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## Reunion

*Capt. Clint Crabtree, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron waits patiently to greet his brother Capt. Scott Crabtree, 522nd Fighter Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., on the Lajes flightline. The two have not seen each other in more than three years. Capt. Crabtree's brother and the other members of their squadron were returning from a joint Middle East/American competition. (Photo by James O'Rear) See more on page 5.*



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Low 61*





## Air Force mission: It goes beyond the job

By 1st Lt. Heather Alden  
39th Information Operations Squadron

**HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AFPN)** — Commanders and leaders are always reminding us how important we are to “the mission.” But, how many of us really know what “the mission” is?

I remember being a young senior airman at a commander’s call at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., and hearing the question, “Do you understand how you contribute to the mission?”

Eyes glazed over, heads nodding, my peers and supervisors affirmed for the commander, “Yes, sir, we know how we contribute to the mission.” I remember nodding myself. I was a communications troop. I made sure people could communicate. That was how I contributed to the mission. Nod, smile. Sure, I got it.

The funny thing is, I didn’t even know what kind of aircraft we had at MacDill. How could I possibly have known where I fit in the mission if I didn’t even know what the mission was?

Sure, I knew where to find the mission and vision statements, but to me, they were just fancy words that ambiguously described what the base did. “Yada, yada, yada, global reach ... anytime, anywhere.”

Don’t get me wrong, I see the importance of these kinds of statements. They tell you where you are (mission statement) and where you’re going (vision statement). But, if the troops can’t translate them into facts and concrete concepts, they are just fancy words.

So, what is your unit’s, your wing’s, your major command’s, the Air Force’s and the Department of Defense’s mission? How do you learn about it? How do you teach others what it is?

It’s simple. You walk (or drive) around and ask questions. To help your

troops understand your squadron’s mission, take your flight members on an impromptu “tour” of other flights. Nothing formal, nothing fancy. It’s peers teaching peers.

Ask other flights’ members to tell your troops what they do in their flight every day. Tour the offices and the workspaces. Look at the tools and equipment. See it, hear it, touch it, smell it, taste it (sometimes).

When you’re done learning about your unit, take a field trip to another squadron. Do the same thing there. See, hear, touch, smell and taste. Make an effort to tour a different squadron every month.

Even if you are strapped for time day to day and have to arrange the tour for near the end of the work day, the insight the troops gain by understanding other units’ operations is worth the time spent. If you take the time to do this, you’ll be amazed at what you — and your troops — learn. You’ll gain an understanding of how this big machine called the U.S. Air Force works. Understanding this will help you understand where you fit into the mission.

I guarantee you, had I been on a tour of a KC-135 Stratotanker when I was an airman at MacDill, I would have remembered what kinds of planes we had. I would probably even have understood the mission, or at least I would have understood that MacDill did aerial refueling.

Instead, when I was at MacDill, I sat in a building with no windows on 12-hour shifts doing communications stuff. I understood multiplexers and modems, bits and bytes. I was technically proficient at my job, but I was Air Force-stupid. I wasn’t an Airman. I was a comm troop.

If you have the time and inclination to further develop your troops, expose them to things that show how “Big

Blue” works. Teach them how to be operational Airmen. Teach about air operations centers, Air Staff and Joint Staff systems and how they interrelate. Teach them how we do what we do.

If you have time to go above even that, teach them the why by teaching them doctrine, strategy and airpower history, or show them where this information can be found. Lead them to the water. Inspire them to drink the water.

Becoming an Airman with a capital “A” is about more than just graduating on-the-job training. It’s about continually developing an understanding of airpower.

Learning by walking around is so easy to do. It can be done at any level and the benefits are immeasurable. You get smart Airmen who understand the mission and how they contribute to it. It may take a little extra time out of your work day, but it will be time well-spent. If you’re too busy to develop your troops, you are doing something wrong or your priorities may need a little adjusting.

Take the time. Develop your troops. Develop Airmen.

### 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 CC Line at 535-4240 or [actionline@lajes.af.mil](mailto:actionline@lajes.af.mil).*

-Col. Robert Winston  
65th Air Base Wing commander



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## FCC providers offer care for Lajes children

By Staff Sgt.  
Christin Michaud  
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Family Child Care homes will open this month for the first time in more than five years at Lajes.

Two of the first providers to open their FCC homes have been providers at other bases.

Paulette Grant has worked as an FCC provider for five years, and is considered an accredited provider, the highest level of certification.

FCC providers start as provisional, and move on to standard, developmental and accredited based on how long they have been providing care and the level of training they have completed.

"The highest level of licensing is the accredited status," said Ms. Mariglia.

"One of our providers who is applying for license is already accredited through the National Association of Family Child Care," she said.

"It gives me the ability to stay at home with my children," Mrs. Grant said. "I didn't want to go outside the home while they were still young."

She will open her home to preschool-aged children weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"It's rewarding to see my children grow up around others," she said of being a provider.

Elizabeth Flowers, a developmental provider has been caring for children in her home under the FCC program for 11 years.

"I love doing home child care," Mrs. Flowers said. "It's great to work in my

own home while taking care of my children." Her son, 4, always has someone to play with while his mom is an FCC provider and her 12-year-old daughter has someone to come home to when she gets out of school.

Being a provider can be bitter-sweet though. It's sad when people PCS and she has to say goodbye to the children she has cared for, Mrs. Flowers said. She had one infant from the time he was 3 months old until he was 3. Another from 18 months to 4.

Mrs. Flowers will open her home for standard care from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., but will also be available after those hours on a case-by-case basis.

"It's nice to be able to help other families and offer home care they can trust," she said.

Becoming an FCC provider is the same process across the Air Force. "Anyone who has been a licensed provider before can be one here," said Kim Moore, family member programs flight chief.

For individuals who have never been licensed, the process is easy, she said.

Individuals interested in becoming an FCC provider receive initial training on CPR, handling food, fire safety, child abuse and positive guidance. Training on these are required annually. First Aid is required every three years. Other requirements include a high school diploma, two references, insurance, a home interview and screening packages which include school, immunizations and health screenings and screening with other organizations on base.

There are four types of licenses an FCC provider can obtain. They vary based on time as a provider and

the number of training modules they have completed.

Providers begin in provisional status during the first three months they are licensed, explained LisaMarie Mariglia, FCC training and curriculum specialist for the family member programs flight here.

During that time a provisional provider may only have four children in their care.

After the three-month period, they can care for six children, the maximum allowed in any FCC home. Only two children can be under the

age of 2, including a provider's own children.

After the provisional status and completion of three modules a provider moves to the standard status. One training module is completed each month which includes reading, test and observation. After completing the modules, providers can apply for a developmental license.

The staff is committed to helping interested individuals become FCC providers.

The program provides training and support material on how to set up a business, and providers learn in a helping and supportive environment.

There is a family child care lending library that loans items to individuals who are FCC providers. "It's more than just books," Dr. Moore said. The lending library includes item such as cribs, training potties, gates and other safety equipment.

Developmental learning experiences in FCC homes occur through natural daily activities. Providers use daily routines, planned curriculum and teachable moments to meet the varied needs and interests of children.

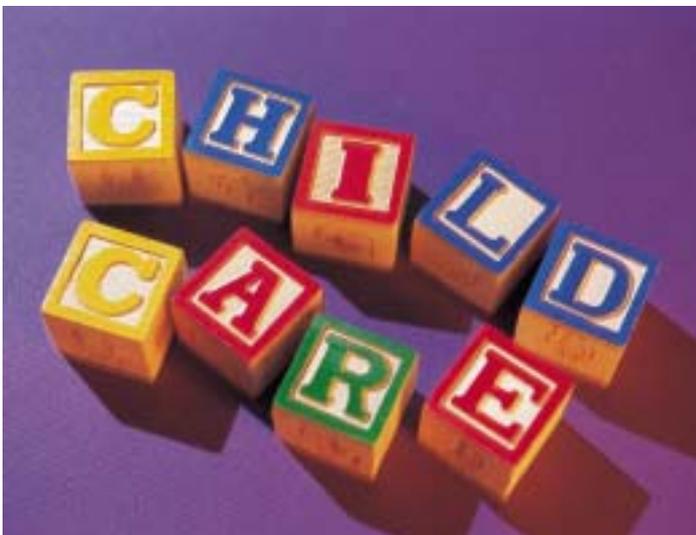
A good FCC home will focus on educational objectives while offering a safe, healthy and fireproof environment for children.

Becoming an FCC provider has many advantages. It offers employment in the home, the ability to stay at home with a child, and awards and recognition programs for provider of the year.

For more information about the program, call Ruby Ferren at 535-5212.

*"It's nice to be able to help other families and offer home care they can trust."*

*-Elizabeth Flowers*





## Combat Dining In tonight

A Combat Dining In is scheduled for tonight at 6 p.m. in the LRS compound.

The uniform will be BDU's. This event will culminate the Warrior Day.

The tradition of the dining-in actually predates the Air Force and can be found as far back as the days of General H. "Hap" Arnolds "wing-dings."

The dining-in is normally a formal event for members of a wing, unit or organization. The difference between the dining-in and a dining-out is that spouses and guests are included in a dining-out. The purpose of these events is to bring together military members in an atmosphere of camaraderie, good fellowship, and social rapport. And, above all, to build morale and esprit de corps while having a great time.

### Rules of Engagement

1. Thou shalt move to the mess when thee hears the horn and remain standing

until seated by the President.

2. Thou shalt not leave the mess whilst convened. Military protocol overrides all calls of nature. Exceptions to this rule will be made only by the President.

3. Thou shalt participate in all toasts unless thyself or thy group is honored with a toast.

4. Thou shalt ensure that thy glass is always charged when toasting. The silent toast to the POWs/MIAs is done with water only.

5. Thou shalt keep toasts and comments within the limits of good taste and mutual respect.

6. Degrading or insulting remarks will be frowned upon by the membership. However, good-natured needling is ENCOURAGED!!

7. Thou shalt always use the proper toasting procedure.

8. Only approved projectile (water) can

be sprayed, but not at the head table (unless someone from the head table initiates action), POW/MIA table, guest speaker, or audio/visual personnel or equipment.

9. A breach of protocol results in the offender being sent to the Grog Bowl by the President. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic Grog Bowls are provided. Thou shalt not laugh at ridiculously funny comments unless the President first shows approval by laughing.

11. Thou shalt ex-

press thy approval by tapping thy spoon or coin on the table. Clapping of thy hands will not be tolerated.

12. All decisions of the President are binding and not subject to discussion.

13. When the mess adjourns, thou shalt rise and wait for the President and head table guests to leave.

14. Under no circumstance will combat occur during the actual mess, with one exception: While a person is heading through the obstacle course, they are legitimate targets of opportunity and may be fired upon until the point they are at the grog bowl. This means they are no longer legitimate targets when they arrive at the grog. Violators of the rules of combat may incur the wrath of the President.

15. Uniform of the Day is any Battle Dress Uniform or flight suit. The entire uniform must comply with Air Force Standards and be a complete uniform. This means do not mix Desert Camouflage Uniforms with the wrong boots.

16. Members of the mess are required to have a military coin, identification card, dog tags, and a copy of shot records on their person at all times. Handheld water guns, knives and/or "Leathermen tools" are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!!!

17. O-6's are considered "leadership targets." No strikes on leadership targets are authorized, unless permission is given by the President. Combatants will use due caution to avoid collateral damage. (Leadership targets who engage in direct combat risk protected status). Strikes on leadership targets and preventable collateral damage may be punished by loss of career, individual humiliation on AFN, relegated to "media advisor", and a trip to the grog. Leadership targets must not be struck on the way to the grog.



BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq — Airman 1st Class Dwight Rehm savors the taste of the grog bowl drink after being called out by the president of the mess, Col. Gloria Hoban, 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group commander. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Lake)

### Open House

The Lajes Field Community Appreciation Day is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 15.

This celebration will be a joint open house in conjunction with the Portuguese Air Force to celebrate 60 years of USAF presence on Terceira.

There will be aircraft on static display,

### Entrada Geral

O Dia de Apreço à Comunidade do destacamento norte-americano na Base das Lajes terá lugar a 15 de Junho entre as 11H00 e as 17H00.

Esta comemoração será feita em conjunto com a Força Aérea Portuguesa para celebrar 60 anos de presença norte-americana na Ilha Terceira Alguns dos eventos incluem exposição estática



## Brothers reunite on Lajes flightline

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud  
65th ABW Public Affairs

Two captains reunited on the Lajes flightline May 19 for the first time in more than three years.

The captains are brothers.

Capt. Clint Crabtree, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron chief of design greeted his older brother Capt. Scott Crabtree, an F-16 fighter pilot assigned to the 522nd Fighter Squadron, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., on the flightline here.

As the F-16 made its way down Runway 33, Clint said he "was admiring the plane's technology and the energy of the flight's arrival and trying to remind myself why I've said no the last couple years when I've been solicited to apply for pilot training."

His brother Scott, the pilot of the F-16, was on his way back to Cannon after a three-week TDY to Azraq, Jordan where he participated in Falcon Air Meet 2006, a multinational coalition-building exercise.

This is the first time in his 8-year career he has stopped at Lajes Field.

"It was great to see him," Scott said. "I regretted not having made non-TDY arrangements for my wife and I to visit Clint and Christy earlier in their tour."



*Capt. Clint Crabtree, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, (right) greets his brother Capt. Scott Crabtree, 522nd Fighter Squadron, (left) to Lajes Field. The two have not seen each other in more than three years. Capt. Crabtree's brother and the other members of their squadron were returning from a joint Middle East/American competition. (Photos by James O'Rear)*

Clint echoed his brother.

"We had a good time together," he said. "We went around the island with my wife while the weather was a little wet. Later (the next day) we found a bull fight in Angra to be a good island cultural experience."

When asked about how they chose a career in the Air Force, Clint responded, "My brother went to the Air Force Academy and there was a lot of hype in the family about it. I thought

I would check out Air Force ROTC when I went to school and decided I liked it."

"I wanted to develop my professional skills while serving the U.S.A.," Scott explained.

Their family tie to the Air Force and military doesn't end there.

"This is not the only brother that I've been able to visit with courtesy of the Air Force," Clint said.

"We have an older brother, Maj. Brad Crabtree who flies C-130's for the Air National Guard. He has been through three times in the last year since we have moved to Lajes," he said. "It had also been about three years since I had seen him prior to his visits."

Brad commissioned through the Marines and transitioned to the Kansas City Air Guard.

"Now I just need our oldest brother, Commander Greg Crabtree, in the Navy Reserves to fly through on the P-3 but he's running out of time since I'm leaving in a month and a



*Capt. Clint and Scott Crabtree pose in front of Scott's F-16.*

half," Clint joked. "He was stationed here back in the early 80s when the Navy had a P-3 mission on island. This isn't a likely visit though, since he flies out of Woodby Island Naval Air Station Wash., and does most of his missions in South America."

It was nice for Clint to be able to reunite with two of his brothers during his time at Lajes Field.

Scott also appreciated the chance to visit his brother at Lajes Field.

"I'm thankful for all the opportunities I've had in service to our country, and little things like being able to see family make them that much more enjoyable," said Scott. "We are truly blessed."



*Capt. Scott Crabtree, 522nd Fighter Squadron lands his F-16D on Runway 33 at Lajes Field May 19. His brother is Capt. Clint Crabtree, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron.*



## Physical therapy clinic helps keep Lajes in the fight

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

Keeping Lajes in the fight.

Whether providing services and education prior to or following an injury, the 65th Medical Group's physical therapy clinic strives to keep Team Lajes moving.

"Our job is to provide services that help restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities of patients suffering from injuries or disease," said Capt. Bobbie Brooker, chief of the physical therapy clinic.

Examining each patient's medical history is the first step in the treatment process.

"Once this review is accomplished, we test and measure the person's strength, range of motion, balance and coordination, posture, muscle performance, respiration and motor function," Captain Brooker explained. "We also determine his or her ability to be independent and reintegrate into the community or workplace after their injury or illness."

Individualized care is one of the clinic's main focus areas.

"We place an emphasis on each patient's personal goals," the captain said. "Our desire is for each person – on an individual basis – to return quickly to a life of pain-free activities."

Staff Sgt. Nathan Folden, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, is receiving physical therapy for his left knee.

"I first injured my knee while I was playing basketball in high school about 10 years ago," he said. "A few months ago, I hyperextended it again while bowling. A few days later, it happened again as I jogging down the hill; the pain was unbearable."

Following his injury, Sergeant Folden visited the physical therapy clinic to receive the one-on-one attention Captain Brooker talked about.

"The physical therapy clinic looks at each person as an individual and does a wonderful job of providing



Staff Sgt. Nathan Folden does leg lifts. He is receiving physical therapy for his left knee. (Photos by Senior Airman Tabitha Larson)

treatment specific to each person's need," Sergeant Folden explained. "The care I've received has been great."

Tech. Sgt. Sandy Sais, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, said the care he's received is in line with the clinic's goal of returning people to a life of pain-free activities as soon as possible.

"Our physical therapy clinic is providing outstanding service for people throughout the base," said Sergeant Sais. "Their efforts are putting us on a path to one day getting back to life as normal."

Tech. Sgt. Lynn Miller, 65th Security Forces Squadron, echoed those sentiments and said the treatment he's received from Lajes' physical therapist and physical therapy assistant (Master Sgt. Joseph Leslie) is among the best he's ever received.

"It's been exceptional," Sergeant



The physical therapy clinic helps keep Lajes personnel fit to fight.

Miller explained. "This is probably the best treatment I've ever received since I injured my knee six years ago. The work they've done is nothing short of tremendous."

Although the clinic assists Team Lajes members with their injuries, Captain Brooker said preventing the injury from occurring is the key.

"The saying 'No Pain, No Gain' is not true," she explained. "But when injuries do occur, it's our pleasure to assist people in a safe return from an injury ... and keep Lajes moving."



# FEATURE



*Far left: Staff Sgt. Earnest Everett rides the stationary bike during his physical therapy appointment. Left: Staff Sgt. Nathan Folden works on the crosstrainer at the physical therapy clinic here.*

*Below: Sergeant Folden works on leg lifts while Everett practices squats.*



## **Lajes Sure Start class treated to environmental field trip around Terceira**

By Ed Lima  
Community Relations Adviser

For 18 students from Lajes Sure Start and PSCD classes, ages 3-5, May 26 was a different day as they visited the Biscoitos' swimming area and the duck pond in the interior of Terceira Island.

The visit, which was part of school activities related to Earth Week, included a briefing by Vera Leonardo, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental specialist, on the volcanic origin of the island, the lava rocks that can be seen in Biscoitos as well as the island's vegetation and species.

"I was invited by the school to brief the children

on environmental issues and the island's vegetation and nature. I think this is an excellent opportunity to promote the good environment with the students," Ms. Leonardo said.

The student classes were accompanied by their teachers and also by some parents. Marsha Swanson, the Sure Start teacher, said the visit helps the students to see what they have been studying, including plants and animals.

"It also helps them to see the outdoors and learn more about Terceira Island and the Portuguese culture, the landmarks and famous places," said the teacher.



Above: Students from Sure Start make their way through a rock maze in Biscoitos May 26 as part of an environmental field trip. Right: One of the stops for students during their field trip was Duck Pond. (Photos by Ed Lima)



### **Base swimming pool now open**

The swimming pool is now open for business.

Swimming pool daily fees are as follows: children \$2.50, adult \$3.75.

Season passes are also available: single \$50, Couple \$70, Family (5) \$100 plus \$5 for each additional child.

Pool Parties: with water slide \$75/hour; without water slide \$60/hour

Swimming Lessons: 1st child \$45, additional child \$25

Hours are: Mon-Wed-Thur-Fri 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday noon to 7 p.m.; Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Closed on Tuesday and Portuguese holidays.

Lap Swim: Mon-Wed-Thur-Fri 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lap Swim is free for the military members and season pool pass holders.

PT: Mon-Thur-Fri 7 to 8:30 a.m.

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## Photo Contest Offers Big Dollar Rewards

DALLAS - It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words and now, competing in a photo contest can make it worth \$1,000.

Through July 31, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is sponsoring the Patriot POG Gift Certificate Photo Contest.

Submission to the contest should depict the essence of activities in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, or highlight activities in support of deployed troops, such as scenes of service members returning home.

Twelve winning photos will ultimately appear on 5-, 10- and 25-cent POGs which are flat, disc-like gift certificates used in place of traditional currency at contingency exchanges. Winners will also be awarded:

- 1st Prize (2) - \$1,000 Gift Card
- 2nd Prize (2) - \$750 Gift Card
- 3rd Prize (2) - \$500 Gift Card

4th Prize (6) - \$50 Gift Card

"We're looking forward to viewing all of the entries," said AAFES Chief of Strategic Marketing Mark Polczynski. "We know the photos showing support of our troops will be just as dramatic and emotional as the photos being submitted from those deployed."

The Patriot POG Gift Certificate Photo Contest is only open to authorized Exchange customers and no purchase is necessary. Designs featured in previous POG series are available online at [AAFES.com](http://AAFES.com).

Contestants may submit digital images or mail in photos. Pictures taken with any kind of camera can win as long as the final product is great. E-mail photos to [aafespog@harperhouse.com](mailto:aafespog@harperhouse.com), include AAFES POG CONTEST in the subject line. All other entries can be mailed to: Army & Air Force Exchange Service Attn: MK-MS (AAFES POG CONTEST) 3911 S. Walton Walker Blvd.

Dallas, TX 75236-1598

Each photo submitted must include the complete identification of the picture including location, date, action, and identity of people in the photo. All entries must also include an e-mail address, physical address and telephone number for winner notification.

Digital entries must be submitted in a JPEG file and images are not to exceed 4"x5" dimensions. They must be high resolution, 300 DPI, and the file size should not exceed 1.4MB. Mailed submissions should not exceed 8 1/2" x 11" in size.

Submissions must be received by August 15, 2006. Photo contest winners will be notified by Thursday August 31, 2006.

For a complete list of Patriot POG Gift Certificate Photo Contest rules and information, log on to [AAFES.com](http://AAFES.com). The POG Gift Certificates Program began October 2001 to support coinage needs in the Middle East.

## AAFES Scores an A+ with 'You Made the Grade'

DALLAS - Children of military families often face unique educational challenges, not the least of which include moving from one location to another every two to three years and dealing with deployed mothers or fathers (sometimes both) who are called to serve in harm's way. There are currently more than 1.2 million kids of military parents who experience this lifestyle.

Despite these challenges, most military students are high achievers who are actively engaged in defining their roles as tomorrow's leaders. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service regularly recognizes outstanding students with exceptional academic achievement through its "You Made the Grade" program.

Initiated in February 2000, AAFES' education rewards effort is designed to recognize military students for above-average academic achievement. Qualifying students receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to an AAFES Reel Time movie, a free magazine and a free slice of Anthony's pizza with drink, as well as other coupons.

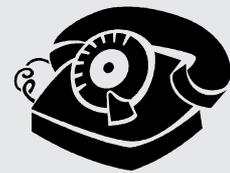
"AAFES recognizes the value of education and is pleased to provide students

an incentive for diligent studying and success," said AAFES Senior Policy Program Manager Kim Cannady. "'You Made the Grade' is an incentive for students to not only stay in school, but to excel as well."

Each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly savings bond drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations. To receive the booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local PX/BX.

Students may receive one "You Made the Grade" coupon package for every grade report they receive, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar quarter.

"Lajes students who have maintained at least an A and B average on their report cards are encouraged to stop by the Cashier's Cage at the Ocean View BX to pick up their reward packets," said Azores Exchange manager, Stephanie Burns. "It is a great honor for the Azores Exchange to support our students and award their achievements."



### Seven-digit dialing

Monday at 9 p.m., Lajes Field will convert to 7 digit dialing. Callers will have to dial 535-XXXX to place a call on base. Calling base numbers from off-base will stay the same. Callers may experience busy signals when dialing base numbers at this time. If so, please hang up and try the call again. All emergency numbers will be fully operational during this time. The change will be completed by 10 p.m. For more information about the change, call 535-3301.

## Former European softball champions seeded for success

By Rusty Bryan  
Stars and Stripes

If the seedings for the European high school softball tournaments hold up when the games begin at Ramstein High School on Thursday, the powers that be will be exchanging places with the powers that were.

Three-time Division I champion Lakenheath, which went 11-1 during the regular season, figures to challenge the three-year reign of four-time champ Ramstein, based on the Lancers' 12-4, 9-2 sweep of the Lady Royals on Saturday.

Lakenheath, which last won the European title in 2002, has the best pitching in the division in Brynn Lipor, and an offense anchored by the bats of Lipor, Krysten Glaun and Jessica Serd.

Lakenheath and regular-season runner-up Ramstein, which between them have won all seven previous European Division I crowns, will be joined in the tournament by Heidelberg, Wiesbaden, Kaiserslautern and Würzburg.

A return to the throne room also could be in the cards in Division II, as Bitburg, which last won European title in 2003, is expected to dominate the three-team field.

Pitcher Ashley Kazimer, an All-Europe selection last season, solidifies the young Barons.

"We had six new starters this season," said Bitburg coach Dan Vasquez, "including three freshmen. But they jelled quickly."

So quickly, in fact, that a loss to Baumholder of Division III on April 1 was the only blot on the Barons' record. With just Patch's Lady Panthers, whom the

Lady Barons swept on April 22, and winless Hanau left to deal with after injuries to two Mannheim players forced the Lady Bison to drop out, Bitburg is relaxed and confident, Vasquez said.

"We're focusing on what we need to do," he said, "but they're just out there playing ball and having fun. They don't put any pressure on themselves."

Any pressure will have to come from Patch's pitching duo of Kasy'e Lalau and Lauren Sanchez. But the Lady Panthers, who won the last Division II title in 2004 — there was no Division II crown in 2005's Big Schools-Small Schools format — apparently miss the offense Elisha Nieves took with her when she transferred to Wiesbaden. Patch managed only one run in its two losses at Bitburg.

In Division III, 2002 champion Alconbury is top-seeded again. The Dragons, top-seeded but runner-ups the last two seasons, will be taking on second-seeded Lajes, No. 3 Baumholder, No. 4 Rota, No. 5 London Central and No. 6 Incirlik.

For Lajes, getting some DODDS competition will be a treat in itself after a spring of scrimmages against base teams.

"They play slow-pitch," Lajes sponsor Angela Miller said of the base teams. "So their pitcher pitches to them and our pitcher pitches to us."

Baumholder can't be counted out. The Lady Bucs are 2-1 this season against Alconbury and have beaten Bitburg. Rota is a four-time winner of this event while Incirlik is an unknown quantity.

Play begins at noon Thursday, with eight games on the schedule. The tournaments continue at 9 a.m.



London Central's Holly Goldie slides into home after eluding the tag by Lajes pitcher Kylie Rathbun, left. London Central beat Lajes 13-0 in opening day action at the DODDS-Europe softball championships in Ramstein on Thursday. (Photo by Michael Abrams, Stars and Stripes)

Friday. Saturday's championship schedule has the Division II game at 12:30 p.m. and the Division I and Small Schools following on

side-by-side fields at 2:15 p.m.

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### In other games played:

- In Division I pool play, Lakenheath beat Wiesbaden 4-1, Kaiserslautern beat Heidelberg 12-5, Ramstein beat Wiesbaden 5-4 and Heidelberg beat Lakenheath 12-8.
- In Division II, Bitburg topped Patch 5-1.
- In Small Schools, Rota rebounded from Thursday's whitewashing to down Incirlik 20-2 and Alconbury 12-6, Baumholder beat Alconbury 7-1, Lajes topped Incirlik 10-9, Alconbury beat London Central 17-8 and London Central downed Lajes 13-0.



# 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 8 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 are closed on Portuguese Holidays.. The shoppette, will open from noon to 8 p.m., and Burger King and the 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:** Seafood Newburg, Beef and Corn Pie and Roast Turkey\*  
**Dinner:** Simmered Corn Beef,\* Pineapple Chicken and Yankee Pot Roast  
**Saturday**  
**Brunch:** Swedish Meatballs and Creole Fish\*  
**Dinner:** Baked Fish,\* Hungarian Goulash and BBQ Chicken  
**Sunday**  
**Brunch:** Oven Fried Fish\* and Cantonese Ribs  
**Dinner:** Stir Fry Beef and Broccoli,\* Turkey Nuggets and Steak  
**Monday**  
**Lunch:** Pot Roast, Baked Stuffed Fish\* and Roast Pork Loin\*  
**Dinner:** Chili Mac,\* Beef Cannelloni and Southern Fried Chicken  
**Tuesday**  
**Lunch:** Teriyaki Chicken,\* Veal Parmesan and Tuna and Noodle casserole  
**Dinner:** Country Captain Chicken,\* Meatloaf and Turkey A La King  
**Wednesday**  
**Lunch:** BBQ Ham Steak,\* Turkey and Noodles and Beef Stroganoff  
**Dinner:** Lemon- Herb Chicken,\* BBQ Spareribs and Stuffed Pork Chops  
**Thursday**  
**Lunch:** Southern Meal, Catfish, BBQ Spareribs and Oven Fried Chicken\*  
**Dinner:** Roast Pork,\* Jaeger schnitzel and Glazed Cornish Hens

\*Denotes Healthy Heart item  
 Menu subject to change

## At the Movies

**Today: 7 p.m. - Ice Age 2: The Meltdown - Ray Romano, John Leguizamo**

The Ice Age is coming to an end, and the animals are delighting in the melting paradise that is their new world. Manny, Sid, and Diego quickly learn that the warming climate has one major drawback: a huge glacial dam is about to break, threatening the entire valley. The only chance of survival lies at the other end of the valley. Rated PG (mild language, innuendo) 90 min

**Today: 10 p.m. - Lucky Number Slevin** starring Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman

Set in New York City, a case of mistaken identity lands Slevin in the middle of a war being plotted by two of the city's most rival crime bosses: The Rabbi and The Boss. Slevin is under constant surveillance by relentless Detective Brikowski as well as the infamous assassin Goodkat and finds himself having to hatch his own ingenious plot to get them ... before they get him. Rated R (strong violence, sexuality, language) 110 min.

**Saturday: 7 p.m. - Take the Lead** starring Antonio Banderas, Rob Brown

A former professional ballroom dancer volunteers at a New York public school to teach dance. The hip-hop instincts of his students soon clash with his ballroom methods, so he teams up with them to create a new style of dance. Eventually the students trust him and he becomes their mentor. Rated PG-13 (thematic material, language, violence) 108 min

**Saturday: 10 p.m. - Running Scared** starring Paul Walker, Wayne Brady

Two 10-year-old boys get their hands on a mob gun with which a cop was shot. The father of one of the boys must take to the streets in a desperate bid to recover the weapon before the mob finds out it's missing. Rated R (violence, language, sexuality, drug content) 124 min

**Sunday: 2 p.m. - Ice Age 2; 7 p.m. - Lucky Number Slevin**

**Wednesday: 7 p.m. - Take the Lead**

**Thursday: 7 p.m. - Running Scared**



# 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](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil).

## In the Community

**Street Bullfights: Saturday:** 6 p.m. Serra Santiago (behind CE compound); Corpo Santo, Angra; 6:30 p.m. São Mateus; **Monday:** 6 p.m. Terreiro, Terra Chã; 6:30 p.m. Altares; **Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. São Luis, São Bento; **Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. Terreiro, São Mateus

## Miscellaneous

**Alanon:** An Open Alanon meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursdays in the chapel (T-305). For more information, contact 295-513-297.

**Playgroup:** The EDIS playgroup now meets at the Community Activity Center, Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. For details, call Christina Hewell at 535-3194.

**Sports physicals:** The clinic will be giving sports physicals for all children ages 5-21 on June 14 (the day after school lets out) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up at the Youth Center until June 12. All children who plan on playing sports must have a current physical. Students must bring Immunizations Records to the appointment and glasses or contacts for vision screening.

## DoDDS

**Preregistration for new families:** If you are sponsoring a family with children or know of elementary school age children coming to Lajes, call Cidalia or Michelle and they will contact the family to let them know how to pre-register their children. We ask that all incoming families pre-register their children so we can plan for the coming school year. For more information, call 535-4151.

### 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.

**School calendar survey:** At the USAFE Component Commanders Advisory Council, wing commanders discussed a proposal that would impact the DoDDS-E School Calendar. It was decided to survey parents and guardians for their input on the issue. If you have a dependent currently attending a DoDDS-E school, please take a minute and complete the one question survey by June 1, at <https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/direct/A1/survey/survey.htm>.

Note: The results of the survey will not impact SY 06-07.

## Jobs/Volunteer

**AAFES U.S. positions:** Senior Store Associate at the Furniture Store; Store Assistant and Office Assistant/Secretary. Applicants must be able to work a flexible schedule. Applications are available at all AAFES facilities. For more information, call AAFES Human Resources Office, Bldg. T-800, at 535-3634 or 3209.

**Summer hire program:** Summer employment is available for dependents (ages 14-22) of military and civilian personnel stationed at Lajes.

Part-time and a few full-time positions are available for up to eight weeks beginning June 19. Applications can be picked up at the Lajes HS office or at the Civilian Personnel Office, building T-112. For more information, contact the Civilian Personnel Office at extension 535-5137.

**English instructor:** Central Texas College is seeking an instructor to teach English as a Foreign Language. Must have a bachelor's degree. Contact CTC at 535-6722.

## Education

**University of Maryland University College - Europe:** Term 5 registration is now available online or at the education center through June 2. Students can earn certificates, and associate, bachelor's and master's de-

grees in a broad selection of disciplines -- many classes available online. Additionally, UMUC-Europe accepts a variety of financial aid sources, including military tuition assistance, VA benefits, employer tuition remission, loans and grants. UMUC-Europe also offers a variety of scholarships to help pay for courses. Term 5 on-site classes run from June 5 through July 29, and online distance education courses run from June 5 to Aug. 20.

## Chapel

**Can Food Drive at Mass:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the chapel; Protestant Women of

the Chapel fellowship time: 7 p.m. Jun. 12 at the chapel; Catholic Women of the Chapel Mass and dinner: 6 p.m. Jun. 14 at the chapel; Catholic Youth of the Chapel End of the Year Lock-In: 6 p.m. Jun. 16-17 at the chapel; New Creation Café: 7 p.m. Jun. 16 at Eddies Place; Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast: 8 a.m. Jun. 17 at the chapel; Catholic Men of the Chapel Mass and dinner: 6 p.m. Jun. 21 at the chapel; Children and Youth Movie Night: 6 p.m. Jun. 23 at the chapel; Little Flowers Girls' Club: 3 p.m. Jun. 26 at T-1415B.

For more information on chapel events, call 535-4211.

## Classified Ads

E-mail ads to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto: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: Dodge Van Caravan 1993 Great Island Bomb! Great for hauling stuff. Dependable. Only \$2,800; 1991 Chevy Blaze 4WD Runs great, well maintained. Lots of room in this island bomb. Lots of leg room and small enough to navigate the streets of Terceira. \$2,500 Call 969-797-922, 295-516-908 or 967-693-977

For sale: White 2003 Explorer Sport Trac XLT 19,000 miles, fully loaded. \$17,500 Firm. Must sell by July Call 295-594-650 after 5 p.m.

Whirlpool Dehumidifier \$60; Glider chair Natural wood w/blue cushions \$50 Call 295-549-650 after 5 p.m.

ZZR 250 Kawasaki Motorcycle 2002, Euro Spec Asking \$2250 Contact Rudy King at 535-5259

Wanted: twin mattress. Call 295-516-031.

For sale: Lock-Rite locker for Jeep Wrangler - \$100. Corner Computer Desk - heavy duty - lower shelf for hard drive, desktop and two upper shelves for printer and scanner - \$40 - 17 in viewable computer monitor - works great - \$50. Snorkeling gear - fins, snorkel, mask, reef socks, carrying case, used only twice - \$100 OBO. Call Marty or Jen at 295-549-552

For sale: 1993 Golf CL - Great Island car -- source of many hours of driving and touring fun around the island. 146,000 kms (Approx 91k miles), Inspection until Feb 07, base pass until Mar 07, new tires (approx 250 miles), new catalytic converter, new brakes, new windshield. Recent tune up. Kenwood Deck with many extras. Asking \$1500. Serious inquiries only. Call 918-516-829 to schedule a test drive.

For sale: 1993 Renault 19 - 4 drs w/ backseat seatbelts/Inspection good till Jan 07/new back tires/Great island car/\$1,250 OBO Call 295-549-212 or email [melissaseedall@hotmail.com](mailto:melissaseedall@hotmail.com)

For sale: 1992 Toyota Tercel, Car runs great! Only minor rust and no major problems. Car will be available sometime between May - July as I will be getting short notice orders. Will sell for \$1200. Call 295-549-601 for more info.

For sale: 1995 Renault Clio, 4 door, 1.2 liter, 5 speed, power windows, AM/FM cassette, low mileage, new tires, new rear brakes. No rust! Reliable! This is not an island bomb. Call Andy at 964-297-606 or home at 295-549-741. \$3,500.

For sale: Fabrics and beads. Getting rid of my hobby materials. Prices vary. For more info, contact Elleva at 295-549-609

For sale: 1999 opal corsa, great condition. Has power windows, power locks, seats 5 people, has 2 doors with Portuguese plates. Inspection is good until June 07. Call 968-421-312.

For Sale: Mp3 Model m: robe MR-500i 20GB hard disc storage. Stores up to 5,000 songs, 20,000 photos, outstanding sound, integrated camera, 1.22 megapixels, extra large 9.4cm colour TFT touch, screen colored TFT-touchpad, high speed USB 2.0 port, mounts as storage class volume on PC, up to 8 hours, like new used only once, bought for \$400, selling for \$200, Contact Bruno Silva at 961808345/bruno\_silva220@hotmail.com.

Short term/long term babysitting in structured environment available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Art or Debbie Nilsen at 295-513-060.

1992 Toyota Town Ace Van, Japanese Spec./Great Condition, Seats 8 w/ movable seating, Inspection exp Mar. 07 Power Locks/Windows/Sun Roofs, 4 New Tires, AM/FM Radio w/cassette & 6 CD Changer, Small Fridge/Cooler, A/C Needs Servicing, available June 7. \$2,500 OBO Contact Corey or Charity McNeal at 295-549-372.

The summer camp "Divertilaxia" is available in Praia for children between 6 and 13 years old. It is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The staff is trained in several areas, namely child care, education, sociology, medical care and sports. For more information call 295 543 240 or 965779834 or e-mail [advertilaxia@hotmail.com](mailto:advertilaxia@hotmail.com)

"Looking for a Nanny? Iria is trusting, friendly, caring and reliable. She's been with us the entire assignment -- we couldn't have done it without her. Speaks great English, and has cared for American children for years. She has been extremely flexible for our mil-to-mil and shift worker schedule. Available mid-June. I highly recommend her, and can get recommendations from previous employer. Contact Michielle at 295-549-768.

For sale: 1992 White Citroen. \$700. 2 Door Hatchback, New Rear Tires, Tuned up in May. Just Inspected! Call Carolyn or Robert Childers at 295-549-271.

Looking for a great housekeeper? Odilia Costa is reliable, honest, friendly, English speaking and does an excellent job. She has been cleaning houses for Air Force families for 15 years. PCS'ing in June and I give her the highest recommendation. Please call Odilia at 295-579-041. Questions? Call Carolyn Childers at 295-549-271.

For sale: Combi stroller with storage area below. Six years old. Originally sold for \$100+ - \$20. White toddler bed w/o mattress - \$10. Contact Sandy 295-549-188.

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