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Welcome to Lajes

Col. Robert Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander, left, and Portuguese Air Force Col. João Lopes da Silva, Air Base 4 commander, welcome Gen. Tom Hobbins, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, to Lajes Tuesday afternoon. See Pages 6-7 for more coverage on the general's visit here. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Lajes in the Fight

Aircraft Handled: 162
Space Required Pax Handled: 1,803
Space Available Pax Handled: 941
Cargo Tons Handled: 312
Mail Tons Handled: 22

Originating Shipments/Pieces
Handled: 288 / 359
Terminating Shipments/Pieces
Handled: 349 / 2,352
(For June 2006)

Weekend Weather

Saturday
Partly cloudy
Hi 77
Low 64



Sunday
Cloudy, rain
Hi 75
Low 63





USAFE continues transformation for future

By Gen. Tom Hobbins
U.S. Air Forces in Europe
commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany

(USAFENS) — The U.S. Air Forces in Europe may be the oldest major command in the Air Force, but has been in a constant state of change since the end of the Cold War.

Over the years, we have transformed into a lighter, leaner, and more lethal expeditionary force focused on ensuring freedom's future throughout the theater.

As our transformation continues, our vision and mission have evolved to meet the challenges of our ever-changing climate.

USAFE has once again adapted to meet the needs of this changing climate by developing a new vision and mission that reflect our focus on interdependence, recapitalization and modernization, and taking care of our most important asset – our people.

They will set a course for the command to not only fly, fight and win in air, space, and cyberspace, but also build teams to help us leverage the capabilities of our sister services, allies and coalition partners.

Our new vision states we are leading U.S. European Command's recognized expeditionary air component and enabling global mobility and strike, Area of Operations stability and security through the full spectrum interdependent exploitation of air, space and cyberspace.

The context here is for all service leaders in our parent commands like EUCOM and USAF to value and recognize us as expeditionary, able to fulfill the operational demands of the entire spectrum of operations because we are experts at exploiting air, space and cyberspace.

While the vision encom-

passes our overall focus, our new mission addresses the specifics of delivering a full spectrum of options to the Combatant Commander, as well as taking on the mantle of joint and NATO coalition force leadership. Our Warfighting Headquarters would be that organization with that leadership.

We are an Air Force at war, so we must be able to provide options like deploying our A-10s, civil engineers or medical personnel downrange, or the 32 Air Operations Center to Al Udeid, or moving our CRG to open a base or contributing to NATO's Response Force, in order to prosecute that conflict.

As we focus on providing the right capabilities to our Combatant Commander, we must also ensure that we have the most up-to-date weapons systems that facilitate intraservice interoperability to do so.

The recapitalization of our aircraft is also critical to this. For example, acquiring aircraft like the C-130J and potentially the C-17 will help us meet the challenging demands of airlift in theater.

While recapitalization and modernization are critical, we must not forget that partnerships and coalition building are key to our success as a command.

USAFE must continue to invest in Theater Security Cooperation to bolster our relationships with our allies and coalition partners.

Our Theater Cooperation Teams must continue to promote regional stability through focused theater engagement in nations like Bulgaria, Romania, Niger, Ghana, South Africa, Algeria, and a variety of other countries.

These teams are forging important partnerships that will inevitably advance the Global War on Terror and help prevent the development

THE VISION ...

Leading EUCOM's recognized expeditionary air component. Enabling global mobility/strike, and AOR stability/security through the full-spectrum interdependent exploitation of air, space, and cyberspace.

THE MISSION ...

Delivering full-spectrum options to the Combatant Commander; leading and supporting Joint, Coalition, NATO, and Warfighting Headquarters operations; promoting regional stability through focused theater engagement

THE GOALS ...

□ Present light, lean, lethal, and rapid expeditionary aerospace forces to the Combatant Commander through a value-recognized Warfighting Headquarters with JFC and JFACC leadership roles

□ Create an environment that supports innovation and efficient, effective utilization of resources

□ Support force recapitalization through transformation

□ Optimize expeditionary infrastructure and basing

□ Enable allies and forge partnerships that advance the fight in the GWoT

□ Foster continuous theater engagement and strategic presence

□ Maintain a fit, healthy, and ready force

□ Provide high quality of life in a stable, secure, and cohesive working and living environment for all USAFE Airmen and their families

□ Partner with ANG and AFRC to enhance success in all current and emerging missions both in-theater and through reachback



of terrorist networks.

Finally, our investment in our people cannot go unmentioned. Without our people, there would be no mission.

Our most valuable resource is our Airmen who are the heart and soul of what we do, and we will continue to focus on quality of life issues to make sure their needs are met.

We will also concentrate on programs like AFSO 21, which will help us make the right process changes to eliminate unnecessary effort,

while continuing to take care of our Airmen during a very transformational time for our Air Force.

As the oldest major command in the Air Force, USAFE will continue to transform and create visions and missions that meet the needs of the current and future security climate.

We will seek new ways to make the most efficient use of our equipment and people assets, while looking to the future to forge new partnerships and continue the fight for freedom's future.



Faces of warriors don't change

By Chief Master Sgt.
Robert Wicks

Andersen Air Force Base, Guam

A few weeks ago, a friend shared some pictures of warriors printed in the Air Force Sergeant Association's "Sergeants" magazine.

As I looked at these warriors who had battled in wars years apart, I thought, "Generations have passed, but the face of the warrior is the same."

I saw the faces of our past warriors when I visited Iwo Jima, the site of one of the landmark battles of World War II. I walked the black sand beach where the men hit the shore, stood on top of the volcanic crater of Mt. Suribachi, and heard briefings on the defensive and offensive maneuvers those brave men executed.

I took in the entire landscape where those American and Japanese warriors battled, and I gained a new appreciation for the courage and determined will of our American fighters.

While there, I saw a vision of the face of those brave warriors; it was a face chiseled by devotion, passion, skill and discipline. The face was focused on an ideal bigger than them. This vision penetrated me to my inner core and made me wonder if my face showed the signs of a warrior.

Serve with passion

When I enlisted in our Air Force in 1977, I didn't have a clue what it meant to be a warrior. I was just a simple country boy from Pennsylvania who had a lot of passion for serving his country.

But throughout the years, I have developed a collage of fundamentals that I have picked up from others, and these are the things that have helped me develop as an Airman warrior.

□ Live your life with absolute integrity.

□ Love what you are doing and do what you love.

- Be a standard bearer.
- Know your stuff.
- Train like you fight.
- Live like your life depended on it.
- Explore your limitations, but make the most of your opportunities.
- Treat others the way you want to be treated.

These eight fundamentals have become part of my inner fabric, and I believe they help develop the warriors of today as they did warriors of the past.

Integrity is the core of your character and your character is who you are; you do what is right, regardless of the cost.

Seize the day

Make the most of what you are given. Carpe diem -- seize the day. Know what is required, do it and enforce it.

Your substance is your foundation, and knowing "it" is the responsibility of every human being.

Be an expert at what you do. And to do that, you must train -- it is central to making us better at what we do.

During World War II, the men of the 101st Airborne trained for more than two years to prepare for the Normandy invasion and the grueling battles they subsequently faced.

How much do you train to do your job? I believe that good isn't good enough when you are capable of excellent. So, don't just shuffle through; make the most of your chances.

Finally, the last fundamental is so important.

Every Airman deserves five-star treatment whether they are an airman basic or a general officer.

That seems so simple, yet we sometimes fall so short.

Though the implements of war have changed, the face of the warrior -- chiseled by these same fundamentals -- is passionate, skilled, disciplined, honed, trained and focused, and has the same distinct look yesterday and today.

Commander's Line

The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems -- but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Line at 535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil.

- Col. Robert Winston
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing

Who to call for assistance

American Red Cross

296-57-3516/535-3516

Chapel

296-57-4211/535-4211

Command post

295-57-4200/535-4200

Commissary customer service

295-57-6164/535-6174

Airman and Family

Readiness Center

295-57-4138/535-4138

Flight View BX

295-57-5236/535-5236

Housing maintenance

295-57-6251/535-6251

Law enforcement desk

295-57-3222/535-3222

Lodging

295-57-5158/535-5178

Military pay

295-57-5158/535-5158

Oceanfront BX

295-57-3444/535-3444

POV pickup

295-57-6175/535-6175

Shoppette

295-57-3280/535-3280

Veterinary clinic

295-57-3134/535-3134

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Good to Know

Clinic phone system

The clinic now has an Automated Call Distribution phone system. To call the clinic, dial 535-3261 on base or 295-57-3261 from off base.

- Press 1 for all appointments
- Press 2 for Dental
- Press 3 for Life Skills
- Press 4 for the Referral Management Center and Medical Records
- Press 5 for all clinics and other services.

Shuttle service

A mid-day shuttle service runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Its seven stops occur in the following order: T-708 (Fuels/Flight Kitchen), T-612 (passenger terminal/Communications Squadron), T-166 (lodging), T-131 (dorm), T-415 (clinic/dining hall), T-570 (Civil Engineer Squadron), and T-815 (Security Forces Squadron). After the last stop, the bus continues in reverse order for four trips.

Cabo TV service

The PT store at the Portuguese Terminal now makes contracts for the Portuguese cable company, Cabo TV Acoreana. Individuals interested in subscribing to the Portuguese cable service need to stop at that office to sign a contract. They are open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 295-57-2209.

IDEA program

The Innovative Development Through Employee Awareness, or IDEA, Program is an incentive program to recognize submitters for approved ideas that benefit the government by streamlining processes or improving productivity and efficiency. It also recognizes individuals for intangible benefits such as improving morale or working conditions. Ideas can be submitted via the internet at <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil>. For more information, contact your unit point of contact or the installation IDEA program manager at 535-1144.

F-16 thwarts terrorist activity

A U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter, providing nontraditional intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support to coalition ground forces, killed a member of an improvised explosive device cell and identified an IED emplacement Tuesday near Baqubah, Iraq, U.S. Central Command Air Forces officials reported Wednesday.

The F-16 identified three possible IED emplacements and passed the information to ground forces. Ground unit personnel positively identified the terrorists and requested the F-16 engage the hostile forces. The F-16 strafed the terrorists, killing one and ending the engagement.

Coalition aircraft, operationally controlled by U.S. Central Command Air

Forces from Southwest Asia bases, provide a constant air umbrella over Iraq, providing for the safety and security of the Iraqi people and coalition ground forces, officials said.

"Our message is clear to those who continue to harm innocent civilians and attack coalition forces: if terrorists continue their activities, we will identify, track and take appropriate action to stop them," said Air Force Brig. Gen. Anthony Haynes, Combined Air Operations Center director. "More than 30,000 deployed airmen are hard at work, in the air and on the ground, in both Iraq and Afghanistan, striving to improve the safety and quality of life for local citizens," he said. *(Courtesy of the American Forces Press Service)*

Meet the New Commander



Lt. Col. Susan McNitt
65th Medical Operations Squadron

Hometown: Cary, N.C.

Time in service: 19.5 years

Previous assignment: Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Job at previous assignment: Chief nurse, 435th Medical Group

Hobbies: Traveling, scouring flea markets for antiques and treasures, reading a good piece of fiction, discovering new restaurants and enjoying the dining experience, scrapping, shopping.

What's the most rewarding part of being a commander? I have the humbling opportunity to lead and mentor a stellar group of individuals to provide world class healthcare to our population of patients as well as care that impacts the human weapons system. It is extremely rewarding to provide the tools for these Airmen and civilian employees to succeed and push themselves to greater levels of performance as well as provide winning results for the organization and the Air Force Medical Service.

What do you look forward to the most during your time here? I look forward to working with the other Lajes commanders and the personnel in the 65th Medical Group to continue the trend of successes for the installation. Additionally, I am excited to explore the island and to experience a new culture. I have heard so many wonderful things about Lajes and the island that it is difficult not to be excited to be here.

Who's your role model? Why? My mother is my role model. She has always managed to maintain balance in her life, which I greatly admire. She raised two

children, obtained advanced education, pursued a career that she loved, retired from that career to become deeply rooted in community activities, volunteer work and Christian outreach activities, maintained a

loving and successful marriage, kept close ties to family and friends, traveled extensively, and managed to do it all with never ending joie de vivre.

Goal(s) for the unit: Integrate as a team to continue to provide excellent medical care to our beneficiaries, exceed AFMS established goals for medical treatment facilities, and dissolve seamlessly from a squadron in the next year to meet the intent of the new AFMS flight path.





Cheering for Lajes

Members of the Arizona Cardinals Cheerleaders cheer for Team Lajes outside the Top of the Rock Club during their visit here Monday. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Ivan Brown)

Updated AFI 36-2903 to be released soon

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — An update to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Air Force Uniform Dress and Appearance, will soon be released, said Air Force officials.

A key feature of this updated instruction will be the return of heritage to the enlisted corps — chevrons on the sleeves and circles around the U.S. insignia.

"Over the years, we've made changes that made sense at the time, but had the effect of moving us away from our heritage," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

"Chevrons on sleeves and circles around the U.S. insignia are historical symbols of the finest noncommissioned officer corps on the planet," the general said. "We need to return that heritage to them and reconnect them to the great NCOs who went before them."

The circle around the U.S. was eliminated in 1991, said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos of the Air Force Uniform Board.

"Yet, every uniform board since received requests to return that to the enlisted force, so it has been done," she said. "Wearing the circle on the lapel has a lasting heritage that dates back to April 27, 1918."

The change will include the removal of senior NCO shoulder boards from the

blue uniform and from all upper garments, except the optional wool sweaters. Implementation dates will be reflected in the revised AFI.

The updates will also include information about the new air staff badge and new space badge. Desert combat uniforms are now only authorized on civilian flights to and from the area of responsibility. Also, Air Force personnel are not authorized to wear desert boots with the battle dress uniform.

As a reminder, Oct. 1 marks the mandatory wear of physical training gear. All Airmen will be required to have one running suit, two T-shirts and two pair of shorts. Also beginning in October, enlisted Airmen will receive an increase in their clothing allowance to offset the increase of the mandatory number of T-shirts and shorts from two sets to three sets in October 2007.

Air Force officials emphasized that Airmen should not wait until October to purchase these items. The revised AFI will clarify wear of the PT gear by specifying that when doing organized PT, the shorts and T-shirts will be worn as a set and not mixed with civilian clothes; however, at other times the PT gear, to include the running suit, can be worn with civilian clothes.

The new AFI will be available for all Airmen later this month.

Good to Know

Water quality study

In an effort to develop a better efficiency in Lajes' water treatment plant, the base is conducting a study to improve the water quality here.

The study began Monday and will continue for approximately a month. The water will remain safe to drink, but if people notice any changes to the taste and odor of their drinking water, they should call the 65th Civil Engineering Customer Service Line at 535-3335.

Additional information on the quality of the water here, see the Drinking Water Quality Report at S:\MDG\SGOAB, the base post office or at the bioenvironmental engineering office in Bldg. T-425.

Base in-processing

All newcomers must in-process the base through the military personnel flight prior to attending Right Start. If a member arrives Thursday through Sunday, they are required to in-process at 10 a.m. Monday and if they arrive on Tuesday they are required to in-process at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the MPF basement (old barber shop), Bldg. T-112. Members will also file travel vouchers at this time. For details, call 535-5143 or 535-4125.

New license plates

In an ongoing effort to enhance force protection measures, privately owned vehicle license plates for Team Lajes will now match the license plates of local Portuguese hosts.

Vehicle registrants with last names beginning with A through I are scheduled to exchange their plates from now to July 31; J through P in August and Q through Z in September.

The cost of the new license plate will be \$30. The license plates can be picked up at the auto hobby shop. The 65th Services Squadron has purchased the machine and plates to do the SUV style plates, similar to the local national ones.

The pass and registration office is open Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call 535-3611 for details.



USAFE commander visits Lajes

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and his command chief visited Lajes Tuesday and Wednesday.

Throughout their stay, Gen. Tom Hobbins and Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman met with Lajes Airmen at various facilities and venues. Their schedule included stops at the flightline, the Top of the Rock Club, and they also took time to videotape an AFN commercial.

General Hobbins thanked Lajes for their contributions in supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

"USAFE is moving fast and furious and Lajes is a part of that," the general said. "Your mission here of moving people and communications into or out of the fight is critical to our success as a command."

"What you do here to support the war effort is very important," he said. "Lajes is truly in the fight and we appreciate your contribution."

General Hobbins said accolades come to Lajes because of its people.

"You have a great leadership team here," General Hobbins said. "Lajes gets a lot of recognition because you're just that great."

Following a helicopter ride above the island, the general encouraged Lajes Airmen to enjoy their assignment here.

"This is a beautiful island," he said. "Take the time to enjoy it while you're assigned to Lajes Field."

Chief Coleman showcased the new



General Hobbins and Chief Coleman promote Tech. Sgt. Teresa Smothers, 65th Mission Support Squadron, with master sergeant stripes in the Top of the Rock Club Tuesday. They promoted her on the spot under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program. (Photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)

Airman Battle Uniform during the first day of the two-day visit.

"You'll really like this new uniform," the chief said. "It looks great and it's as comfortable as an old football jersey or a night shirt. Whether you're at home station or on a deployment, this will be the only uniform you'll need."

The chief also addressed the Air Force's efforts to right-size the force.

"We're at war and it's a challenging time for both USAFE and the rest of the Air Force," he said. "We're having to make some tough decisions in regard to personnel cuts. If you're identified as

being in an overage AFSC, take advantage of the retraining opportunities available as soon as possible."

Chief Coleman told the Airmen to keep driving forward.

"This is a marathon we're in," he said. "It's not a sprint. Be sure to pace yourself and work together as a team so we can all finish strong."

General Hobbins thanked Lajes Airmen for their service to the Air Force and nation.

"It's a great team that we belong to," he said. "Each and every one of you should be proud to be Airmen in today's Air Force. I'm proud to serve with you."



Maj. Louis Lilly, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, explains Lajes' breakwater repair project to General Hobbins. (Photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)



General Hobbins congratulates Staff Sgt. Crystal Goff on her accomplishment of being selected as the 65th Medical Group's NCO of the Quarter for April-June 2006. (Photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)



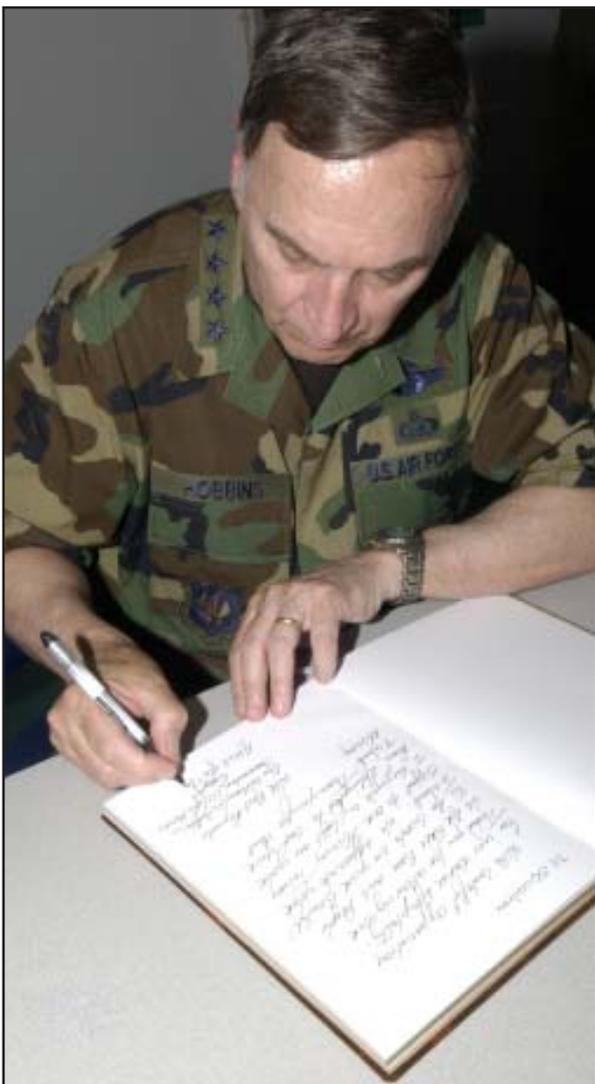
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(Above) General Hobbins and Portuguese Maj. Joaquim Pedro Simões Gaspar, Squadron 711 commander, exchange mementos. The general had an opportunity to fly on one of the squadron's helicopters over the island during his visit. (Below) General Hobbins signs the Squadron 711 guest book following his helicopter ride. (Photos by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)



General Hobbins and Chief Coleman receive a public health and immunizations briefing on the deployment line from Tech. Sgt. Justin Greer and Tech. Sgt. Gregory Jones, both from the 65th Medical Operations Squadron, as Master Sgt. Shannon Parker, 65th Mission Support Squadron, observes. (Photos by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)



Dr. Kim Moore, chief of the 65th Services Squadron Family Members Flight, gives a tour of the newly renovated Lajes Youth Center to Robbin Hobbins, wife of General Hobbins, and Kim Winston, wife of Colonel Robert Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Chief Coleman speaks to Lajes senior noncommissioned officers at a Top III meeting in the Top of the Rock Club Tuesday afternoon. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Ed discusses the Azores archipelago

By Ed Lima
65th Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

The Azores lie in the Atlantic between North America and Europe, approximately 2,200 miles east of New York and 900 miles west of Lisbon. The total land area is 992 square miles, which is roughly three fourths the size of the state of Rhode Island.

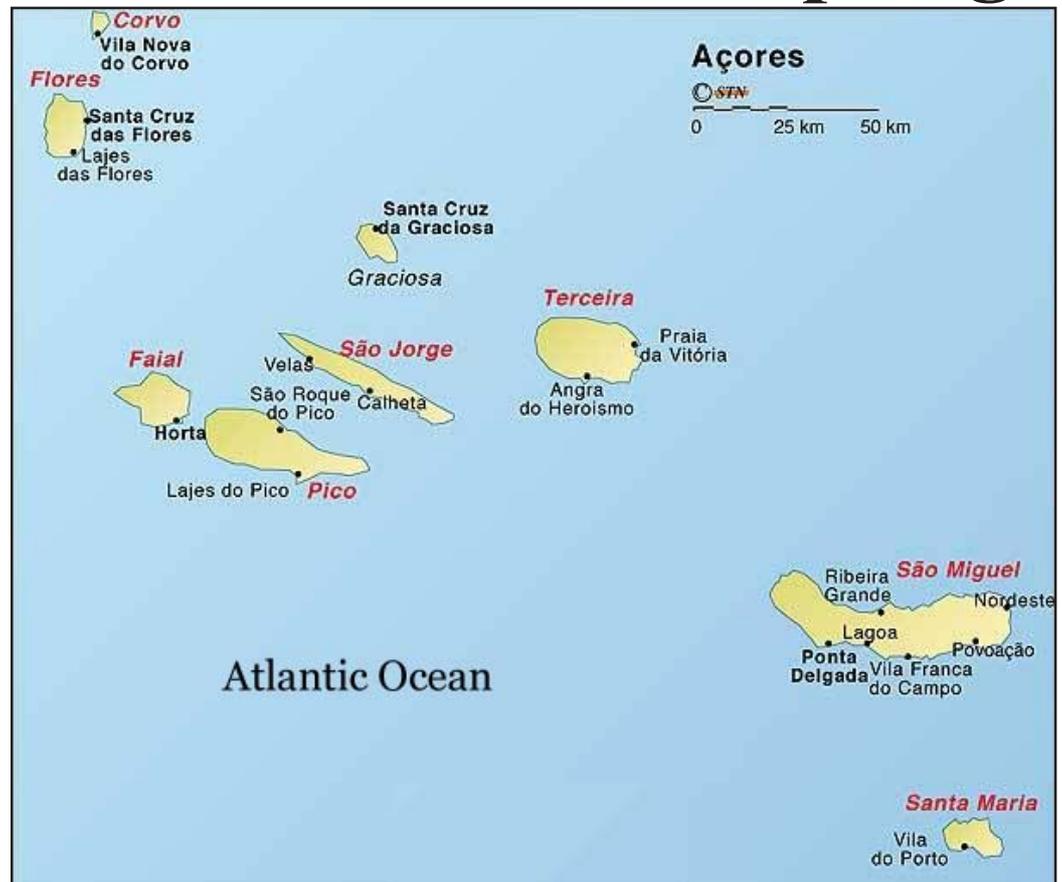
This Portuguese archipelago consists of nine inhabited islands of volcanic origin. The islands range from 297 square miles (the island of São Miguel), to seven square miles (the island of Corvo), and currently have a population of approximately 240,000 people.

Discovery of the islands

It is believed, according to Genoese maps of the 14th century, the discovery of the Azores took place between 1317 and 1339 by Portuguese and Genoese navigators in the service of the Portuguese Kingdom.

This discovery, it's believed, has remained overlooked up to almost a century when the Portuguese navigator Diogo de Silves later claimed the discovery of the islands around 1427. The name Azores (Açores in Portuguese) probably comes from the Portuguese word "Açor" (goshawk), a big and powerful hawk that was sighted in great numbers by the navigators who discovered the archipelago. Colonization of the island of Santa Maria, the first to be discovered, began around 1432 and was followed by the colonization of the other islands.

The background of the first inhabitants is varied. While most came from the Portuguese mainland, others are descendants of the Flemish from Flanders who



settled mainly on Terceira, Faial and Pico and from Brittany or Bretagne, a former province of northwest France, who came to the island of São Miguel.

Because of their important strategic location, the Azorean islands quickly became important as a port of call for ships sailing the Atlantic Ocean between Europe, Africa, India and the Americas. Christopher Columbus stopped at the Island of Santa Maria in 1493 when returning from his maiden voyage to America.

The archipelago has been an autonomous region of Portugal since 1976, and as such has its own regional government which legislates in matters of specific interest to the region, exercises its own executive power, supervises public institutions and plans for the island's

economic development. The autonomy is exercised, however, within the sovereignty of the Republic of Portugal and the national government is responsible for example for matters of defense, foreign affairs and fiscal policy.

Governmental structure

Today's government structure in the Azores consists of a Representative of the Republic, the Regional Parliament and the Regional Government.

The Regional Parliaments' 52 representatives are elected from the nine islands for a four-year term. The Parliament building is located on the Island of Faial.

The Regional Government is comprised of a president and six functional secretaries responsible for matters such as economy, finance, labor, commerce, education, public

administration, transportation, tourism, housing, agriculture, fishing and health care. The government's departments are spread out through the three most important islands, São Miguel, Terceira and Faial.

The Representative of the Republic, a political figure appointed by the central government and the President of the Republic, represents the Portuguese sovereignty in the Azores and acts as a coordinator between the regional and central governments.

The language

Portuguese is the official language of the Azores although spoken with an accent differing from mainland Portugal. The Azoreans usually can identify an individual's home island by his or her accent.

Officials discuss procedures for getting base passes

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

With summer in full swing, security forces want to ensure the base community knows how to get base passes for family and friends visiting the island.

Staff Sgt. Marilyn Morales-Perez, 65th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration, said only E-5s, GS-5 civilian equivalents or higher can sponsor people onto the base and then explained the process.

"Authorized sponsors must complete a 'Request for Base Pass Letter,'" she said. "The letter must contain the name of the visitor, relationship to the sponsor, where they will be residing, passport number,

and applicable dates of their stay in the local area."

Once the requester signs the letter, he or she delivers it to 65th SFS Pass and Registration located in the Consolidated Support Facility, Bldg. T-112.

Passes take seven to 10 days to be processed and returned, based on whether there was a U.S. or Portuguese holiday that week.

Sergeant Morales-Perez recommended that people turn in pass requests on Tuesdays for the quickest turnaround because her office turns them in on Wednesdays and picks them up the following Wednesday.

"Turning in your passes on a Tuesday ensure the pass is completed and submit-

ted in a timely manner," she said.

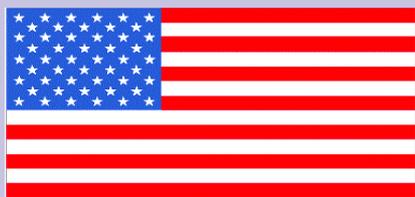
Air Base Wing personnel can sponsor a maximum of five visitors at a time for no more than 90 days.

"If a pass is required beyond a 90-day period, the sponsor must request an extension in the same manner in which the original pass was requested," the sergeant explained.

Passes turned in on personnel already here or arriving within the same week will not go through the approval process.

"Unless its official business and your squadron's leadership has requested it, there will be no exceptions to this seven-to-10-day (turnaround) policy," she said.

For more information, call pass and registration at 535-3222.



SPIRIT OF AMERICA S.U.M. Dinner

July 27/5:30 p.m.
Lajes Base Chapel

Free dinner for single and unaccompanied Lajes Airmen
Call 535-4211 for details



Wax job

Members of the 65th Air Base Wing Safety Office and their families prepare for a vehicle inspection last week by waxing the wing safety truck. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud)

Jenny, the military spouse



Lajes garners \$50,000 in FitWing Challenge

**By 1st Lt. Shilo Weir
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs**

The 65th Air Base Wing earned \$50,000 for its achievements in the first-ever U.S. Forces in Europe FitWing Challenge Competition, which ran January through June 2006.

Lajes placed first in two categories of the competition – Most Improved Fitness Excellence and Most Improved Fitness Readiness – and ranked second in Overall Fitness Excellence.

"This competition was an important avenue to identify the benchmark fitness programs in USAFE and award troops for obtaining the excellent fitness levels needed to support our war and peacetime

missions," said Capt. Lisa Tauai, health promotions manager, 65th Medical Operation Squadron.

Gen. Tom Hobbins, USAFE commander, sponsored the FitWing Challenge as a fitness incentive program. The program pitted wings throughout the command against each other as a way of improving and maintaining the overall fitness of the force.

Captain Tauai said Team Lajes has yet to decide on exactly how to spend the \$50,000 prize.

"We are looking at how to best use the funds to benefit the entire base population," she said. "The goal is to purchase permanent items which the entire base population and community can enjoy."

Earning this award says a lot about the men and women of Team Lajes, the captain said.

"Our win proves that Lajes has a fit-to-fight force and dedicated individuals who devote numerous on- and off-duty hours to enhancing the physical fitness of Airmen who need a little extra help," she said.

Lajes fitness program manager Ricky Baptista, the HAWC staff, unit fitness program managers and physical training leaders, unit commanders, as well as wing leadership, should be proud of the "true team effort put forth in this competition," the captain said.

"Without their support, achieving this feat would not have been possible," she said.

Group Fitness Classes

Monday

8:30 a.m. -- Step w/ Celia

Noon -- Spin w/ Tina

4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix w/ Manuela

5:15 p.m. -- Aero Kombat w/ Celia

5:30 p.m. -- Judo in Bldg. T-203

6:15 p.m. -- Spin w/ Celia

Tuesday

6 a.m. -- Spin w/ Manuela

8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training w/ Celia

5:15 p.m. -- Circuit Training w/ Rui

6:15 p.m. -- Spin w/ Rui

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. -- Step w/ Celia

Noon -- Spin w/ Tina

4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix w/ Manuela

5:15 p.m. -- Step w/ Manuela

6:15 p.m. -- Spin w/ Georgina

Thursday

6 a.m. -- Spin w/ Manuela

8:30 a.m. -- Circuit training w/ Celia

5:15 p.m. -- Body sculpting w/Manuela

5:30 p.m. -- Judo in Bldg T-203

6:15 p.m. -- Spin w/ Manuela

Friday

8:30 a.m. -- Spin w/Celia

Noon -- Spin w/ Tina

4:15 p.m. -- Cardio mix with Manuela

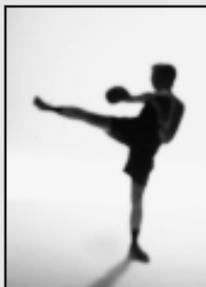
5:15 p.m. -- Step w/ Celia

6:15 p.m. -- Spin w/ Celia

Saturday

10 a.m. -- Spin with Celia

11 a.m. -- Circuit training and stretching w/ Rui



Base pool

- Open from 1 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; from noon to 7 p.m. Saturdays; and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays; closed Tuesdays and Portuguese holidays
- Lap swim: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; Lap swim is free for military members and season pass holders
- PT: 7 to 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays
- Pool parties: With water slide, \$75/hour; without water slide, \$60/hour
- Swimming lessons: First child, \$45; additional child, \$25
- Daily fees: Children \$2.50; adult \$3.75
- Season passes: Single, \$50; couple, \$70; family (of up to five), \$100, \$5 extra for each additional child
- Pool staff number: 535-3363; Victor Silva, 65 SVS, 535-4140



PLANNER



Hours of operation
Ocean Front BX (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-3444
 Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Flight View BX (Bldg. T-627) Phone: 535-5236
 Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Shoppette (Bldg. T-323) Phone: 535-3280
 Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday noon to 8 p.m.
Military Clothing Sales Store (Bldg. T-627)

Phone: 535-3816
 Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Car Care Center (Bldg. T-320) Phone: 535-5125
 Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Furniture Store (Bldg. T-800)
 Wednesday-Friday noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Reel Time Theater (Bldg. T-300) Phone: 535-4100
 Showings Wednesday-Sunday
Beauty Shop (Bldg. T-400) (Walk-In Available) Phone: 535-4124
 Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Barber Shop (Bldg. T-

400) Phone: 535-3396
 Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. ; Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
New Car Sales (Bldg. T-202) Phone: 535-3173
 Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Friday noon to 8 p.m.
Air Terminal Gift Shop (Bldg. T-612) Phone: 535-3227
AAFES Administrative Offices (Bldg. T-800) Phone: 535-3209
 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Ilha Rent-a-Car (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1278
 Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Frank's Franks (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1123
 Monday-Sunday 11 a.m.

to 6 p.m.
Vescovi Coffee Shop (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1123
 Monday-Sunday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Burger King (Bldg. T-169) Phone: 535-3849
 Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Holiday schedule:
 AAFES Ocean View BX and Flight View BX and Burger King are closed on Portuguese Holidays. The shoppette, will open from noon to 8 p.m., and MCSS will be open from noon to 6 p.m. All facilities are open normal hours on U.S. holidays.

Tradewinds Dining Facility Menu

Today

Lunch: Day of Portugal Lunch: Alcaltra/ Pot Roast, Rojoes/ Diced Pork and Bacalhau/ Cod
Dinner: Lasagna, Spaghetti and Italian Sausage

Saturday

Brunch: Cajun Meat Loaf and Crispy Baked Chicken*
Dinner: Stuffed Green Peppers, Stir Fry Chicken* and Pork Chops

Sunday

Brunch: Chicken Parmesan* and Tuna and Noodles
Dinner: Fried Shrimp, Spinach Lasagna* and Ginger BBQ Chicken*

Monday

Lunch: Italian Sausage, Country Captain Chicken* and Swiss Steak with Tomato sauce
Dinner: Baked Ham, Roast Turkey* and Fish and Chips

Tuesday

Lunch: Yakisoba, Pork Schnitzel and Onion-Lemon Fish*
Dinner: Paprika Beef, BBQ Beef Cubes and Chicken Fajitas

Wednesday

Lunch: Beef Porcupines, Chicken Enchiladas* and Lemon Herbed Chicken*
Dinner: Pita Pizzas* and Country Style Steak

Thursday

Lunch: Oriental Meal - Szechwan Chicken,* Sweet and Sour Pork and Beef Sukiyaki
Dinner: Mr. Z Baked Chicken,* Pepper Steak and Pasta Primavera, Catfish, BBQ Spareribs and Oven Fried Chicken*
Dinner: Roast Pork,* Jaeger schnitzel and Glazed Cornish Hens
 *Denotes "Healthy Heart" item

At the Movies

Today: 7 p.m. - The Da Vinci Code starring Tom Hanks and Jean Reno. The murder of a curator at the Louvre reveals a sinister plot to uncover a secret that has been protected since the days of Christ. Only the victim's granddaughter and Robert Langdon, a famed symbologist, can untangle the clues he left behind. The duo become both suspects and detectives searching for not only the murderer but also the stunning secret of the ages he was charged to protect. *Rated PG-13 for disturbing images, violence, nudity, thematic material, drug references, sexual content.*



Today: 10 p.m. - X-Men: The Last Stand starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. The continuing adventures of the superpowered group, the X-Men, led by Professor Xavier, and based at his school for gifted students, as they try to foster good will for mutants like themselves, in a world where some people are born with extraordinary powers, and many ordinary humans fear them for it. *Rated PG-13 for action violence, sexual content and language.*



Saturday: 7 p.m. X-Men: The Last Stand; 10 p.m. The Da Vinci Code

Sunday: 2 p.m. - Over The Hedge starring Bruce Willis and Garry Shandling. Spring has sprung, and Verne and his woodland friends awaken from their long winter's nap to discover that a tall, green "thing" has mysteriously cropped up right through the middle of their home. Enter RJ, an opportunistic raccoon, who explains that the world beyond the hedge is the "gateway to the good life" where peculiar creatures called humans live to eat, rather than eat to live. *Rated PG for rude humor, comic action.*



Sunday: 7 p.m. - The Da Vinci Code

Wednesday: 7 p.m. - X-Men: The Last Stand

Thursday: 7 p.m. - The Da Vinci Code

Next week: Over the Hedge, The Break Up and The Omen



EVENTS

Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil.

In the Community

Street Bullfights: Today: 9:30 p.m. arena bullfight in Angra bullring; **Saturday:** 6:30 p.m. Estrada 25 de Abril; 9:30 p.m. Porto Judeu; **Sunday:** 6:30 p.m. Casa da Ribeira; 6:30 p.m. Porto Judeu; **July 28:** 6:30 p.m. Largo da Fonte, São Sebastião

Praia Fest 2006: Aug. 4-13 in Praia; event includes parades, bullfights, musical concerts, an international festival of clowns, performances by local concert bands and folklore dancers, water sports, food fair with several restaurants from mainland Portugal, and several expositions.

Miscellaneous

Awards ceremony: The 65th Air Base Wing's Quarterly Awards Ceremony takes place Thursday, July 27 at 4 p.m. in the Top of the Rock Club. Uniform for the day will be BDUs. For more details, call Master Sgt. Denis McMonagle at 535-2211.

Chuckshine performances: July 29 from 9 p.m. to midnight in the Top of the Rock Club.

CDC openings: The Child Development Center has openings in the infant toddler rooms for hourly care. For details, call 535-3188.

Angra Military Regiment 14K Relay: The Angra Military Regiment will be sponsoring a 14K relay Saturday. Showtime will be 8 a.m. with the race starting at 10 a.m. Teams will be made up of four individuals in three categories: females, males 34 years old and under, or males 35 and older. Registration is free. To register a team, contact the fitness center by July 13. For details, call 535-2426.

Judo: Judo is offered from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in Bldg: T-203. Monday and Thursday. Open to all.

Boxing: Boxing is offered in Building T-203 Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5:30 to 7 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information or

to sign up, call Staff Sgt. Ray Sandoval at 535-3457.

Summer office hours:

The Elementary School office is combining with the High School office as one Lajes American School office located in the present High School office. The office will be open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the summer break period with the exception of July 4. New families can register anytime. For details, call 535-4151.

Lajes American School 2006-2007 schedule:

Grades 6-12: 7:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., school begins Aug. 28; Grades 1-5: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., school begins Aug. 28. Kindergarten: 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., school begins Sept. 5.

PreSchool Children with Disabilities: 8:15 to 10:45 a.m. first day of school to be determined; Sure Start: 9 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. the first day of school will be determined.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program: For information on the free and reduced lunch program, e-mail Janet.Ross@lajes.af.mil for an application.

Bus program: For information about the bus program for people who live off base, e-mail Janet.Ross@lajes.af.mil or call 535-1314.

Jobs/Volunteer

TolTest Incorporated: TolTest Inc. has an immediate job opening for an Office Administrative Assistant. Experience preferred but not required. Preference will be given to candidates with knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word/Excel/Outlook) and Adobe. Basic job responsibilities will include filing, printing, scanning and typing. Interested applicants should email their resumes to dan.firsdon@toltest.com

Softball Umpires wanted: The Chace Fitness Center is looking for individuals to officiate softball games. Plate umpires earn \$29 per game and field umpires make \$24 per game. Applicants must have some softball knowledge, but will be fully trained and

certified by a representative of the American Softball Association. Applicants currently playing in the Lajes Ladies, Coed, or Intramural leagues will not be allowed to officiate any game in their league of play. For more information, call 1st. Lt. Adam Vaccarezza at 535-1290.

Education

University of Maryland University College - Europe: Students can earn certificates, and associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in a broad selection of disciplines -- many classes available online.

Oklahoma University: The next course being offered for the Fall is HR 5092-223, Introduction to Graduate Studies in Human Relations, a core course towards the Master of Human Relations degree. The course dates are Aug. 22-27. The last day to add or drop will be July 24.

For more information call Jaclyn Kemp at 535-3171.

Central Texas College: For the month of July, Central Texas College will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon. CTC is offering four onsite classes (two Criminal Justice and one each of Early Childhood Development and Food and Beverage Management. Registration is July 31- Aug. 18 for Term 1. For more information, call 535-6722.

Base Chapel

New Creation Café: 7 p.m. today at Eddie's Place; **Gospel Extravaganza III:** 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday; event to feature various local groups and special guest soloists

Evangelical Service: Blending Traditional and Liturgical Worship Styles, 9 a.m. Sunday;

Praise Service: Blending Contemporary and Gospel Worship Styles, noon Sunday;

SUM Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the base chapel. For details, call 535-4211.

Classified Ads

E-mail ads to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

For sale: 2 m130 Palm Pilots \$100 each will sell both together for \$150; AIWA 5 mini disk / 3 CD changer stereo \$100; 1 Sony and 1 JVC mini-disk players \$50 for both; Minolta 35mm camera and lens \$400 or OBO. For more information, e-mail adodge0430@yahoo.com or call 295-516-308.

For Sale: 1994 Ford Fiesta, \$1,300, 5 speed 4 door hatchback. Very well maintained and very reliable transportation. Just passed inspection and is good through June 2007. Contact Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Anderson at 535-4211.

Fleet of cars for sale: 1989 Chevy Conversion Van G20 - Automatic Seats 7 and rear set folds into a bed Reading lights, cup holder, New tires and brakes 350 / V8 Cruise Control / Power steering and brakes / Automatic windows, door locks 123,731 miles \$2,500 firm 1990 VW Golf - 4 speed Standard 4 Cyl engine, great on gas 4 Door / nothing automatic 96,397 miles \$3,500 obo 1987 325i BMW - 5 speed Standard Rally suspension, Fondamental Rims, Sunroof, Pioneer Stereo w/CD, ground effects package, rear wing 2 Door / nothing automatic Straight 6 Cyl with Fuel Injection 138,000 miles \$3,600 obo

We have owned these vehicle for over 3 years, all vehicles mechanically perfect with all maintenance records included. Contact Ken or Shelly at 969-724-930 or 535-3705 for more information.

Free bookshelves: 1 - 3 ft x 2 1/2 ft; 1 - 7 ft x 2 1/2 ft and 2 - 6 1/2 ft x 2 1/2 ft Contact Ken or Shelly at 969-724-930 or 535-3705 for more information.

For Sale: 27" TV w/ remote \$70. Call Cory at 535-3528.

For Sale: White Toyota Tercel 1991 with 124K miles and no problems. -Excellent condition with 14" wheels and mp3 CD 200W car stereo with auxiliary wire for portable mp3 players. New Rotors, Brakes, Wheels, and Tires. Asking \$2,200 or best offer. Inspected July 5 - good through Sept. 07. Contact Clint Crabtree at 964-827-018.

Need a PCS gift? 500+ images from the collection of James O'Rear are available at the skills center for application to tiles, mugs, etc. Wide selection of island and military shots to choose from.

PCS Sale: Sewing Machine cabinet - \$50; Gas Grill - \$65; Large dog kennel - \$35. Free to good homes - two male half lab/half blue heeler dogs; neutered, all shots current; includes houses, leashes, collars, etc. Great pets/guard dogs. Contact Paul or Paula: Work 535-6113; Evenings 295-549-270

For sale: More than 160 movies DVD's \$5 each DVD's 2 disc set \$8 each, 2 or 3 cassette set \$10/\$15 Call 295-218-978 or call 966-263-408. For the list, send an e-mail to kev_n_alda@yahoo.com.

For sale: Womens clothing brand new \$5-10/ piece size 7/8; Fancy body care products; Brand new sandals \$20 a pair. Call 967-994-832 for more details.

Car for sale: 1991 Opel Corsa Manual transmission, 4 door \$700 OBO. Runs but needs work. Great fixer-upper! Local plates. Contact Holly Deering 535-4187 or 295-54-9570.

For sale: 1993 Saturn SL, 4DR, PS, PL, standard 5 speed, blue/teal in color, 146K miles, no problems, new clutch. \$1350 OBO. Available the week of Aug. 20 Contact Joshua Richards 914-380-854 or 295-543-076 for more information or to see the car.