



## 65 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON HAPPENINGS

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### HOT HAPPENINGS

**CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY**  
Recommended for families with children under 12

**Sunday, Dec. 16**  
**2 - 5 p.m.**

- Bouncy Castle
- Face Painting
- Movies & Crafts
- Holiday Music
- Cookies & Hot Chocolate

**Santa visit**  
**2:30 - 4 p.m.**  
all children receive a gift

**COMMUNITY CENTER**

**535-3273**  
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**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
**2013**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**ONE-MAN-BAND**  
**Shannon Standridge**

**Bar Opens**  
**7 p.m.**

**Very Heavy**  
**Hors D'oeuvres**  
**9 p.m.**

**Breakfast**  
**0:30 a.m.**

**MEMBERS \$5**  
**NON-MEMBERS \$20**  
**ADULTS ONLY**

**TOP OF THE ROCK CLUB**  
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**Taste of Home**

December 22  
(Airmen—pick up your goodie bag)

**Dec. 20 & 21**  
drop your goodies

The Community Center will be the "Home Front" for local Airmen who miss the taste of home. When you and your family are preparing homemade cookies and treats, make a few extra for the Airmen in the dorms.

A homemade cookie can make anyone feel like they are at Grandma's house!

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**LETTER FROM SANTA**

Dec. 1 - Dec. 19  
Parents! Create a smile!

Stop by the Community Activity Center and choose a Santa letter that suits your child. We'll make sure your child gets the personalized letter, written on holiday paper, mailed in a holiday envelope with a North Pole return address!

**\$2/per letter**  
Deadline: Wednesday, Dec 19.

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## PLACES TO GO

Call **Outdoor Recreation**, 535-4140 for reservation information on these trips.

### BASIC GOLF CLINIC

Saturday, Dec 15, 3 - 4:30 p.m. FREE! Meet at Outdoor Recreation. Call for a reservation.

### FAITH, FISH, EARTH AND CHEESE

Saturday, Dec 15, 9:30 a.m. \$39.95/person, 5-12 yrs \$20. Explore four elements of Azorean culture. First we'll visit a rustic pottery shop and learn the traditional production

methods. Then on to Vaquinha Cheese Factory and taste three cheeses, one of which is delightfully spicy; followed by a seafood lunch in San Mateus. Here we'll also visit a beautiful church, enjoy the view of a quaint fishing harbor and sample the best Portuguese ice cream in Terceira. As a bonus, you'll take home a free round of cheese, compliments of Outdoor Recreation.

### PAINTBALL

Saturday, Dec 15, depart at 9 a.m. \$15/person, 16 yrs and older.

### GEOCACHING TOUR

Saturday, Dec 22, 9 a.m. FREE  
Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt that combines hiking and exploring, using a hand-held GPS to locate treasure caches.

### HEART OF ANGRA

Saturday, Dec 22, 9:30 a.m. \$39.95/person.  
Get cultured. Enjoy a guided tour through Angra's beautiful Cathedral and the Palace of the Captain's General. We'll visit the city museum and Sao Joao Baptista Castle. Top all this culture off with a great lunch.

### A TASTE OF THE NORTHERN COAST

Dec 29, 9:30 a.m. \$39.95/person, 5-12 y/o \$20.  
Travel to Biscoitos for a tour of the beautiful vineyards, winery and museum. Here you'll be treated to a tasting  
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Lajes Field Air Base

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Dec 11, 2012

and a free bottle of the famed Verdelho wine. Next to a wood crafters shop and then a traditional church. A wonderful lunch tops off this tour.

### PRAIA WALKING TOUR

Saturday, Dec 29, 9 a.m. FREE!

Learn the history and the key areas of this lovely town.

### THINGS TO DO

#### SQUADRON BOWLING SPECIALS

Weekdays 1 - 4 p.m. Three FREE bowling games. \$1.50 shoe rental. Schedule at least 4 hrs. in advance. 535-6169.

#### BUCK NIGHT AT THE BOWL

Every Wednesday. \$1 games from 4 p.m. until closing. \$1.50 shoe rental. Color pin prizes. 535-6169.

## Lajes Park Lunch Special

Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Have lunch and get 2 FREE games of bowling!



Shoes not included

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## Start practicing now!



**Sign up now! 8 teams Only!**  
**2013 Dart League**  
 Fridays, 6 p.m. Starts January 11, 2013

- 4 - 8 players per team
- 301 - 501 - cricket
- Doubles and team games
- No requirements
- No experience necessary

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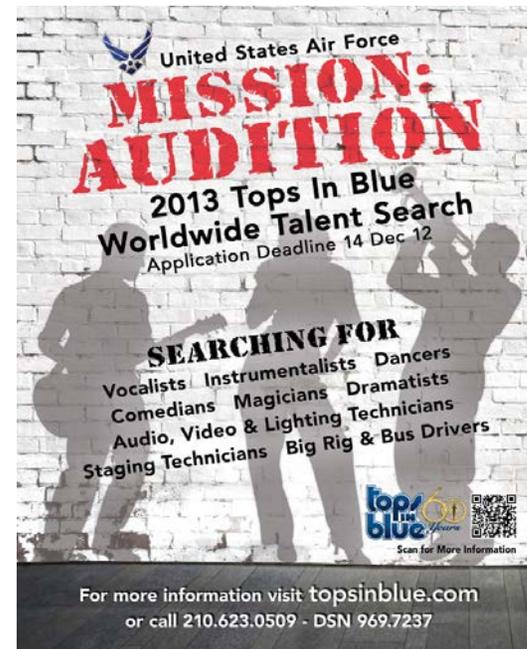
Saturday, Dec 15, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. LYP Gym  
 \$15/table. Payment due at time of reservation.

### FOOTBALL FRENZY

Sunday, December 16, Enlisted Lounge  
 Members Only, Playstation 3 grand prize drawing.  
 Order a meal any Sunday, 4-6 p.m., to enter to win a \$25 gift card.

### CHRISTMAS 5K

Friday, Dec 21. Show up 7:15 a.m. Starts at 7:30 a.m.  
 Prizes for best holiday costume. Fitness Center, 535-6126.



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# Santa Story Time



Library  
Saturdays, Dec 15 & 22  
1 - 2 p.m.



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## FUN THINGS TO LEARN

Call Arts & Crafts to sign up for these classes at least three days prior to class, 535-3909.

### PORTUGUESE COOKING - MEAT ALCATRA

Thursday, Dec 13, 5:30 - 8 p.m. \$15/person.  
Learn the recipe and Alcatra cooking techniques. At the end, enjoy your meal.

### KIDS' CRAFTS DAY

Saturday, Dec 15, FREE!  
Ages 1-5, 10:30 - noon; Ages 6-9, noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Reservations required for both classes.

### NAPKIN ART CLASS

Tuesday, Dec 18 & Wednesday, Dec 19, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
\$25/person. Dress up your table with the lovely napkin creations you learn to make in this class.

### JASMIM-AROMATHERAPY

"Scent-sational" Class  
Saturday, Dec 22, 2 - 4 p.m. \$18/person.  
Learn the art of essential oils and the power and pleasure of scents from a very talented instructor. Make your own facial mask, massage oil and glycerin soap. Materials provided.

## YOUTH & FAMILY

**DECORATE A COOKIE W/ YOUR CHILD**  
Friday, Dec 14, 3:30 p.m. Kids love to decorate cookies. Enjoy this experience with your child. CDC, 535-3273.

# Cheerleader Season

## 26 January - 2 March

### Ages 3-18

Sign-up at the Youth Center  
Registrations: 3 December to 4 January  
\$10 Late Fee for registrations after 4 January



- Coaches Training: 10 December
- Referee Training: 12 December
- Skills Week: 7 to 10 January
- Parents Meeting: 11 January

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## BASKETBALL SEASON 26 JANUARY - 2 MARCH

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## SCHOOL/SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE

### Continuous School Improvement (CSI)

To assist you in helping your child with the Lajes E/HS goals, we will be sending out a weekly CSI (Continuous School Improvement) Tidbit. Please see below authentic strategies that you can work on with your child.

Goal 1: All students, by 2014, will increase their proficiency in critical reading through improvement in analyzing text in all content areas as measured by system-wide and school based assessments.

- Track your child's reading, even while they are singing, by pointing to the words as they sing.

Goal 2: All students, by 2014, will increase their proficiency in math through improvement in number relationships and application across the curriculum as measured by system-wide and school based assessments.

- Build 3 dimensional figures by using toothpicks or straws. Write and describe the figures.

In addition, you can help the school by sending a response email, telling us how you are working on the above strategies at home or photos to help us document evidence of your child working on the goals at home!

### SCHOOL EVENTS

**"Winter Mosaic Musical Concert"**, Elementary gym, Tuesday, Dec 11, 7 p.m.

**Christmas Choir Concert**, Elementary gym, Wednesday, Dec 12, 7 p.m.

Drama class presents **"Brats"** Elementary gym, Friday, Dec 14, 7p.m.

### PCSing?

See your School Liaison Officer (SLO) or call 535-5711 for a transition checklist prior to leaving Lajes. In addition, we are connected to the broader network of multi-service SLO's around the world. So, no matter where your military service takes you next, we'll be there to help your family make a positive school transition.

## AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS

Child and Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life Consultant, (CYB-MFLC) 969-651-065 and Military & Family Life Consultant (MFLC), 967-435-590 or 535-3529. **Call 535-4138 to register for all workshops**

### COPING WITH HOLIDAY GRIEF (Presented by MFLC)

Friday, Dec 14, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Learn how to develop & reinforce strong child/parent bond.

### SPOUSES WELCOME TO LAJES COFFEE

Friday, Dec 14, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Spouses new to Lajes are invited to a "Welcome to Lajes" coffee. You'll have a chance to meet the A&FRC staff, as well as members of the Lajes Spouses Club, Key Spouse representatives and the Military Family Life Consultant.

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### COACHES AND REFEREES NEEDED

Looking for Coaches and Referees for Soccer Season  
Call the Youth Center for More Information at 535-1197/3273.

**PRINCIPLES FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE (Presented by MFLC)**

Tuesday, Dec 18, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**JUMP START YOUR EDUCATION**

**UMUC – ONLINE COURSES**

**New policy: last day to register for online courses is 5 days prior to start date.** Online Spring Term1 deadline is **Jan. 9**. Spring 2013 schedule at:

<http://webapps.umuc.edu/soc/europe.cfm>. For more information see Scott.

**UMUC – Spring On-site**

Elementary Portuguese runs Jan. 14 to March 7. Register now with Scott.

**CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE**

Term 3 Classes: KINE1301 Intro to Physical Fitness & Sport; CJSA 1348 Ethics in Criminal Justice – Jan 22-March 14. Register with Paul at 535-6722 or

[lajes@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:lajes@europe.ctcd.edu). See <http://online.ctcd.edu/schedule/schedule.cfm> for class schedules.

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Upcoming On-Site CORE Class Intro to Graduate Studies, Feb. 5-10, Add/drop date is Jan. 7

Contact Megan @ 535-3171 or [aplajes@ou.edu](mailto:aplajes@ou.edu)

**EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY**

SFTY375 Propulsion Plant Investigation via EagleVision remote runs every Wed. from Jan 16 to March 13. Email us at [rota@erau.edu](mailto:rota@erau.edu) or call us at DSN 727-2984.

**ERAU – MATH TUTOR**

ERAU offers free EagleVision Home Math Tutorial: Dec. 12 at 6-7 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 5-6 p.m. Contact [rota@erau.edu](mailto:rota@erau.edu) for more information.

**AFIT ENLISTED OPPORTUNITIES**

AFIT has 5 openings for enlisted members to pursue advanced academic degrees in management or engineering. Applications due **Dec 31**. Go to [http://www.afit.edu/en/admissions/usaf\\_usmilitaryapply.cfm#enlisted](http://www.afit.edu/en/admissions/usaf_usmilitaryapply.cfm#enlisted)

**DECA SCHOLARSHIP**

\$1500 Scholarship to military children. Open to Feb. 22. Apply at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org)

**NURSING COMMISSIONING – NECP**

2013 Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program (NECP) guidelines can be found at <https://kx.afms.mil/afnurseeducation>. Contact [sandra.bruce.1@us.af.mil](mailto:sandra.bruce.1@us.af.mil) for more information.

**DSST PRACTICE TESTS**

Prometric offers DDST practice tests online which are very similar in types of questions and presentation as found on the actual exams. There is a \$5 fee per title and users may take the practice test twice within a 24-hour period. Preparation is the key to passing an exam. Register for these practice tests at: <https://ibt.prometric.com/dsst>

**REMINDER: APPLY FOR TA ON TIME**

TA requests must be submitted 10 business days prior to term start date and no earlier than 60 days prior to term start date.

**FREE PORTUGUESE CULTURE COURSE**

Contact [portugueseculturalcourse@hotmail.com](mailto:portugueseculturalcourse@hotmail.com) to sign up for the Dec. 10-21 course.

**LEAD**

Applications to the USAF Academy are due Jan. 31. Contact Maria at 535-5291.

**SPOUSES – HAP ARNOLD EDUCATION GRANT – AFAS**

Applications for the 2013-2014 AF Aid Society Education Grant due by March 8, 2013; go to [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org).

**SPOUSES –PATTON SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications open to Jan 31. Go to [www.militaryfamily.org/](http://www.militaryfamily.org/)

**NATIONAL TEST CENTER**

The NTC offers computer-based exams: CLEP, DSST (including Speech), Excelsior and PearsonVue (professional licensures and certifications). Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To schedule, call Scott at 535-4187 or e-mail Joe at [ntclajes-europe@umuc.edu](mailto:ntclajes-europe@umuc.edu). For study material, call 535-3355.

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## NAF JOBS

Nonappropriated Fund positions are available to US military, US Civilians, their spouses and dependents on command sponsored orders. All applicants must be US citizens or citizens of a NATO country. Applicants must be 18 and over. All positions require background checks.

### CLUB OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

NF-I/II, Top of the Rock Club (T-121).  
Flexible Position, no guaranteed hours or benefits.  
Vacancy closing Date: Open until filled.

### CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM ASSISTANT (Before & After School Program)

CY-01/02, Youth Center (T-240)  
Flex Position, no guaranteed hours or benefits  
Vacancy closing date: Continuously open.

### CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM ASSISTANT (Open Recreation)

CY-01/02, Youth Center (T-240)  
Flex Position, no guaranteed hours or benefits  
Vacancy Closing Date: Continuously open.

### CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM ASSISTANT (CDC)

CY-01/02, Child Development Center (T-209)  
Flex Position, no guaranteed hours or benefits  
Vacancy Closing Date: Continuously open.

To apply go to [www.nafjobs.org](http://www.nafjobs.org) or call HRO, 535-6582 or go to Bldg T-112, Room 203. 535-6582.



## PAW PRINTS

### TIP FROM THE KENNEL STAFF

In every community there are homeless animals. In the U.S. as a whole, there are an estimated 6-8 million homeless animals in shelters every year. About half of these animals are adopted, and tragically, the other half is euthanized. These are healthy, sweet pets that would have made great companions. By spaying and neutering your pet, you can be an important part of the solution.

#### Why should you spay/neuter your pet?

<http://www.asPCA.org/>

#### **Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life.**

Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50% of dogs and 90 % of cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.

#### **Neutering provides major health benefits for your male.**

Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male companion prevents testicular cancer, if done before six months of age.

#### **Your spayed female won't go into heat.**

While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently—sometimes all over the house!

**Your male dog won't want to roam away from home.**  
An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate! That includes digging his way under the fence and making like Houdini to escape from the house. And once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other males.

**Your neutered male will be much better behaved.**  
Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. On the other hand, unneutered dogs and cats may mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. Many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.

#### **It is highly cost-effective.**

The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter. It also beats the cost of treatment when your unneutered tom escapes and gets into fights with the neighborhood stray!

#### **Spaying and neutering your pet is good for the community.**

Stray animals pose a real problem in many parts of the country. They can prey on wildlife, cause car accidents, damage the local fauna and frighten children. Spaying and neutering packs a powerful punch in reducing the number of animals on the streets.

Atlantic Island Kennel, 535-3855.

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## Holiday Hours

**EDUCATION CENTER**  
 24, 25, 31 Dec & 1 Jan.....Closed

**LIBRARY**  
 24, 25, 31 Dec & 1 Jan.....Closed  
 26, 27 & 28 Dec.....11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 2, 3 & 4 Jan.....11a.m.-5 p.m.

**AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS**  
 24, 25, 31 Dec & 1 Jan.....Closed

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
 24, 25, 31 Dec & 1 Jan.....Closed

**YOUTH CENTER**  
 24, 25, 31 Dec & 1 Jan.....Closed

**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
 24, 25, 26 & 31 Dec.....Closed  
 1 & 2 Jan.....Closed

**CAFÉ BEAN**  
 24 & 31 Dec.....7 a.m.-Noon  
 25 Dec & 1 Jan.....Closed

**BOWLING CENTER**  
 25 Dec & 1 Jan.....Closed

**OUTDOOR RECREATION**  
 25 Dec & 1 Jan.....Closed

**ARTS & CRAFTS**  
 25 Dec & 1 Jan.....Close

**AUTO HOBBY SHOP**  
 25 Dec & 1 Jan.....Close

**SPORTS ZONE STORE**  
 25 Dec & 1 Jan.....Close

**KENNEL**  
 24 & 31 Dec .....9 a.m.-2 p.r  
 25 Dec & 1 Jan.....Close

**TORC**  
 25 Dec & 1 Jan.....Close

**FITNESS CENTER**  
 25 Dec.....Close  
 Jan 1.....11 a.m. - 4 p.r

**OCEANVIEW\***  
 24 Dec.....Closed at 7 p.r  
 25 Dec.....Close  
 26 Dec.....Open at 8 a.n  
 31 Dec.....Closed at 7 p.r  
 1 Jan.....Close  
 2 Jan.....Open at 8 a.r

*\* LN feeding served on 25 Dec and 1 Jan from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p. m. - box lunch's only. Midnight shift meals will also need to be picked up at those times.*

Unless listed, normal hours apply.