



Dr. Marcolino Candeias (right), Director of Angra Library, presents David Ballard (left), Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon, a copy of Peter Francisco's birth certificate, while the Regional Secretary of Education, Dr. Alamo Meneses looks on. Mr. Ballard was here to preside over a ceremony in which the U.S. Consulate in Ponta Delgada in conjunction with the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon, donated more than 400 books to the Angra Library. (Photo by Guido Melo)

## Consulate, Embassy donate books to Angra Library

By Eduardo Lima

65th ABW Public Affairs

The Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon, David Ballard, visited Lajes Field Sept. 26-27 as part of a three-day visit to the Azores.

While on Terceira Island, Mr. Ballard participated in a ceremony that marked the donation of more than 400 books to the Library and Archives of Angra do Heroismo.

The English language books, which are intended mainly for the Portuguese elementary and high school students, were donated by the U.S. Consulate in Ponta Delgada as part of the "Friendship Program," a project that was signed by the U.S. Consulate in Ponta Delgada and the Regional Office of Culture early this year.

"The books will assist teachers, parents and students in the learning process and provide a real window on American history and culture," explained Jean Manes, Principal Officer, U.S. Consulate in Ponta Delgada. "These books represent the very best of America. The donation

contains central titles on U.S. history and culture as well as general titles from well known American authors."

The books were donated in honor of Peter Francisco, a Portuguese-American hero of the American Revolution who was born on Terceira in 1760.

"The Portuguese immigrants have been vital since the birth of our nation," said Mr. Ballard during the donation ceremony. "Today I want to render a special tribute to Peter Francisco, a true hero who helped George Washington to win two crucial battles and the freedom of our country," said Mr. Ballard during the donation ceremony.

From Terceira, Mr. Ballard traveled to the Island of Faial where he participated in a ceremony that marked the 50th anniversary of the volcanic eruption of Capelinhos on that island in 1957. Due to the destruction the volcanic eruption caused on Faial, the then Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Senator John Pastore of Rhode Island, sponsored special legislation that allowed people affected by the eruption to immigrate to the United States.



### Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 7-13 is Fire Prevention Week.

This year's theme is: *Practice Your Escape Plan*

Sparky will visit various facilities on base throughout the week.

Battle of the Badges includes several games between the fire department and security forces.

For details, call 535-1495.

### Portuguese Holiday



The commissary, base exchange, shoppette, Burger King, library and other base facilities will be closed Friday for "Founding of the Republic."

### Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha  
Watch. Report. Protect.

## Make a difference with CFC

By Staff Sgt. Connie Bias

92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

**FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AFPN)** — Most people have a philanthropic soft spot or care for a particular topic, problem or group of people.

My concern is for people suffering in third-world or warring countries.

I cannot help but think of the children who are impoverished from birth with little hope of opportunity, or the single mothers in war-torn countries with no hope for change, and the refugees with no home.

Throughout my childhood, my parents sponsored two poverty-stricken girls — one my age, and one my sister's age. This allowed both my sister and me to grow up with another "sister" who could share with us a different culture, another view of life, and a better understanding of how fortunate we were (and still are). As the years passed, I watched my "sister" receive an education against all odds, help her family meet their basic needs, and even become the first in her family to attend technical school. Along with gaining a long-distance friend, I also entered adulthood with a particular empathy for those born into poverty and want without the means or freedom to raise their own status or chances.

Your compassion may flow toward abandoned animals or cancer victims. Perhaps you're especially concerned for

people battling alcoholism or drug dependency, for pregnant teenagers, for orphans, for homeless families, for injured veterans, or for hungry children. The list is endless, and personal reasons for gravitating toward a particular issue can be just as varied.

Feeling such benevolence is a healthy sign of moral consciousness and a positive step toward helping those in need. But the hard truth is, those who "feel bad" for a hurting population and do nothing simply waste their time feeling in the first place. In other words, without action, feelings are useless. Whether the action be volunteer time, monetary donation, or simply a kind word or prayer, it must be present to create a result.

Now is the time to take that action. If you're willing to share your wealth and help someone

with your money, you can do it now through the Combined Federal Campaign. The CFC makes it easy for you to donate to the group and issue you choose, with thousands of recipient charities available and a guarantee that all of your donated money, whether it's a lot or a little, a one-time donation or a monthly donation, will go exactly where you choose.

It's a perfect opportunity to help that person you've always wished you could help, to be an active solution to any welfare problem with which you're concerned. It's the perfect time to turn thought into action.

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The CFC-O Campaign at Lajes kicked off Monday and runs through Nov. 30. The theme is: "Be Bold, Be Brave - Do Something Good - Give something to CFC." The goal is 100 percent contact by Oct. 12. For details, contact your unit POC.

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535-4240

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The Commander's Line is your 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](mailto:actionline@lajes.af.mil).



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Art Nilsen, (center) Daniel Nilsen's father, accepts a scholarship on his behalf. Nilsen who is already away at college was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship as the 5th place winner in this year's AF Club Scholarship Program contest. This is the second year in a row that Lajes has had a winner. (Courtesy photo)





Hometown Holiday Greetings scheduled



By Tech. Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

An Army and Air Force Hometown News Service Team will be here next week to give Lajes members a chance to say "Hi," to their family back home.

Each year the team travels to overseas bases to record greetings from personnel to send back to their families in the United States.

"The greeting is something that both my family and my husband's family is now accustomed to and look forward to every year," said Tech. Sgt. Sandra Nunes, 65th Medical Operations Squadron. "In Windsor, Conn., the local radio station plays them throughout the day too. My husband's aunt was in a grocery store when they ran our greeting on the air and she told us she was so excited that she had to tell someone, so she starts telling some lady 'You hear that? That's my nephew and his wife. They're in the military and are stationed in Portugal.'"

The greeting process is simple and takes approximately 10-15 minutes depending on how many greetings an individual or family chooses to do.

Participants need to report to the Top of the Rock Club, fill out a form indicating where their families are, then stand in front of the camera and record a message. Individuals should have the name, address and telephone number of those who the greeting is being sent to, to ensure they receive notification of when the greeting will air. They traditionally begin airing around Thanksgiving and run through the holiday season.

Servicemembers stationed here, including families and Department of Defense civilians who will be stationed outside the U.S. during the December holiday, are eligible.

The team will record greetings from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 11 and 12 on the patio adjacent to the TORC enlisted lounge. Active-duty members must be in uniform for their greetings.

"The greeting is a wonderful way to have our family and friends see us and hear from us," Sergeant Nunes said. "It gives them a jolt of the warm fuzzies throughout the holiday season. We like knowing that it makes their day."

There is a limit of four greetings per family. Members must have an appointment.

To make an appointment, or for more information, call 535-2369.

U.S. Forces exempt from Portuguese tax

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald
65th ABW Public Affairs

In accordance with the NATO Status of Forces Agreement and the 1995 Agreement on Cooperation and Defense (the Technical Agreement), U.S. Forces serving at Lajes — U.S. military members, U.S. civilians and family members — not residents of Portugal may take steps to exclude them from paying the Portuguese Value-Added Tax, or IVA.

This tax is similar to the American sales tax, according to Maj. Jeff Ferguson, 65th Air Base Wing Legal office.

"Because the tax is figured in euros, U.S. personnel can benefit substantially from this exemption, especially at times when the dollar is weak against the Euro," he said.

The major explained that the exemption must be sought before a purchase is made and can't be obtained retroactively.

"This [tax exemption] process can only be used when making a pre-planned purchase of goods or services," he said. "There is no mechanism for filing for after-the-fact recovery of the tax paid for goods or services. The percentage/amount of the tax charged will vary with the category of goods or services purchased."

The major also said local merchants can't be forced to participate.

"If they decide not to give you the tax exemption, the best and only thing to do is to take your business elsewhere," he said.

Steps to take

To receive the tax exemption, follow the steps below:

\* Obtain an invoice without IVA (factura sem IVA) from the merchant or business. If the merchant or business cannot produce an invoice without IVA, the IVA must be erased or otherwise deleted prior to presentation for validation at Air Base Number 4.

\* Take this invoice without IVA (factura sem IVA) to the Air Base 4 Finance Office, located on the second floor of the building next to the Portuguese medical clinic, for certification. Air Base Number 4 administration personnel will validate the invoice by stamping, dating and signing it to confirm the person requesting the goods or services qualifies for the tax exemption.

\* Take the validated invoice back to the merchant or business to complete the transaction. Make payment only at this time. The merchant or business will retain the certified invoice for their record and give you a receipt.

For details, visit the 65th ABW Legal Office on the first floor of Bldg. T-100 or call them at 535-3546/295-57-3546.

Making Strides



Wind and rain did not prevent the New Beginnings Weight Loss Support Group from completing their half marathon walk of 13.1 miles in 4 hours and 30 minutes Saturday. The following members participated: Angie Erickson, Julia Sykes, Ursula Clark, Brandie Walsh, Kelly Badger, Becky Suarez, Brenda Clark, Kerstin Procaccini, Rosanne and Dan Callens. The next New Beginnings meeting will be held at the HAWC at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 31. For details, call Angie Erickson at 298-549-528 (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jerimiah Erickson)



## Movie Schedule

**Today, 7 p.m.** – Rush Hour 3 (PG-13); **10 p.m.** – Stardust (PG-13)  
**Saturday, 7 p.m.** – Stardust; **10 p.m.** – Rush Hour 3  
**Sunday, 2 p.m.** – Rush Hour 3 **7 p.m.** – Stardust  
**Thursday, 7 p.m.** – Rush Hour 3  
*Synopsis: Visit [www.aafes.com/ems](http://www.aafes.com/ems)*

## In The Community

**Bullfights:** Today, Remédios, Lajes and Caminho da Vila, Porto Judeu; Saturday, Rua Gervasio Lima, Praia and Rua da Praça, São Sebastião; Sunday, Rua Senhora da Saude, Praia; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Lajes. All bullfights begin at 5 p.m.

## Around Lajes

**AMC Flights:** The Space-A flight to the United States departs Lajes on Fridays for Norfolk Air Station, Va. Flights to Europe include flights to Italy (rotating between Sigonella and Naples) and Crete. The DC-8 flight to and from BWI on the weekend will not change.  
*POC: Passenger Terminal, 535-3227*

**Youth Flag Football and Cheerleading:** Registration is ongoing through Wednesday at the LYP.

**Flea market cancelled:** The flea market scheduled for Oct. 20 has been cancelled.

**AAFES Holiday wrapping:** Organizations interested in gift wrapping for donations during the holiday season as a fundraiser can contact Bart Bartel at 535-3209 or 968-936-397 to schedule a date.

## Education

**Beginning Investments:** Learn about the stock market, mutual funds and reducing investment risk at this course from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Airman & Family Readiness Center.  
*POC: 535-4138.*

**AFCT/AFOQT:** The MPF will administer the Armed Forces Classification Test Nov. 15. To sign up, e-mail [james.souther@lajes.af.mil](mailto:james.souther@lajes.af.mil) at least two days prior to test date.

## Jobs/Volunteer

**Services NAF positions:** For a list of vacancies, visit <http://www.lajes-services.com/jobs/jobs2.doc>. or call 535-5200/6582.

## Armchair Quarterback

Congratulations to week four winner Michael Flores who was right last week when he said "The champ is here to stay." Congrats on two in a row. This week's You Don't Know Jack Winner is Michael Smith — tough luck about those Bears.

*"I'll guarantee three in a row."*

—Michael Flores



E-mail picks to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil) before kickoff Sunday. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.

## Classified Ads

*E-mail classified ads to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil) by 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to the week you need it published. Notify the Crossroads when items have been sold. Lajes personnel may also post ads at [Lajesads.com](http://Lajesads.com). This site is not affiliated with the Crossroads.*

Wanted: Donations - clothes, shoes, toys, books, household items, etc. All donations are used for the Lajes High School sports teams to raise money for travel. Will pick up donations, e-mail [lajes15@yahoo.com](mailto:lajes15@yahoo.com). Thank You for your support.

For sale: in new condition Gameboy Advance w/ 4 games and 1-172NES game cartridge \$80. Gamecube with 5 kids-5 adult games \$120. Minolta X370 SLR 35MM Camera with 2 lenses, flash, case, many accessories \$200. Onkyo 6 disc CD carousel player \$20. Call Jeremy 295-549-375.

For sale: Archos Designs MP3 Player 4 GB Like New \$100. Ask for Paul 295-549-809

For sale: 2 Kenmore 35 Pint Dehumidifiers w/automatic humidistat control, front-removable bucket & bucket-full indicator, plus automatic defrost control. Energy Star® compliant, washable air filter, bucket full indicator lamp, & button fan-speed selection. Original price is \$149.99 each. One is brand new asking \$90, the other one is 4 months used, asking \$70. Boxes & owners manual included. Call 963 777 769

Moving sale: 220v Fridge - \$250; 220v Gas Stove - \$300; 220v Washer - \$100; 110 Dryer - \$50; 110 Washer - \$50; 220v Microwave - \$40; 220v Toaster - \$15; 220v DVD Player - \$60; Wardrobe - \$50; Wardrobe w/drawers - \$50; Single Mattress w/ Box and Frame - \$90; Single Mattress w/Box and Frame - \$90; Full Mattress w/Box, Frame and Headboard - \$120; Dining Room Table set with 4 chairs - \$200; Kid Book Case - \$15; Kid Book Case - \$15; Two Desks - \$35ea; Two Chairs - \$10ea; Serving Cabinet/Changing Table - \$40; Two Small Couches - \$200ea; Big Couch - \$300; End Table, End Table, Coffee Table Set - \$120; Three Ficus Trees - \$15ea; Kitchen Table Set w/4 chairs - \$200; Formal Shelving/Display Unit - \$100; Glider Chair w/ Ottoman - \$30; Single Bed and Box - \$50; Three Bedside Tables - \$25ea; Crib - \$40; High Chair - \$25; Baby Swing - \$20; 30 inch Flatscreen TV - \$250; TV Stand - \$40; Four Plastic Chairs - \$5ea; Five Area Rugs - \$25ea; Carved Chest - \$80; Two 10speed Bikes - \$50ea; Three Small Bamboo Stick Shelves - \$15ea; 220v medium oil heater - \$40. Call 295 989 361 evenings, 967 701 187 daytime, or e-mail [nathan.walker@tollest.com](mailto:nathan.walker@tollest.com).

Free dog: Friendly medium sized dog. German Shepard mix. Brown in color. Comes with toys, bowls, etc. Housebroken, kennel and leash trained. Kennel may be purchased for \$40. Please call Bill at 295-549-228

1994 Red Toyota Starlet, 4 door. Great motor, decent body. Regular oil changes, no mechanical issues. Has only had two owners. Asking \$2,000. Call 295 989 361 evenings, 967 701 187 daytime, or e-mail [nathan.walker@tollest.com](mailto:nathan.walker@tollest.com).

For sale: Yamaha 750 Streetbike 1982. Good condition, excellent motor. Very good island bike, bass pass is current and inspection is valid until Aug 2008. Asking 2,000 euros. Please call 967 701 187 daytime or 295 989 361 evening.

InStep single jogging stroller for sale \$80. Barely used. Great shape. Call 295-549-623 ask for Christina.

## Spirit of Giving

*Corky Dunblazier assists her daughter, Pamela, make apple muffins during kindergarten Johnny Appleseed Day activities. Rachele Cordova, another parent-volunteer, was also there to assist Loxley Phillips and Nanako Carney. The history lesson taught the children that Johnny Appleseed was a legend known for his giving spirit in early pioneer days. (Photo by Angie Erickson)*

