

First Look

Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the U.S. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19 that Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas with news the war had ended and that the enslaved were free. On that day General Granger issued General Order No. 3 informing the people of Texas of the rights of slaves.

This was two and one-half years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of Jan. 1, 1863. The proclamation originally had little effect in Texas due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive order. But with the surrender of General Robert E. Lee in April 1865 and the arrival of Gen. Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

The celebration of June 19 was coined "Juneteenth" and grew with more participation from descendants. Juneteenth became an official Texas state holiday on Jan. 1, 1980.

ECAMP

The Lajes Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program team will assess Lajes Field Monday-June 25. The out-brief is at 8:30 a.m., June 28 in the Wing Conference Room.

Extreme Summer

Don't forget to register and log in game pieces this summer at www.extremesummer.com. Earn game pieces by participating in service activities around base.

Preflight

- Days since last DUI 138
- DUIs since Jan. 1 one
- Current AEF 9&10
- Current FPCON Alpha
- Combat Nighthawk: 1st Lt. Jennifer Gayle, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; 2nd Lt. Greg Cooper, 65th Communications Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Scott Urfer, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Anthony Patti, 65th MDOS

AF expands space-A lodging

Lodging reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance. Page 4.



(Above) Airman 1st Class Joshua Clark, 65th Services Squadron, sets up the speakers for a television in the Sun and Sand Hut Monday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Michaud)

(Left) Lt. Col. David Reynolds, 65th Mission Support Group deputy commander, aims for the basket while playing a game of basketball at the Sun and Sand Hut, during wing stand-up Wednesday. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Sun and Sand Hut opens

Hut offers food, fun and festivities for military

by Staff Sgt. Olenda Kleffner
Crossroads editor

With the help of more than 30 people donating more than 600 hours of work in six months, the Sun and Sand Hut, located at the community activity center, opened Thursday.

"The Sun and Sand Hut is a high energy entertainment center featuring games, music, movies and a snack bar targeting the single and unaccompanied Airman audience," said 2nd Lt. Jesus Barajas, project manager. "This gives Lajes' Airmen an alternate location to hang out and be themselves."

At the hut, guests have access to a stereo, a 50" plasma screen TV with surround sound and movies, a pool table, an air hockey table, two arcade games, four Play Station 2, six televisions and a snack bar.

The lieutenant said while all active duty mili-

tary and their guests, who are 18 years and older, are welcome on invitation, the hut is mainly for use by younger Airmen, E-1 through E-5.

"I think the idea of the hut is great, and it's in a good location. For those Airmen who don't have cars, it's close to all of the dorms," said Senior Airman Claudia Herrera, 729th Air Mobility Squadron. "This is a place to go and just hang out and have a good time by yourself or with friends."

Lieutenant Barajas said the hut also offers snack food and drinks including beer for airman of legal age.

"Besides providing another on-base location for entertainment, the proximity to the dorms eliminates the need to drive, allowing for the possibility of better DUI prevention," Lieutenant Barajas said.

The hut is open 6 p.m. - 2 a.m., Friday and Saturday; 1 - 9 p.m., Sunday; and 4 - 9 p.m., Monday.



USAFE

Airman Information File

June 2004

RISK MANAGEMENT: INTEGRATING A RESPONSIBLE WAY OF THINKING

Four of our USAFE team members will never see their loved ones again -- their promising lives were cut short in vehicle accidents last year. One of the hardest things we do as leaders is tell loved ones a team member is injured or killed. It is not something we like to do, but it is even more frustrating if the situation was preventable.

Everything we do involves risk, whether it's traveling to and from work, going through a pre-flight checklist, or having a barbecue with friends. We need to stop throwing risk management into a box to be pulled out only when we need to consider "critical" tasks in the workplace.

Some tasks are simple, like taking the time to buckle your seatbelt or knowing if you've been drinking, then you need to let somebody else drive. Others are more complex and may require a more methodical approach to risk management.

Operational Risk Management (ORM) is a tool to do just that -- it merely puts logical steps to common sense. ACT SMART is a simple framework to help remember the six steps of ORM:

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| <u>A</u> -Assess environment for risks | <u>C</u> -Consider options to limit risk | <u>T</u> -Take appropriate action |
| 1. Identify the Hazards | 3. Analyze Control Measures | 5. Implement Risk Controls |
| 2. Assess the Risk | 4. Make Control Decisions | 6. Supervise and Review |

We developed a strong safety program in USAFE and enjoy a good safety record so far this year. Through May 2004, we experienced 35 percent fewer mishaps (57 in number) than during the same period last year. This is encouraging, but best practices and methods mean nothing if not applied at all times.

As we enjoy the summer months, we must keep our guard up. Statistically, we are entering one of the most dangerous periods of the year. Over the last 10 years nearly half of all fatal accidents happened in the summer. Consequently, it is especially critical during the summer to think for a minute before you execute -- have a plan prior to engaging in activities, then stick with the plan.

Bottom line: Risk is everywhere. Develop a plan to manage it. Risk management cannot be compartmentalized to the workplace, nor simply an afterthought. Take the time to protect our most valuable resource in USAFE -- you!

General Doc Foglesong

CMSgt Gary Coleman

"Bring Your Courage"

Adapting the AEF

Longer deployments, more forces

Gen John P. Jumper
Chief of Staff

For the past 12 years, our Air Force has adapted to the demands of a changing world. Beginning in the early 1990s, we developed composite wings, expeditionary organizations, and crisis-response packages that allowed us to rapidly deliver combat capability to Combatant Commanders. In 1998, we formalized the structure into ten Air Expeditionary Force packages. These responsive air and space capabilities allow us to present forces in a consistent manner and conduct military operations across the spectrum of conflict. Throughout the late 1990s, our AEF concept of operations has proven itself time and again. Even with the high demands of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM, our AEFs surged to support the Combatant Commanders' warfighting and deterrence missions, employing nearly eight AEFs of combat forces. When major air and space operations diminished last year, we began the process of reestablishing the AEF battle rhythm. Our reconstitution target was March of this year, but the continued demands of global operations, additional contingencies in other theaters, and a tasking to support Army operations with 2,000 of our expeditionary combat support forces required us to reassess our planning assumptions, and to adjust our AEFs to a new mission set.

Simply put, the demands on our deployable forces have not diminished and are not expected to decline for some time. We have a new rotational requirement for nearly 20,000 Airmen — about three times the demand prior to September 11, 2001. Further, the Air Force Component Commander in the Central Command area of operations has asked us to deploy people for longer tour lengths to allow greater continuity for expeditionary commanders in the field. To adapt to this new set of cir-

cumstances, I've directed a change to the AEF rotational cycle and have asked our Major Commands to expand the pool of deployable Airmen in each AEF.

Beginning with AEF Cycle 5 in September 2004, the baseline deployment will be 120 days vice 90, and the AEF cycle will change from a fifteen-month rotational cycle to a twenty-month cycle. We will continue to expect that each Airman will deploy only once during each cycle, although some stressed specialties will deploy longer, and in greater frequency, until manpower levels are adjusted or the theater requirements diminish. For those already deployed in AEFs 7/8 (Mar - May) and those deploying in AEF 9/10 (Jun - Aug), it is our intent to stick to our 90-day deployment cycle. For those identified to deploy in AEF 1/2 (Sep - Nov), you should prepare to be gone a minimum of four months. This evolution of the AEF is not a temporary adjustment. More appropriately, it is recognition of new demands around the world for air and space power.

It is important to remember several fundamental principles regarding our AEF concept of operations. First, we are not changing the basic composition of each AEF; each will continue to provide about 5 AEWs and 6 AEGs of capability during each vulnerability period. Our low density/high demand units will continue to follow DoD-approved deployment guidelines. Finally, Air Force global mobility forces will continue to follow our AEF Presence Policy, with mobility aviation units postured in multiple AEFs to support the USTRANSCOM mission and other Combatant Commander needs.

The 20-month cycle will continue to provide commanders and Airmen the ability to plan ahead, allowing a sense of predictability while providing greater continuity to the in-theater commander. Still, I recognize longer deployments will present challenges to our Reserve Component, possi-

bly affecting the number of ARC volunteers, and requiring selected use of Presidential mobilization authority. We will manage these matters very carefully, ensuring equity and fairness across the Total Force.

In addition to extending tour lengths, it is my intent to expand our pool of deployable Airmen from our current level of about 272,000. I have asked all of our Major Commands to aggressively review the assumptions upon which they exclude Airmen from our AEFs and take immediate steps to maximize those postured in the Air Force Worldwide UTC System and our AEF libraries. The MAJCOMs will posture the maximum number of manpower authorizations into standard UTCs, and if required, we will develop new ones to provide additional expeditionary capabilities. Residual authorizations will be postured into associated UTCs and will be coded to support AEF requirements across the range of military operations.

Let me be perfectly clear — in our Air Force, every Airman is expeditionary, every Airman will know his/her place in the AEF system, and every Airman will be prepared to support the Combatant Commander, whether deployed, in CONUS via reachback, or employed at home station. If you are wearing the uniform of the United States Air Force, you are a part of the AEF.

We are at war today, and will remain engaged around the globe against a brutal and resilient enemy. Every Airman — Active, Guard, Reserve, and Civilian — must be focused on our national commitment to the Global War on Terrorism. Our job is to deploy and deal with terrorists wherever they are in the world so we never again have to deal with them on our own soil. You will be the difference between our success and failure in this vital cause. Once again, I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication, professionalism, and service to our nation.

AF expands space-A lodging window

Crossroads staff

The Air Force Services Agency director at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, announced recently an expanded space-available reservation policy designed to maximize occupancy at lodging facilities.

Under the new system, lodging officials can accept and confirm space-A lodging reservations up to 30 days in advance based on low projected occupancy rates.

The window for reservations decreases as the percentage of projected occupancy rises.

Under this new system, higher

priority customers may not bump space-A customers with confirmed reservations.

Neither can they be bumped once they are assigned lodging except during contingencies, emergencies or when the installation commander determines higher priorities exist.

To make lodging reservations here, call 2-5178.

For more information, see http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,usaf2_060404.00.html.

For more on Space-A Travel and other travel opportunities, visit the Military Travel section at <http://www.military.com/Travel/Home/0,13396,,00.html>

New leaders take command at Lajes



Col. Mike Giroux, 65th Mission Support Group commander, hands the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron guidon to the new commander, Lt. Col. Tim Haynie, during the change of command ceremony June 8. *(Photo by Guido Melo)*

Col. Barbara Jacobi, 65th Air Base WIng commander, receives the 65th Operations Support Squadron guidon from previous commander Lt. Col. Timothy Fay as Master Sgt. Douglas Koonst stands by as he waits to receive the guidon during the change of command ceremony Tuesday. *(Photo by Michelle Michaud)*



Col. Mike Giroux, 65th Mission Support Group commander, receives the 65th Security Forces Squadron guidon from previous commander Maj. Gerald Szybist. The new commander, Capt. Michael Green, stands by as he waits to receive the guidon during the change of command ceremony June 7. *(Photo by Staff Sgt. Michell Michaud)*



Breaking education barriers

by Master Sgt. John Tway
Lajes Tri-service Top 3

If you had asked me 16 years ago why I joined the Air Force, I would've told you the main reason was for the education benefits.

So I have to ask myself why, a decade and a half later, I am just now finishing my Community College of the Air Force degree. I could probably rationalize an answer and say, "I was too busy," or, "My TDY schedule was too heavy," or, "I just didn't have time."

The truth is, yes I'm ashamed to say it, I was probably just lazy and maybe just a little scared. But now after all these years of putting off my education, I am finally buckling down and finishing my CCAF degree.

You know what I've discovered? Higher education isn't all that difficult. My courses haven't taken that much time out of my schedule and actually, I'm finding out learning is kinda fun. I've gotten college credit several ways and if you don't mind, I'll

share my experiences with you.

I started off this journey by asking myself what I already knew. I was pretty certain that as a career broadcaster I could probably complete my English credit requirement through the College Level Examination Program. I was admittedly a little nervous, but thought it couldn't hurt to try. So, I took a stroll to the base library and checked out one of the test preparation guides. I spent a couple of weeks studying the material and scheduled an exam through the education center.

Lo and behold, I passed the exam and suddenly had six semester hours under my belt! I was finally back on the path to earning my CCAF degree. But there was still more to do. I rechecked my degree requirements and decided to tackle Humanities next.

I called the University of Maryland University College field office and asked what was available. The pleasant young lady I spoke with told me UMUC was offering an Elementary

Portuguese class, available as a lunchtime course that would meet my Humanities requirement. What a great concept! I was stationed in the Azores, I could learn some Portuguese and earn credit while doing it. What a deal! So, I signed up.

The next eight weeks were a sheer delight. I was learning something new, I was able to better communicate with my Portuguese co-workers and friends, and when it was over, I had three more semester hours in my CCAF account.

Yes, I did go TDY during the course, but I spoke to my instructor and was able to complete some coursework while I was away without interfering with my temporary assignment. The experience kind of blew away my "heavy TDY schedule" excuse. But I still had just a bit of a fear factor when it came to my next challenge...the dreaded math course!

I don't know about you, but math, especially algebra, has always intimidated me. I knew I'd have to pass algebra or

another higher mathematics course in order to get my degree so once again I picked up the phone. This time I tried a distance learning course through Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. For some reason, the idea of taking a class while at home in my bunny slippers just appealed to me. I'm now about halfway through the course and while it's not a cakewalk, it's not bad either. The fear factor is subsiding.

I'm still six semester hours from my CCAF degree, but I'm finally "making" the time to finish it. The point I'm trying to make is that getting college credit really isn't that tough a task. Taking courses didn't take an inordinate amount of time out of my "busy" schedule. My "TDY schedule" didn't hinder my progress and I even slayed the fear dragon. Don't follow my example of waiting until you're a crusty Master Sgt. to get your own degree. Pick up the phone, call the education center, and get started. You might even enjoy it!

GPC program benefits Lajes

Maj. Kristen Nelson
65th Contracting Squadron commander

The government purchase card program at Lajes Field is a huge success. GPC program managers, cardholders and approving officials achieve this success through diligence to avoid potential minefields.

The GPC program allows trained government employees to purchase authorized goods and services valued up to \$2,500 either at a store or by a telephone order.

Most items are mailed to, delivered to or received directly by the cardholder.

The ability to buy items when needed reduces work delays, increases order accuracy and reduces the need to maintain high stock levels.

Members from every squadron have taken on the responsibility of the GPC to make their squadron more efficient.

These tasks used to belong to the contracting squadron but now, contracting specialists can devote more time and expertise to higher value and more complex purchases for our customers.

In this way the GPC program has also reduced work delays when more expensive purchases or complex contracts are required.

A benefit of the GPC program is the base receives a rebate from the contractor whenever the wing pays their bill on time - just like a consumer credit card might offer a rebate.

There are also other ways a GPC is not like

a consumer credit card.

First, though stores or suppliers recognize the GPC as a VISA card, cardholders must remember the GPC isn't a credit card.

The cardholder must have set aside government money to pay for the card before an authorized purchase can be made.

Second, the cardholder can only buy authorized items and services, and only after receiving permission from the approving official. You probably don't have this system of checks and balances for your credit cards.

Third, only the cardholder may make a purchase with their card. No one is authorized to use someone else's GPC.

It's important to safeguard your GPC, even at home where family members can easily mistake it for your credit card.

The Air Force has the best success with the GPC program compared to the other services. We have GPC program managers at base, MAJCOM and Air Force level.

Each manager uses automated tools and hands-on records checks to find violations, which can range from poor record keeping to late monthly records checks, to purchasing necessary but unauthorized items for official use.

An example of an unauthorized purchase is buying t-shirts and shorts for squadron PT.

When violations are discovered, the cardholder and approving official receive additional training.

Fraud and abuse are much more serious

violations. Using the GPC to make purchases for personal use or to pay debts is fraud.

I have two examples: one cardholder used her GPC to call the infomercial psychic.

Another military cardholder was making purchases from his brother-in-law for which inferior goods were received.

Also, using the card to buy items for official use that are not required is abuse.

For example, a unit bought an industrial baked potato oven.

They were authorized to have cooking equipment, but why would any unit need a 250 potato oven for anything other than fundraisers?

Another example is buying a second digital camera because the first "walked away."

Poor accountability on pilferable purchases can quickly lead to abuse. Fraud and other serious offenses can result in harsh disciplinary action.

Fortunately none of my examples are from Lajes Field.

Phyllis Meneses and Tracy Assis manage an outstanding GPC program for the wing, keeping our cardholders and approving officials up to date on training and the latest GPC info.

Thanks from the 65th Contracting Squadron to all the GPC cardholders, approving officials, resource advisors, and squadron commanders who keep this vital program working for the wing.

Money for funny

To celebrate 50 years of "Humor in Uniform," Reader's Digest is running a contest to find out which military service is the funniest.

They're looking for the most humorous true anecdotes from military life. Active-duty, Reserve, retired and their family members can participate.

The magazine's editors will select finalists from each service to appear in the September edition.

Readers can then log onto www.rd.com to choose their favorite story.

Entries must include entrant's full name, e-mail address and street address. The stories should be no more than 100 words, true, original and related to the armed services.

The winner will receive an all-expense trip for two to St. Kitts Marriott and Royal Beach Casino in the Caribbean. The other four finalist will receive \$500 and all stories published in the magazine will receive \$300.

To submit a story, go to www.rd.com/uniform by June 30.

AF offers incentive for South Korea Duty

Airmen who volunteer to extend their tours of duty in South Korea may be eligible for an extra \$300 per month.

The assignment incentive pay program is designed to reduce permanent-change-of-station requirements, encourage longer tours, provide further stability and improve readiness on the peninsula. The Air Force currently uses the home basing and follow-on assignment, the overseas tour extension incentive and the in-place consecutive overseas tour programs to encourage Airmen to select a South Korean assignment. Officials said they will continue to offer these programs along with the new incentive. It will be offered as a test program until December 2005.

Airmen who volunteer to serve a 24-month unaccompanied or 36-month accompanied tour before leaving their current duty station will be offered \$300 per month for the duration of the tour.

Extension and in-place options will be available to individuals choosing to extend after they are in country.

For more information, see http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,usaf2_060204.00.html.

To find the latest news and special

In a Fix



SOUTHWEST ASIA — Staff Sgt. Larry Isaac grabs a tool to fix an aircraft at a forward-deployed location. Sergeant Isaac is assigned to the 555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and is deployed from Aviano Air Base, Italy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Demetrius Lester)

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New procedures speed up overseas absentee balloting

Absentee ballots from servicemembers overseas will move faster and with greater control for the 2004 elections, Department of Defense and U.S. Postal Service officials said June 2.

Paul Vogel, the Postal Service's vice president for network operations management, said Postal Service officials have been working with the Military Postal Service Agency to improve the process, "because it is that important, especially with a presidential election year coming up. If it's even as remotely close as the last election was, every ballot really counts."

The combined team has put together a process that will expedite the overseas absentee balloting mail flow and give greater accountability.

For more information, see http://www.military.com/NewsContent/0,13319,usaf1_060204.00.html.

Officials release update on cadet cheating investigation

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) — Air Force Academy officials released the final updated information June 7 involving the investigation into cadet cheating by some members of the Class of 2007.

Since April 22, when preliminary interviews began, 265 cadets were interviewed.

Of that number, seven cadets voluntarily resigned, 12 cadets admitted cheating, and 50 denied cheating and were forwarded for further investigation. Of the 50 who denied cheating, 33 cases were dropped and 17 were forwarded to Wing Honor Boards.

Those honor boards found seven violations and 10 with no violations.

At this time, no other cases are under review or scheduled for review by the honor boards.

Disciplinary actions of either honor probation or dismissal will be recommended to the commandant of cadets and superintendent for a final decision on the 19 cadets found to have violated the honor code. (Air Force News Service)

Largest festival of the year in Angra

The Sanjoaninas Festival is the largest non-religious festival on Terceira and the Azores archipelago dating back to the 16th century, although in the beginning it had a religious connection.

Sanjoaninas honors St. John the Baptist and is a legacy of a secular tradition on the island which has evolved over the years and now includes parades, concerts, arena and street bullfights, expositions, sports, as well as other cultural events.

In addition to all these events, there will be some restaurants and food booths in the Bailhão parking lot located in the southwest side of Angra. This is also the location where the big concerts will take place.

The following schedule of events includes the Sanjoaninas 2004 highlights:

Tonight

9:45 p.m. - Parade by the marching band Nossa Senhora do Pilar from Cinco Ribeiras

10 p.m. - Parade by the Sanjoaninas official marching group followed by the opening parade of floats. (main street/square).

Midnight - Musical entertainment featuring DJ Rui Vargas (Bailhão parking lot)

Saturday

2 p.m. - Beach volleyball tournament (small beach next to the marina)

3 p.m. - Opening of children's playgrounds (top of main street and Corte Reais Garden)

5 p.m. - Opening of Arts and Crafts Center (top of main street)

6:30 p.m. - Arena bullfight in Angra's bullring

8 p.m. - Performance by folklore band from Vila Nova (Bailhão parking lot)

9:30 p.m. - Parade of marching bands (main street/square)

10 p.m. - Concert by concert band Recreio dos Artistas (Bailhão parking lot)

10:30 p.m. - Performance by the local rock band Cool Breeze (main square)

Midnight - Concert by the renowned Scottish band Simple Minds (Bailhão parking lot)

Sunday

2 p.m. - Beach volleyball tournament (small beach next to the marina)

- Demonstration of radio controlled miniature airplanes (Angra Garden)

3 p.m. - Military tattoo demonstration by the Portuguese Air Force Band (main square)

9 p.m. - Performance by folklore band Modas da Nossa Terra (Bailhão parking lot)

9:30 p.m. - Parade of marching bands (main street/square)

10 p.m. - Blues concert (main street in front of Cathedral)

11 p.m. - Concert by concert band Fanfarra Operária (Bailhão parking lot)

Midnight - Concert by Portuguese singer Tony Carreira (Bailhão parking lot)

Monday

6 p.m. - Street bullfight in São Sebastião

8 p.m. - Religious procession (main square)

9 p.m. - Performance by folklore band Baile da Canção Regional Terceirense (Bailhão parking lot)

9:30 p.m. - Parade of marching bands (main street/square)

10:30 p.m. - Concert by the Portuguese Air Force Band (main square)

Midnight - Concert by The Wailers (Bailhão parking lot)

Tuesday

2 p.m. - Volleyball tournament (Angra sports pavilion)

9 p.m. - Performance by folklore band Grupo de Bailes da Ilha Terceira (Bailhão parking lot)

9:30 p.m. - Parade of marching bands (main street/square)

10 p.m. - Concert by the Portuguese Air Force Band (main street in front of Cathedral)

10:30 p.m. - Concert by local rock music band Concreto (main square)

Midnight - Concert by Los Gosmanos (Bailhão parking lot)

Wednesday

Noon - Running of the bulls for children (Rua São João)

2 p.m. - Volleyball tournament (Angra sports pavilion)

10 p.m. - Parade of traditional St. John's marching groups (main street/square)

1 a.m. - Performance by the local band Pop Time Band (Bailhão parking lot)

Thursday

(municipal holiday in Angra)

11 a.m. - St. John's religious procession (main street, Rua São João)

1 p.m. - Running of the bulls (top of main street, Rua São Pedro)

2 p.m. - Volleyball tournament (Angra sports pavilion)

9 p.m. - Arena bullfight

11 p.m. - Concert by concert band Filarmónica União Praiense (Bailhão parking lot)

Midnight - Concert by Clã (Bailhão parking lot)

June 25

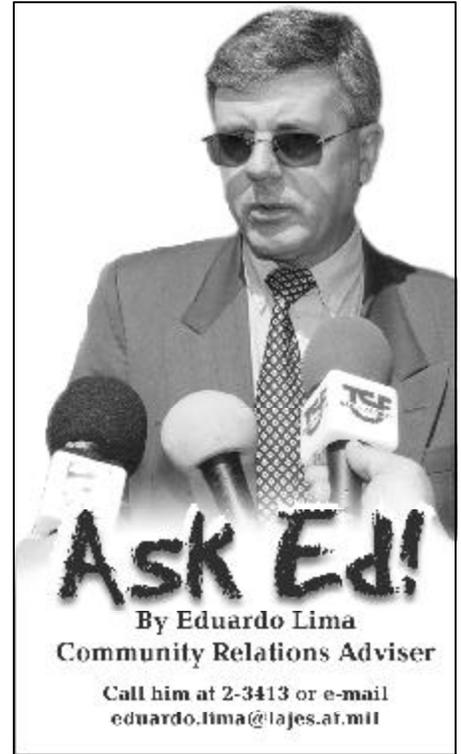
2 p.m. - Volleyball tournament (Angra sports pavilion)

6 p.m. - Street bullfight at the port next to the marina

9 p.m. - Parade of juvenile St. John's marching bands (main street/square)

10 p.m. - Concert by concert band Filarmónica União Católica da Ribeirinha (Bailhão parking lot)

Midnight - Show by Portuguese



comedian Herman José (Bailhão parking lot)

June 26

10 p.m. - Karate demonstration (main square)

1 p.m. - Jet Ski competition in Angra bay

2 p.m. - Triathlon competition (Silveira-Rua São Pedro-Silveira)

6:30 p.m. - Arena Bullfight

9 p.m. - Performance by folklore band Grupo do Posto Santo (Bailhão parking lot)

10:30 p.m. - Concert by local rock band Vanguarda (main street in front of Cathedral)

10:30 p.m. - Concert by Angra Jazz Orchestra (main square)

Midnight - Concert by Blasted Mechanism ((Bailhão parking lot)

June 27

10:30 a.m. - Holy Ghost procession (Rua Guarita, Rua do Galo, main street)

12:30 p.m. - Departure of Holy Ghost procession from Cathedral heading to Rua São Pedro for the Holy Ghost banquet

3 p.m. - Jet Ski competition in Angra Bay

4:30 p.m. - Soap box derby (Rua Madre de Deus, top of main street)

6:30 p.m. - Arena bullfight

9 p.m. - Performance by folklore band Casa do Povo São Sebastião (Bailhão)

10 p.m. - Concert by the Light Orchestra of Biscoitos (in front of Cathedral)

10:30 p.m. - Concert by the concert band Grupo de Metais Ilha Terceira (main square)

Midnight - Fireworks in Angra Bay

This month in Lajes history ...

June 3, 1946:

British troops officially ended operations at Lajes. The Portuguese flag was again hoisted at Lajes Field.

June 14, 1952:

The 65th Troop Carrier Wing, Medium was activated at Mitchel Air Force Base, New York under First Air Force, with Col. Charles K. Nelson, Jr. as commander. This unit was the predecessor to the 65th Air Base Wing.

June 1, 1954:

The 1605th was reorganized and the two group headquarters, the 1605th Air Base Group and the 1605th Maintenance and Supply Group, were discontinued. All squadrons formerly assigned to the two groups were assigned directly to the air base wing.

June 18 - 19, 1974:

President Richard Nixon stopped at Lajes Field on his way back from a Middle East trip. He visited the

president of Portugal, Antonio Spínola, to discuss mutual relations between the two countries.

June 27, 1975:

A C-118, the only aircraft assigned to the Air Force at Lajes Field, was transferred ending an era of support aircraft for Lajes Field. Lajes personnel often took advantage of travel aboard the C-118 because it assured them of a return trip.

June 3, 1980:

In a joint dedication with the Portuguese hosts, the flags of Portugal and the United States were raised on the new flagpoles outside of building T-100.

June 1, 1995:

The last Accord of Defense and Cooperation between the U.S. and Portugal was signed at a ceremony in Lisbon. Originally valid for a period of five years, the Portuguese government decided to extend the agreement. The accord contains the technical agreement that governs the use of Lajes Field and facilities.



President Richard Nixon and Portuguese Prime Minister, Marcelo Caetano in December 1971 when President Nixon came to Terceira to participate in an international summit with the French President George Pompidou. (Courtesy photo)

Families covered during PCS

65th Medical Group staff

Families making a permanent change of station move from Lajes this summer don't have to worry about medical care in case of emergency.

According to Amie Navarro, TRICARE medical services coordinator, as long as the PCSing member out-processes correctly and keeps TRICARE information with him or her during the move, there should be no unnecessary charges for any emergency health care needs.

"Be sure and stop by the Lajes TRICARE service center to out process," said Mrs. Navarro. "If you have a medical emergency during your move, just go to the nearest emergency room. For routine care, you should wait until you enroll at your gaining base or go to the nearest military treatment facility."

Mrs. Navarro said if there is no treatment facility nearby, active duty

members should call their gaining installation for direction, and family members should call the nearest TRICARE service center to find the nearest provider.

"If there is no TRICARE provider available, make sure the civilian provider accepts TRICARE or CHAMPUS allowable charges as payment in full," she said. "Otherwise, you may be responsible for some of the cost."

Members should be aware they might have to pay first and file the claim later. If this is the case, claims should be mailed to the following addresses.

For a family member claim:

WPS Foreign Claims
P.O. Box 8976
Madison, WI 53708-8976

For an active duty claim:

WPS Active Duty Claims Processing
P.O. Box 7968
Madison, WI 53707-7968

TRICARE Prime members will remain enrolled for a maximum of 60 days from their Lajes port date.

"Once you arrive at your next base, stop by the gaining TRICARE center to transfer enrollment," Mrs. Navarro said. "If you don't, family members will revert to TRICARE standard after 60 days from your port date."



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Sports Briefs



(Above) Kristen Talamantez cools off with her son Braeden at the pool Monday.



(Left) Ben Cordell, son of Master Sgt. Thomas Wade, jumps off the diving board at the pool Monday.

(Below) Emily Ashby, daughter of the Lajes High School Principle Jerry Ashby, swims laps at the Lajes Field pool Monday. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Robert Valenca)



Water aerobics

The base pool offers water aerobics 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Class is free for military and pool pass holders, all others pay the daily fee. Minimum age to participate is 18 years old. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 2-4140.

Sea kayak instructor

Outdoor recreation is looking for certified Sea Kayak instructors. If interested, call 2-4140.

Boat rentals

The Island Breeze boat rental season runs through Sept. 5 at the TTU port. Fifty horsepower Zodiacs are \$20 per hour, gas included. Sea kayaks are \$4 per hour and paddle boats are \$5 per hour. Hours of operation will be noon-5 p.m., Saturdays-Sundays, U.S. holidays and Friday family days. A boating safety certification must be obtained prior to renting the Zodiacs at www.boat-ed.com; use the internet version of the Rhode Island test. For more information, call 2-4140.

Fishing trip

A fishing trip is scheduled for 8 a.m.-noon, June 26 aboard the catamaran Tango. Cost is \$65 a person. Four-6 may participate with a minimum age of 8. Sign up three days before the trip. For more information, call 2-4140.

Yoga

Classes are at 9 a.m., Saturdays, at the Chace Fitness Center. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Joshua Clark at 2-6126.

Hours of Operation

Pool hours: Through Sept. 5

Lap swim: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., open swim: 1-7 p.m., Mon., Wed.-Fri.; noon-7 p.m., Sat.; noon-6 p.m., Sun.

Hillside Lanes: 4-11 p.m., Tue.; 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Wed.-Thu.; 10 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Fri.-Sat.; 4-11 p.m., Sun.

Skating Rink/Skate Park: (On alternating weekends) 7-11 p.m., Fri.-Sat.

Trail ride

Joe Wilkinson, 65th Communications Squadron, rides on a trail near the golf course during one of the Lajes Wrecking Crew Mountain Bike Club rides. The trail starts near the golf course and ends up in Agualva. The bike club rides at 8 a.m. on Saturdays. They start and finish in the school parking lot, and near the beginning of the ride, they always stop for coffee. The ride is about four hours and 25 miles. For more information, call Joe Wilkinson at 2-6878. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Dorrian)



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., Thurs., 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.-1 a.m., Fri.-Sat.; 7 a.m.-11 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 dinnerspecial.

Chapel services

Adoration and rosary: 3p.m., Mon.-Fri.; 5:40 p.m., Sun.

Mass: 5 p.m., Sun.-Fri.; 10 a.m., Sat.

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

Monday

Women's bible study, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Protestant Men of the Chapel lunch/study, noon; PWOC lunch/study, 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 Praise Team practice, 7 p.m.; Men's bible study, 7 p.m.

Friday

CWOC Mass, 5:30 p.m., 1st Friday; Gospel Choir Practice, 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.; Mass, 5 p.m.; Rosary and adoration, 5:40 p.m.; Protestant Youth/Teens of the Chapel, 6:15 p.m.



Today, 7 p.m.: "Johnson Family Vacation," rated PG-13 for sexual references, crude humor and brief drug material, 97 minutes. Cast includes Cedric the Entertainer and Vanessa Williams. Invited to a big family reunion in Missouri, Nate sees it as an opportunity to reconnect with his estranged wife and growing children. He imagines a leisurely drive but between his wary wife, arguing kids, angry police officers, bizarre hitchhikers, bad diner food and an unfortunate run-in with a cement mixer, getting from point A to point B proves to be just short of a nightmare. **10 p.m.:** "The Punisher," rated R for pervasive brutal violence, language and brief nudity, 124 minutes. Cast includes Thomas Jane and John Travolta. FBI undercover agent, Castle, is finally moving into a safe desk job, to the delight of his wife and son. But when his family is executed after witnessing a mafia hit, Castle dons a black battle suit, arms himself with a ton of guns and seeks swift revenge.

Saturday, 7 p.m.: "Connie and Carla," rated PG-13 for thematic elements, sexual humor and drug references, 98 minutes. Cast includes Nia Vardalos and Toni Collette. Two struggling Chicago dinner theater performers accidentally witness a mafia hit and hit the road running for their lives. They go undercover as drag queens and much to their surprise they inadvertently become the toast of the cabaret circuit.

Sunday, 2 p.m.: "Johnson Family Vacation."

Tuesday, 7 p.m.: "Connie and Carla."

Wednesday, 7 p.m.: "Johnson Family Vacation."

Thursday, 7 p.m.: "The Punisher."

For information about the movie schedule, call the base theater at 2-4100.

AFN Sports on TV

Friday

AFN-Sports

Golf: 104th U.S. Open Championship - second round, 2 p.m.

104th U.S. Open Championship - second round, 7 p.m.

104th U.S. Open Championship - second round, 9 p.m.

Saturday

AFN-Sports

MLB: Interleague - Kansas City Royals @ Philadelphia Phillies (JIP), midnight

Interleague: NY Yankees @ Los Angeles Dodgers, 2 a.m.

Monster Truck Show: Monster Jam, 7 a.m.

MLB: Interleague - Boston Red Socks @ Los Angeles Dodgers, 8 a.m.

Golf: 104th U.S. Open Championship - third round, 6:30 p.m.

NASCAR Busch Series: Meijer 300, 11:30 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: NY Yankees @ Los Angeles Dodgers, 7 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

Friday Night Fights: Junior Welterweights - Demetrius Hopkins vs. Al Gonzales, 2 a.m.

MLB: Cincinnati Reds @ St. Louis Cardinals, 11 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Sports

WNBA: Detroit Shock @ Sacramento Monarchs, 2 a.m.

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: O'Reilly 200, 7 a.m.

Track & Field: USA Nike Prefontaine Classics, 11:30 a.m.

Golf: 104th U.S. Open Championship - final round, 4:30 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

MLB: Interleague - Cleveland Indians @ Atlanta Braves, 5 p.m.

Interleague: Boston Red Sox @ San Francisco Giants, 8 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: DHL 400, 5 p.m.

EVENTS

Ad submissions deadline shift: 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 email to news@lajes.af.mil. Dates and times should be in civilian format, and include full name of P.O.C.

Bullfights

Saturday: 6:30 p.m., Arena bullfight in Angra

Sunday: 6 p.m., Praia Beach

Monday: 6:30 p.m., Fonte Sao Sebastiao

Wednesday: Noon, Rua Sao Joao, Angra - running of the bulls for children

Thursday: 1 p.m., Rua Sao Pedro, Angra - running of the bulls; 9 p.m., Arena bullfight in Angra

June 25: 6:30 p.m., Angra port

June 26: 6:30 p.m., Arena bullfight in Angra

June 27: 6:30 p.m., Arena bullfight in Angra

Arena tickets: Outdoor recreation is selling arena bullfight tickets for the Angra Sanjoaninas bullfights. Tickets will be on sale until Thursday. For more information, call 2-4140.

Closures/shifts

Wing ceremony: The Wing Recognition ceremony has been rescheduled for 2 p.m., July 2 in the base theater. Promotees from June and July should show up at 1 p.m. in service dress. Visual information, sound people and meces need to attend 2 p.m., July 1 practice.

Testing change: Beginning in December, all master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will test on the USAF supervisory examination between Dec. 6-17. The testing cycle will no longer be conducted in January. Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out-of-cycle.

Education Center

OU online: Registration for the University of Oklahoma's fall online graduate-level courses runs from June 1-July 15. Enroll early; courses fill quickly. For more information, call Erika Golart at 2-3171.

Graduate course: Human Emotions, an elective in the OU's Master of Human Relations degree, runs Aug. 10-15. Enroll by July 8. For more information, call Erika Golart at 2-3171.

ERAU online: Register now for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on-site Safety Program Management, offered

June 23-30. For more information, call Tina Lake at 2-3375.

Register now: ERAU is holding registration for the July 15 undergraduate distance learning term through June 30.

Classes

Chess: Learn to play chess. Free classes are 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays at the community activities center beginning June 12. Ages 6 years and up are welcome. To sign up, call the CAC at 2-4135.

Water aerobics: The pool offers water aerobics 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mon., Wed. and Thur. free to military and pool pass holders. All others pay the daily fee. Must be 18 to participate. For more information, call 2-3363.

Events

Band plays: The Portuguese Air Force Band performs in Praia Theater, Auditoria do Ramo Grande, at 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Admittance is free.

Youth campout: The Lajes Youth Program is having a campout at the youth center's soccer field 7 p.m.-7 a.m., July 2-3 for ages 7-12. Register by June 30. Cost is \$15.75 for members and \$23.75 for non-members. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call Joanne Cozart at 2-1197.

Reading program: Children will read books, go online and take tests to earn points and win prizes for the Read by Mail Summer reading program. All general membership and school age program children are registered. Visit www.bookadventure.org to see what prizes are available. For more information, call Ruth Hinojosa at 2-1197.

SCUBA dive: Discover SCUBA diving 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, at the base pool. A master dive instructor will instruct people with no previous experience through a dive in the pool. Slots available every 5 minutes, cost is \$10. For more information, call Jeremy Kitzhaber at 295-549-734 or 2-2495.

June chapel events

Spiritual fitness: Protestant women's spiritual fitness training 7 p.m., Mondays. Working women's spiritual fit-

ness training and lunch noon, Wednesdays. Men's spiritual fitness training 7 p.m., Thursdays. Men's spiritual fitness training and lunch noon, Wednesdays. Men's spiritual leadership training and breakfast 8 a.m., June 19.

Singles events: Singles of the Chapel barbecue, potluck and farewell 5:30 p.m., June 20 at Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke's house. Bible study and dinner noon, June 26, at the base chapel and Marcelino's restaurant.

Vacation Bible School: 9 a.m., June 28-July 2.

For more information about these events call Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Franke at 2-4211.

SUM Dinner: Hosted by the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, 5:30 p.m., June 24. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Stan Pieczara at 2-4211.

All events are at the base chapel unless otherwise noted.

Volunteers/jobs

Theater positions: AAFES is now accepting applications for a theater supervisor and projectionist. Applications are being accepted 8 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri. at building T-800. For more information, call 2-3634.

Red Cross: The American Red Cross is looking for a Health & Safety Chairman. This is a volunteer position requiring about 2-4 hours weekly. Duties include directing and scheduling CPR/First Aid classes, preparing publicity items, and attending monthly volunteer board meetings. For more information and to apply, call the ARC at 2-3516 or visit the office at Bldg. T-112.

NAF jobs: The following Non-appropriated funds positions are open. Outdoor recreation: lifeguard, cashier/checker, recreation aid - boating, recreation assistance - boating; Youth center: youth recreation aid, school age program assistant; Auto skills development center: skills aid; Central warehouse: supply technician; Child development center: child development program assistant; Atlantic Island Kennels: animal caretaker; Resource management: independent observer;

Sun and Sand Hut/community center: recreation aid.

Catholic instructor: A Catholic religious education coordinator is needed at the base chapel. Qualifications include being a practicing Catholic in good standing. For more information or to apply, call Tech. Sgt. Tom Kirkpatrick at 2-5066 by today.

Family readiness: A volunteer assistant is needed to help maintain a program dedicated to families of deployed troops. It requires a six-month minimum commitment. Free childcare is available. For more information, call 2-4138.

Student volunteers: Students, don't be bored this summer! Do something fun or learn a new skill by volunteering. Opportunities are available all over base - work with animals, in an office, on computers or with children. For more information, call the family support center at 2-4138.

Classified Ads

Ads must be submitted via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Monday.

Must sell: Matching wheeled bookshelves/ entertainment center/ coffee table - \$250; tapestry couch & love seat - \$200; orange recliner - \$25; 2 VHS/DVD racks - \$25 each; dining table w/4 rolling chairs - \$100; large desk set - \$200; small computer desk w/chair - \$75; small secretary desk/ sewing table - \$50; 3 large bookshelves - \$60 each; 3 large Army trunks - \$5 each; jogging stroller - \$75; laser printer - \$50; 15" color monitor \$25. Prices negotiable. Call Danyelle or Dan at 295-513-060.

For sale: Murray lawnmower. 3.5 HP, gas engine. Less than 1 year old. Sells new at BX for \$130. Comes with free gas can. Excellent condition. \$70. Call 295-549-376.

For sale: 85 Nissan pickup. Runs fine, looks terrible. Inspected through March '05. \$300 OBO. Call Mike Mayo at 2-3522 or 295-903-533 or 963-528-485.

For sale: Nokia 3310 mobile phone. 9 months old, 10 Euro airtime available. \$50 OBO. Call Mike Mayo at 2-3522 or 295-903-533 or 963-528-485.

1989 Peugeot 309. Reliable 4-door hatchback. 4 cyl, 5 spd, looks good, drives great. Available now. \$1500. Capt Ken Hobbs-295-516-501 or DP 2-3546.

For Sale: Satellite dish for AFN off base. \$70 Can transfer decoder to someone else name. 9x12 light green carpet. Do not have pets. \$30.00 Please call 96-893-7102. No answer, please leave message.