated.

"I was assigned an interpreter to help with any communications problems I might have," he said. "(Polish) Major (Viktor) Barczykowski understood every nuance of the English language so communicating was not difficult. Whenever information came down from EUCOM, it would flow from me to Major Barczykowski and then to the Polish general staff."

As part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Poland must meet NATO force projection goals. To meet these goals the country needs aerial port and organic airlift capabilities, Major Fillman said. Currently the U.S. provides this assistance to help move Polish soldiers to Iraq as part of the coalition forces occupying Iraq. The Polish army Movement Control Team troops receive training from the 7th Army Training Command from Grafenwohr, Germany on cargo and HAZMAT procedures, and training from the 86th Air Mobility Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, on inspecting cargo. The Polish army troops go through the same certificate program that AMS Airmen are expected to complete.

While in Poland, Major Fillman, with the help of members from the 86th AMS, led 37 missions that deployed more than 4,900 Polish, Latvian, Lithuanian and Ukrainian combat forces to and from the Iraqi theatre as part of a Polish-led Multinational Division Center South sector supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, the team supported 24 airlift missions in Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Hungry, Lithuania, Moldavia, Romania, and Slovakia moving 2,056 combat forces into and out of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Fillman was particularly complimentary about his Air Force teammates.

"Staff Sgt. Jason Kaneshiro was an outstanding asset to the team," he said. "He and Tech. Sgt. Brent Von Aschen logged enough flying hours to earn every frequent flyer program's highest reward."

The Polish military learned their tasks well. After spending June through August learning from the Americans, they felt they knew how to competently perform the tasks the Americans taught them.

"On the second to last mission one of the Polish MCT (movement control team) members told me I didn't have a job here anymore," Sergeant Von Aschen, 86th AMS said. "This clearly displayed the confidence they had in their ability to properly upload troops into an aircraft."

According to Major Fillman, the Polish MCTs will continue to receive periodic training by the United States as they await the arrival of their own C-130 aircraft that will help them learn the ins and outs of moving troops and cargo.

"The Polish were willing and eager to learn and will now be capable of providing movement coordination for their own troops," he said. "This was our aim, and we completed our mission." (Information contributed by USAFE News Service)

# Driven to succeed

Karin Tjelmeland works on her swing during the USAFE golf championship. *(Photo by Mia Hubert)*

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

Some say that to be good at a sport you have to start young. Well "they" must be right because Karin Tjelmeland is more than good and she started golfing at the age of 7.

According to Tjelmeland, she began to golf at the urging of her father but continued because she loved the sport.

"I started playing golf after my dad learned that it would be a good venue to get college paid for. But when I started competing at the age of 10, I fell in love with competing and always wanted to be on top," she said.

Winning kept her coming back to practice and working harder to keep improving, she said.

"During college my reasons for playing golf changed. The satisfaction I got from the sport was being able to get outside away from everything and just practice the sport I love and continue to improve," she said. "What drives me is knowing I can be better and every time I go to the course, those thoughts are with me."

And driven she has been. The 22-year-old second lieutenant is the U.S. Air Forces in Europe women's golf champion. Tjelmeland won the title last month at Lakenheath Air Base, England and now will compete in the Air Force golf championship.

"After winning the USAFE championships at RAF Lakenheath, I qualify automatically to play in Colorado at the Air Force golf championships," she said.

The service championship will take place Sept. 12-18 at the Eisenhower Golf Course in Colorado. If Tjmeland is one of the top three women finishers she will qualify for the Armed Forces Championships to take place the following week at Fort Carson, Colo.

But, sometimes the big things, like her victory at USAFE, are not what people treasure most.

"My greatest golf achievement was shooting even for the two day tournament during the Colorado High School Golf State Championships," she said. "I tied for third, but was very satisfied with how I played."

Tjelmeland's confidence in her game comes from her father.

"I feel truly blessed for having my father believe in my ability to play this game and for always supporting me," she said. "If it wasn't for him constantly driving me to practice when I held back, I know I would not have had the opportunities that the sport has presented me in my life so far. He's my mentor."

As Tjelmand's father serves as her mentor, she recommends that new golfers seek guidance in the form of golf instructors their first time on the course.

"I believe first-timers should look into a beginner's class at their local golf course. This would help them to ensure they get the correct instruction from the very beginning," she said. "I believe then the new golfer would walk away with more satisfaction if they had greater success than just going to the course blind and having no clue."

Tjelmeland, a contracting officer who was commissioned in May of this year, intends to continue to play golf throughout her military career.

"I want to continue to play golf in Air Force events while I'm on active duty. When I return to the States I want to spend my leave entering US Golf Association Women's Amateur events. Who knows—something more may arise down the road."

# Sports notes

## Softball tournament

The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron will host a softball tournament today and tomorrow at the Ocean View field. Entry fee is two softballs. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Airman 1st Class Austin P'Pool at 2-7061 or Master Sgt. Christopher Moore at 2-6322.

## Smart Start

The Lajes Youth Center is starting a new sports program called "Smart Start" for youth ages 3 and 4 and their parents. Parent involvement is mandatory for participation. Participants meet once a week for six weeks to prepare kids for organized soccer and allow children the opportunity to work one-on-one with a parent. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 10.

A mandatory parents meeting is at 6 p.m., Sept. 13 at the youth center. Registration is $25. For more information call Jolene Wilkinson at 2-1197.

# 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., Thu., 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.-3 a.m., Fri.; 8 a.m.-3 a.m., Sat.; 8 a.m.-9:30 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.

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

**Monday**

Protestant women's spiritual fitness training, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

Men's spiritual fitness training/lunch, noon; Working women's spiritual fitness training/lunch, 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 Choir Practice, 7 p.m.; Men's spiritual fitness training, 7 p.m.

**Friday**

CWOC Mass, 5:30 p.m., 1st Fri.; Teen Movie Night, 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.; Rosary and adoration, 5:40 p.m.; Protestant Youth/Teens of the Chapel, 6:15 p.m.

## The BIG TICKET

**Friday: 7 p.m., "The Notebook,"** rated PG-13 for some sexuality. Cast includes James Garner and Gena Rowlands. A man reads from a faded notebook to the woman he regularly visits. His words bring to life the story of a couple who are separated by World War II, then passionately reunited seven years later, after they have taken different paths. Though her memory has faded, his words give her the chance to relive her turbulent youth and the unforgettable love they shared. **10 p.m., "Anchorman,"** rated PG-13 for sexual humor, language and comic violence. Cast includes Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate. When feminism marches into the newsroom in the form of ambitious newswoman Veronica Corningstone, Ron, the top-rated anchorman in San Diego is willing to play along at first, as long as Veronica stays in her place, covering cat fashion shows, cooking, and other "female" interests. But when Veronica refuses to settle for being eye candy and steps behind the news desk, it's more than a battle between two perfectly coiffed anchor-persons, it's war.

**Saturday: 7 p.m., "King Arthur,"** rated PG-13 for intense battle sequences, a scene of sensuality and some language. Cast includes Clive Owen and Ioan Gruffudd. Arthur and his knights have served in the Roman military for 15 years, and now have only one mission to fulfill before being granted their freedom. As the Saxons attack Britain, they must head north to rescue the last Roman officials left in a village. Once there, the Knights of the Round Table team set free Guinevere, a fierce fighter imprisoned by the Romans, so they can face the Saxons in battle.

**Sunday: 2 p.m., "The Notebook," 7 p.m., "Anchorman"**
**Wednesday: 7 p.m., "King Arthur"**
**Thursday: 7 p.m., "Anchorman"**

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

# AFN Sports on TV

## Friday

**AFN-Atlantic**
MLB, 11 p.m.

**AFN-Sports**
US Open Tennis Championship: Men's and women's 3rd round, 3 p.m.
World Cup of Hockey: North American Round Robin – Slovakia @ USA (JIP), 11:30 p.m.

## Saturday

**AFN-Atlantic**
NCAA football: Bowling Green @ Oklahoma,4 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

**AFN-Pacific**
NCAA football: Washington State @ New Mexico, midnight, Miami @ Michigan, 4 p.m., Oklahoma@ UCLA, 7:30 p.m.
MLB: 11 p.m.

**AFN-Sports**
Friday Night Fights, 1:30 a.m.
MLB: 7 a.m., 11 a.m.
NCAA football: Cal @ Air Force, 4 p.m.
US Open Tennis Championship: Men's and women's 3rd round (JIP), 8 p.m
NCAA football: Oregon State @ LSU, 10 p.m.

## Sunday

**AFN-Atlantic**
NCAA football: Toledo @ Minnesota, 11 a.m.
Oregon State @ LSU, 5 p.m.
Kentucky @ Louisville, 7:30 p.m.
NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Pop Secret 500, 11 p.m.

**AFN-Pacific**
NCAA football: Big Ten – Syracuse @ Purdue, 5:30 p.m.
Horse Racing: NTRA Road to the World Thoroughbred Championships – Forego Handicap, 9 p.m.

**AFN-Sports**
NCAA football: Notre Dame @ BYU, 1:15 a.m.
Big XII – Colorado State @ Colorado, 7 a.m.
NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Target House 300, 11 a.m.
MLB: 5 p.m.
US Open Tennis Championship: Men's and women's 3rd and 4th rounds (JIP), 10 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. Dates and times should be in civilian format, and include full name of P.O.C.*

## Bullfights

**Saturday:** 6 p.m., Rua Padre Gregorio Rocha, Lajes; 6 p.m., Santa Barbara.

**Sunday:** 6 p.m., Vila Nova.

**Wednesday:** 6 p.m., Santa Luzia.

**Thursday:** 6 p.m., Santa Luzia.

## Closures/shifts

**ERAU closure:** The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University office is closed until Thursday. For more information, call Terra Schellig at 2-3375.

**FSC closure:** The family support center is closed from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. today for training. For more information, call 2-3583.

## Education Center

**Tuition assistance:** The last day for issuing of tuition assistance for FY04 is Sept. 17. Requests for classes starting any time before Oct.1 must be in by Sept. 17. For more information, call the education office at 2-3355.

**New hours:** Central Texas College is now open in the Lajes Education Center. CTC offers associate degree programs in criminal justice, early childhood education, fire science, food service management and emergency medical technology. Office hours are 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Mon.–Thurs. For more information, call Kimberly Henne at 2-3355.

**CTC:** Spouse tuition assistance forms for term two are due by close of business Oct. 7 to the Central Texas College office. For more information, call Kimberly Henne at 2-3355.

**CTC course:** Central Texas College is offering the Early Childhood Education program. Registration is Oct. 11-22. The first class is "Family and the Community," a study of the relationship between the child, the family, the community, and early childhood education, including a study of parent education, family and community lifestyles, multi-cultural instruction, child abuse, and current issues. For more information, call CTC at 2-6722.

**ERAU registration:** Registration for undergraduate distance learning courses with Embry Riddle Aeronautical University ends Monday. For more information, call 2-3375.

**Graduate course:** The University of Oklahoma's "Leadership in Difficult Times," a new 8-week long online elective course for the Master's of Human Relations, will be held Oct. 11-Dec. 13. Registration for "Intervention and Practice in training," is on-going. The course will be held Oct 19-24. The last day to enroll/drop the course is Sept. 20. For more information, call Kalina Hill at 2-3717.

Teens enjoy a snack and movie during the teen movie night at the chapel Aug. 27. *(Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)*

## Classes

**Federal jobs:** The family support center will hold a federal jobs class from 6-8:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the FSC. For more information, call 2-4138.

**Federal resume:** The family support center will hold a resume-building class from 6-8:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the FSC. For more information, call 2-4138.

**Terceira Island Circle:** Meet new people and learn how to make a mini scrapbook 6-8 p.m., Oct. 6 at the family support center. All supplies are provided. For more information and to register, call Elsa Summers at 2-4138.

## Events

**VA call:** The Veteran's Administration offers an interactive video telephone conference call 8 a.m. Wednesday in the battle staff area of Bldg. T-715. To register call the family support center at 2-4138.

**Football Frenzy:** The frenzy for ages 12 and up begins 4 p.m., Sept. 12 at the Top of the Rock club. The Bits and Bites menu will be available along with a members-only buffet at halftime. Club members have a chance to win super bowl tickets, pro bowl tickets, plasma TV and an X-Box game system on super bowl Sunday.

**NFL fantasy football:** Choose teams and win weekly prizes. Pick up a draft sheet at the Top of the Rock club Monday-Friday and turn in before kick-off on Sunday. A prize for top points of that week! Play every week and accumulate points for a second prize. For more information about football activities at the club, call Kevin Gontarek at 2-3202.

**Retraining:** The Fiscal Year 2005 retraining program has been released. Members with a 2005 DEROS interested in retraining should call Senior Airman Angelique Avendano in personnel employments at 2-5203/5143 for more information.

**Toll-free dialing:** To dial a stateside toll-free number for official business, call the Dover Air Force Base, Del. operator at DSN 445-3000 or any other stateside DSN operator and ask to be connected to the toll free number. Dialing the number directly is billed as an international call. A listing of DSN operator numbers is in the base phone book.

**Romantic cruise:** A couples' cruise is every Friday evening until Oct. 1 from 6-10 p.m. Wine, cheese and champagne is served aboard. Cruise package includes a one-night stay in a lodging suite and Saturday breakfast at the club from 8:30 a.m.-noon. One couple costs $310, two couples cost $245. Further discounts are available for up to four couples. Call outdoor recreation at 2-4140 for reservations by close of business Tuesday.

**Wacky racer:** A soap-box derby is at noon, Sept. 25 at the Top of the Rock club. There will be a jumping castle, dunk tank, entertainment DJ, food & drink, hill run, door prizes for club members and prizes for racers. For more information call Kara Warren at 2-3202.

## Volunteers/jobs

**Thrift shop:** The thrift shop is looking for volunteer sales representatives to assist with stocking, organizing, sales and consignments. For more information, call the thrift shop at 2-3567.

**Volunteer clerk:** A volunteer environmental administrative clerk is needed, who can work three hours a day, three days a week, has at least three months left on island and is interested in learning more about the environment. For more information, call Elsa Wingert at 2-4138.

**Volunteer technician:** A volunteer travel voucher technician is needed to assist the 65th Comptroller Squadron process military and civilian PCS and TDY travel vouchers. Basic computer knowledge is required and one-on-one training will be provided. For more information, call Else Wingert at 2-4138.

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FOR SALE: matching 14k gold Figaro necklace and bracelet. originally $450, asking $75 for both; diamonds and gold tennis bracelet-originally $1,300, asking $200; 7 piece baby Snoopy baby bedding set for girl or boy, good condition, includes bumper pad, 2 valances, fitted crib sheet, baby comforter, coat hook, and diaper stacker, $35; brand new white Black and Decker can opener $8; JVC digital camcorder-barely used with 2" LCD screen, great condition. Comes with bag, 3 new videos, and battery charger $100. Call Hayley or Geoff at 295-549-824.