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COMMUNITY JULY 4th EVENT

Date: Sunday, July 4, 2010

Time: 12:00 - 18:00

Location: AISM
(American International School of Mozambique)

Who: U.S. Citizens and immediate family (bring U.S. passport)



Family Fun for All Ages!
For the Children - Games • Magic Show • Jumping Castle
For the Adults - Games/Prizes • Live Entertainment • Food Court • Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks

Raffle!! Raffle!! Raffle!!

Cost: 50 mtz per ticket; winners must be present to win. Prizes: 8 pairs of roundtrip airline tickets. Locations: Johannesburg, Nairobi, Pemba, Nampula, Quelimane, and Beira. The raffle tickets may be purchased beginning Friday, June 11th. Please contact the CLO for details

Do not miss the evening fireworks show!
Call or email the CLO for more information 21-492797 ext. 4615 or RengifoPA@state.gov

EMBASSY CLOSURE

The Embassy will be closed on **Monday, July 5th** to observe Independence Day.

In the event of an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please contact the Consular Section immediately at 21 49 2797 or 21 49 0723 during non business hours. Please remember that in case of an emergency, no matter what day or time, there is always someone available to assist you.



FVAP MARKS ARMED FORCES AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS' VOTERS WEEK

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) will launch an online voter registration assistant in conjunction with Armed Forces Voters Week (AFVW) and Overseas Citizens' Voters Week (OCVW) June 28-July 7, to help more than 6 million military, their voting age dependents, and overseas voters better navigate the registration process. The new online FVAP Voter Registration Assistant, available Monday, helps automate a once cumbersome, manual process in advance of the mid-term elections. Go to www.fvap.gov to register and request your absentee ballot.



The online FVAP Voter Registration Assistant guides users through voter registration, avoiding the confusion of navigating the State-by-State instructions to fill out the registration forms. Guiding voters step-by-step ensures that all information is filled out completely before moving on. At the end of the process, the assistant provides the completed form for signature and the appropriate address and delivery information for their voting district (mail, fax or email). In 2008, FVAP asked local election officials why registration and absentee ballots were rejected. The responses indicated that the voting forms were inadequate, incomplete or mailed to the wrong jurisdiction. Since Uniformed Service and overseas voters must start the voting process earlier than their stateside friends and relatives, fewer mistakes at the outset of the process ensures that the appropriate documentation is received and returned on time. "You may be absent come Election Day, but you CAN be accounted for," remarked Bob Carey, FVAP Director. "Go to FVAP.gov, fill out your registration and absentee ballot application online, and send it back in July so that your election official has time to process it and send you back your absentee ballot for the November general election."

To support the launch of the online assistant, and in celebration of AFVW and OCVW, FVAP has also unveiled a worldwide marketing campaign designed to direct voters to www.fvap.gov, where they can find and utilize the absentee voting resources made available by the government.

2010 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT

Every year the U.S. Secretary of State submits the annual "Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000: Trafficking in Persons Report" to Congress. This report covers "severe forms of trafficking in persons."

This year Mozambique made the Tier 2 watch list for trafficking in persons. Countries whose governments do not fully comply with the Trafficking Victim Protection Act's minimum standards, but are making significant efforts to bring themselves into compliance with those standards make up the Tier 2 list.

For a summary on trafficking in Mozambique please visit the Department of State website: <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/2010/142760.htm>