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Saturday

*Mostly cloudy, afternoon rain showers
High 70
Low 61*



Sunday

*Mostly cloudy
High 66
Low 59*



Weather courtesy of the 65th OSS weather flight.



Air Force leaders send Memorial Day message

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – WASHINGTON (AFP) — *The following is a Memorial Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley.*

“To the men and women of the United States Air Force:

“In a time of peace and prosperity, we remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. In a time of war, these memories are sharpened by the selfless service of those defending our freedoms daily.

“This Memorial Day, we pause to

honor our fallen Airmen – Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian – who answered the call and paid the ultimate price for our country. Remember also the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, patriots all, who displayed the resolute courage that has defined our country through the generations.

“We also remember the families of those who served so well but did not come home. We hope that these families draw strength from the fact that their loved ones served a calling greater than their own self-interest. Likewise, we come together today to stand with the families of those

who continue to serve, as their unconditional support is our true source of strength.

“We remain a nation at war, and an Air Force committed to upholding the charge presented in the Constitution to “provide for the common defense.” This Memorial Day, we affirm our gratitude for those who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could live and enjoy freedom in abundance. We will never disappoint their legacy of service before self.”

Action line:

Caller shares concern with AFN satellite disruption

Concern: I'd like to complain about the problems we're having with television reception off base with satellite receivers and dishes.

We haven't been able to get many channels due to the changes AFN has recently made.

Now it's come to my attention through the BX that we have to buy a new dish – a bigger dish – because of the changes they made.

I don't think it's fair. I think they should give us some kind of credit for the dish we've already paid for and installed toward purchasing the new dish. Thank you.

Response: Thank you for asking about what's being done about the

problems with AFN television reception off base.

Recently, the American Forces Radio and Television Service Headquarters changed satellite carriers for the European theater, which caused a disruption to the Lajes AFN signal for off-base viewers who use decoders and satellite dishes.

Because Terceira is on the edge of the satellite footprint for the AFN signal, the change provided a weaker signal to the island and caused some people to lose some or all of their AFN channels. AFN engineers conducted a variety of signal strength tests and verified that a larger 1.5-meter dish enables reception of all AFN channels.

When notified of this AFRTS change, the AAFES management and buying

staff here reacted quickly and has ordered 1.5-meter satellite dishes from Lisbon. The dishes were purchased locally to speed up the receiving process. The dishes should arrive on base in approximately a week. Our initial shipment will consist of 50 dishes and they will sell for \$179 including brackets. Those customers that are interested in receiving AFN and all its channels will be able to purchase the 1.5-meter satellite dish at the Flight View BX.

AAFES will offer refunds for those satellite dishes purchased within the last 90 days. However, as this change was beyond the control of AAFES, AAFES will not offer credit towards those dishes purchased more than 90 days ago. We did however negotiate an

installation discount of 30 euros. AAFES will continue to work with AFN locally and update the community when these satellite dishes arrive.

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.

**-Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing
commander**

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Lajes POV owners scheduled for new license plates

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

In an on-going effort to enhance force protection measures, privately owned vehicle license plates for Lajes personnel will now match the license plates of local Portuguese residents.

"These new plates will aid in force protection as U.S. plates will look the same as Portuguese plates from a distance," said Col. Danny Leonard, 65th Air Base Wing, vice commander. "Although the terrorist threat here on Terceira is low, it is not zero. We have done this at other bases around the world to better blend U.S. personnel into their location. These plates are another small step in protecting Americans overseas."

The transition to the European-style license plates will begin July 1 and is scheduled to be in full force by the end of the fiscal year.

The switch will put Lajes in compliance

with USAFE," explained Tech. Sgt. Damon Henderson, Pass and Registration NCOIC.

"It will make Americans far less identifiable to anyone wanting to threaten us in any way shape or form," he added.

Personnel will get new plates on an alphabetical schedule.

Vehicle registrants with last names beginning with A through I are scheduled to exchange their plates from July 1 to July 31.

Registrants with last names beginning with J through P are scheduled to have their plates exchanged in August.

Registrants with last names beginning with Q through Z are required to have their plates exchanged in September.

Personnel who arrive after July 1 will be issued the new license plates.

The cost of the new license plate will be \$30.

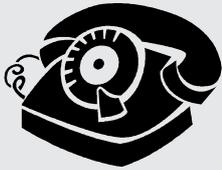
Personnel who registered their vehicles between March 1, and June 30 will be given credit in the amount paid for the

current license plate.

Members who will PCS and ship their vehicle prior to 30 Sep 06 will not be required to obtain the new plates. The Air Force cannot cover the cost of the new license plates for occupants during this transition period. This is a personal cost of having a vehicle much like recurring state registration is a personal cost back home.

Vehicles must be re-registered through the vehicle section of Pass and Registration and license plates can be picked up at the Auto Hobby shop. Vehicles that cannot mount European style license plates directly will require special mounting hardware which is also available for purchase at the Auto Hobby shop.

The Pass and Registration office is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 535-3611.



Seven-digit dialing

On June 5 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.



Balad remains one busy airfield

Senior Airman Cortney Goes (front to rear), Staff Sgt. Pete Solzano, Senior Airman Sherrilyn Ceja and Senior Airman Nicole Lundie control aircraft flying into and out of Balad Air Base, Iraq, the busiest single-runway airfield in the Department of Defense. A C-17 Globemaster III from McCord Air Force Base, Wash, taxis past the control tower on May 15. Controllers monitor more than 200,000 square miles of air space over Iraq. The four Airmen are air traffic controllers with the 332nd Expeditionary Operation Support Squadron. Airman Lundie is assigned to the 65th Operations Support Squadron here. (Photo by Senior Airman Brian Ferguson)



Everyday Hero



Senior Airman
Daniel Bilodeau

Rank/Name: Senior Airman Daniel Bilodeau

Organization: 65th Security Forces Squadron

Duty title: Security Defense Coordination Center Controller

Job description: Receive complaints, dispatches patrols, monitors actions at crime scenes and makes notifications to commanders/first sergeants and other on-call key personnel.

Hometown: Kingston, N.Y.

Time in the Air Force: 3 plus years

Spouse/children: none

What's the best aspect of your job? My interaction with the Portuguese Aerial Police

What are your career goals? To continue in my law enforcement career and eventually join the New York State Troopers

Best military experience: My time here at Lajes

Life goal(s): To excel at everything I do and just have fun

One word to describe you: calm

Hobbies: calligraphy

Favorite food(s): pizza

Favorite color: blue

Pet peeve: none

No one knows: I like to watch Sunday morning cartoons while drinking milk and eating cookies

When I was growing up, I wanted to be: an FBI agent

The first thing I would do if I won \$1,000,000 is: I would take a vacation to Puerto Rico and visit family

FSC name, mission changes

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

Family Support Centers across the Air Force have been renamed to the Airmen and Family Readiness Center to better show the population served.

The change occurred officially here this week, but the Lajes AFRC staff has been working towards the transformation for six months, according to Sue Williams, AFRC flight chief.

The staff that makes up the organization will now be part of the Airmen and Family Readiness Flight.

The goal was to change the name to something that could capture the support of the population they service.

"Our role is ensuring that Airmen can focus on the mission and not look back or be distracted from their responsibilities with personal or family concerns," said Mrs. Williams.

Staff members will have an expanded responsibility in all areas of family support.

"We will continue the face-to-face customer interaction with a much stronger emphasis on unit readiness there," said Mrs. Williams. "Units will be assigned a Community Readiness Consultant and

partner with unit leaders in addressing strengths, concerns and issues of the unit."

Staff will now interact regularly with unit leaders and unit members, stressed Mrs. Williams. This will create a partnership with the unit and other community agencies to address issues that impact readiness and retention, she said.

"We're taking it out on the road," explained Chris Lowry. Instead of the in-house operation people are used to, staff will go out to the units. "We'll figure out their needs and try to address them."

The focus of the center has changed.

"Service will not be stovepiped or menu driven but a more holistic approach tapping into the full base and community resources for support," explained Mrs. Williams. "What we have found is that if there is one concern, there are other issues surrounding them and staff will be better prepared in addressing these issues."

The facility once known as the Family Support Center will now provide more connectivity with units with increased web-based service information and referral as the Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

For more information, call 535-4138.

Lajes at Azores Trade Fair

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

The 65th Contracting Office attended the Azores Trade Fair for the first time this past week.

This is the largest annual trade show in the archipelago. The event, as part of the Santo Cristo celebrations, has an average attendance of 50,000 visitors.

Maj. Robert Burns, the 65th CONS commander, attended the opening ceremonies May 19.

Phyllis Meneses, Government Purchase Card program manager and Tracy Assis, purchasing agent, manned an information booth at the fair which ends today.

Attending the fair allows Lajes to find more local sources that accept the government purchase card and to spread information throughout the Azores about how to do business with the base, explained Master Sgt. Julian Kaelin, 65th CONS superintendent. "More local sources will help decrease delivery timelines, increase competition and decrease transportation costs, he said.

"By identifying more local sources, we can better meet the often challenging delivery timeframes of our customers. With increased competition, we heighten the chances of getting the best value on the products and services we acquire," said Sergeant Kaelin.

Participation in the fair is one way to enhance Portuguese business relations, said the sergeant.

Attending the fair also enables the contracting office to increase the pool of local vendors for complex requirements such as airfield requirements and military construction.

"The wing's participation could not have happened without the full support of the Portuguese Air Force, the Area Chambers of Commerce, the regional government, and the U.S. Consulate at Sao Miguel," Sergeant Kaelin said.

"Whereas U.S. Air Force local contracts decreased by \$1 million Europe-wide over the year, at Lajes Azores-sourced goods and services increased by a million over the same period," said David Scott, Consulate General. "Hosting Lajes remains a win-win proposition."



New service dress prototypes pique interest

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Based on feedback received during visits with Airmen across the Air Force, the Air Force Uniform Board is reviewing several concepts that Airmen have suggested regarding the appearance of the service dress uniform.

Some of the informal feedback about the current service dress includes Airmen wanting to revamp the service dress to look more military, like the other services. One senior airman said, "the current uniform resembles a cheesy business suit." A staff sergeant said, "think world's most dominating air power, not CEO," and another described it as a "cheap leisure suit."

Other comments have suggested that the uniform needs to reflect the Air Force's history more. On an Internet message board an Airman recently wrote, "I want to look good and be proud of my AF

heritage." Another Airman wrote that the dress uniform pales in comparison to any of the other services. "We need something that distinguishes us as proud members of the U.S. military."

The Air Force began exploring these ideas by producing several prototypes that reflect a combination of ideas that have been gleaned from comments, suggestions and informal surveys conducted over the past several years.

A more formal survey soon will provide additional opportunities for Airmen to provide feedback and comments.

"We've been getting informal feedback on our current service dress uniform for several years, and what we consistently have heard from many Airmen is a desire for a more 'military,' and less 'corporate' look and feel, something more reflective of the Air Force's heritage, and its role as a professional military organization," said Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice, director of Airman development and sustainment, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

"The Uniform Board has come up with some options to explore these concepts and the initial prototypes are direct descendants of our heritage, rooted in Hap Arnold and Billy Mitchell's Air Force," General Allardice said.

The survey will provide a more formal opportunity to



Brig. Gen. Robert Allardice shows off a prototype of the Billy Mitchell heritage coat in the Pentagon on Monday, May 15. General Allardice is director of Airmen development and sustainment and Sergeant Athnos is a member of the Air Force uniform board. (Photo by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez)

collect feedback on whether or not Airmen want a new service dress, and if so, what changes, likes, or dislikes they have about the prototypes.

"We believe we need to respond to the force and the constant flow of feedback we receive on the service dress is driving this initiative. We see this as an opportunity to do so, along with a chance to reflect on our rich history, as well as the image we wish to portray in uniform," said General Allardice. "We want to make

sure our uniforms, all combinations, meet our current and future needs."

This process will use the standard Air Force Uniform Board process and as with the Airman's Battle Uniform, Airmen are encouraged to take the opportunity to directly contribute to how their new service uniform might look.

The Air Force will present options based on feedback received on possible service dress designs through the uniform board process.



Customer College Graduates

The following students graduated from the May 16-18 Customer College Class:

Tech. Sgt. Brian Ogram, 65th Communications Squadron; Staff Sgt. Edward Mueller, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Staff Sgt. Lakisha McCray, 65th LRS; Staff Sgt. Natalie Ishmael, 65th

LRS; Tech. Sgt. Norman Palone, 65th LRS; Airman 1st Class Mark Haller, 65th Medical Operations Support Squadron; Airman James Hewell, 65th MDOS; Roselie Toste, 65th MDOS; Tech. Sgt. Randy Stujenske, 65th MDOS; Ruby Ferren, 65th Services Squadron; Johnny Bryant,

University of Maryland University College; Airman 1st Class David Spivey, 65th Communications Squadron; Airman Marc Eliot, 65th CS; and Airman 1st Class Rafael Gatlin, 65th CS.

Mr. Bryant, UMUC field representative was the distinguished graduate.

Extreme Makeover Lajes Edition huge success

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

The Lajes Youth Center reopened its doors Tuesday after being closed for more than a month for an 'Extreme Makeover.'

The idea for the makeover came from Master Sgt. Tony Flowers, 65th Services Squadron.

"I saw a desperate need to improve the quality of life for our children," he said.

He helped recruit a design team and volunteers to completely renovate the youth center.

"Tuesday's grand opening was an 'Extreme Success,'" said Lt. Col. John Oliver, 65th SVS commander. "I advertised to many of our folks that the success and 'wow factor' of this project would be on the order of the recent 'Rumble on the Rock' boxing event. I was wrong — the Extreme Makeover was better! I've never been affiliated with a project or group of individuals that I've been more proud of than the team that pulled this off."

Work on the project began April 17. In just over a month, they transformed the youth center into a kid's paradise.

"Master Sgt. Flowers had a vision, but most importantly he had the dedication and commitment to make it a reality," said the colonel. "I never doubted him or his team of volunteers throughout the entire project."

The youth center now has areas like the Think Tank, Construction Zone, The Theater, Laboratory, The studio, Tech Pod, Game Central, Jorge's Café and Club 09720.

Amber Schindele's son Dylan, 7 loves



Construction of The Construction Zone, was just one of the many projects volunteers worked on for the Extreme Makeover Lajes Edition. (Photo by Kim Moore)



Master Sgt. Tony Flowers, the mastermind behind the "Extreme Makeover" renovation project at the youth center shows volunteers his plans. (Photo by Kim Moore)

the new Tech Pod. "It's cool," he said.

"I'd like to thank Team Lajes for their support and encouragement throughout this process," said Colonel Oliver. "By our rough count, there were more than 250 volunteers who donated more than 2,200 hours to this project."

The dental clinic took on the theater area as their contribution to the project, logging in more than 500 volunteer hours.

"I was expecting something cool, but this is like Disney," said Senior Master Sgt. David Pate, 65th Communications Squadron.

As a bonus, Paige Hemmis, the carpentry designer for Extreme Makeover Home Edition was here to celebrate the grand opening. This was the last stop on her 2006 Extreme Summer Program Tour.

"I've been to a lot of bases, but I am so glad this is my last because this is by far the best," Ms. Hemmis said.

"The quality is as good or better than on the show," she said. "I'm totally blown away."

Parents and children were also surprised at the appearance and amenities the new youth center offers.

"The best part of the grand opening for me was seeing the faces of the kids and their parents as they toured the

facility," Colonel Oliver said. "They were astonished."

The improvements to the youth programs have excited the entire community.

"New families are coming to the program in droves as they hear about us," said Sarah Grayson, school-age program coordinator. "They want to see for themselves the changes we have gone through."

"The children in our program don't want to leave now," she added. "When children would ordinarily quickly go with parents, they now literally hide from parents so they can stay just a little longer."

Parents now have a place to share the day's activities with their children before they leave the program.

"I wish I was a kid again," said Lt. Col. Tim Donohue, 65th Mission Support Group deputy commander.

Family and friends of the Lajes community are invited to visit the incredible new school age and youth programs. One-on-one tours are available weekdays from noon to 5:30 p.m.

There will be in an open house from 3 to 4:30 p.m. today for people who wish to view the facility. For more information, call 535-1197.



Children in the school-age program were anxious to start an art project in "The Studio" portion of the renovated youth center Tuesday following the grand opening. (Photo by Carlos Tavares)



Paige Hemmis drills the Tech Pod sign Tuesday as part of the finishing touches before the grand opening ceremony. She autographed it along with volunteers who worked on the project. (Photo by Kim Moore)



Right: Paige Hemmis from the hit show *Extreme Makeover Home Edition* tells the crowd how proud she is of the men and women who serve our country and the volunteers who helped work on the youth center project. She was at Lajes for the grand opening ceremony. (Photo by Carlos Tavares)

Below: Volunteers worked hard on each of the projects for the youth center. These photos are the Tech Pod in progress. (Photos by Kim Moore and Carlos Tavares)





Ferries sail again in the Azores

By Ed Lima
Community Relations
Adviser

As it has become usual in the Azores for the past 10 years or so, two ferry boats will travel among eight of the nine Azorean islands during the summer months.

The first ferryboat, named "Ilha Azul" (Blue Island), will begin sailing the Azorean waters June 1 and will operate through Oct. 15. The second boat, "Cruzeiro dos Açores," (Cabin Cruiser of the Azores) will sail June 30 - Sept. 30.

These two ferryboats will replace last year's ferryboats "Golfinho Azul" and "Lady of Mann" which were owned or leased by a different Azorean maritime company.

The passenger and cargo capacity of the new vessels is unknown at this time.

These two boats offer a unique opportunity to travel to the other islands and also take your own vehicle or pets at an inexpensive cost.

Both the "Ilha Azul" and "Cruzeiro dos Açores" boats will travel mostly among the central and eastern group of islands (Terceira, Graciosa, São Jorge, Pico, Faial, São Miguel and Santa Maria) although they will also sporadically sail to Flores. Both ferryboats will also offer additional special trips during the major festivals on the different islands.

Traveling by ferry boat

can be a very pleasant experience, especially during the day among the central group of islands since it offers breathtaking vistas of the islands while they travel.

The ferries could take up to three hours to reach the island of Graciosa and seven hours to reach São Jorge. Even though São Jorge is the closest island, the boats stop at Graciosa first before continuing on, thus the reason why it takes longer to arrive at São Jorge. From São Jorge, the ferries go on to the islands of Pico and Faial.

The total time for a trip between Terceira and Faial is about 11 hours. The boats also take about six hours to get to São Miguel or almost 24 hours to arrive at Flores,

depending on the stops at the other islands.

During these longer trips the boats sometimes feature entertainment, such as bands and movies to help pass the time.

Tickets can be purchased at the commercial port of Praia one hour before departure time or at the various travel agencies on the island.

Round trip prices from the port of Praia range between 25.50 Euros (to Graciosa) and 45.50 Euros, (to Santa Maria). You can check out the ferryboat schedules and prices at the Public Affairs office, Bldg T-100, Room 240 or find them on the web <http://www.transmacor.pt>.

Explore the Azores and enjoy your travels.



Above: Jodi Warminsky reads to children during story hour May 19. During May each of the story hour activities was related to Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. Below: Asian-Pacific Heritage Month displays are set-up through out the library. The hours are Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday 3 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Patricia Arnold at 535-3688. (Photos by Senior Airman Tabitha Larson)



At the Movies



Today: 7 p.m. - ATL
starring Tip "TI" Harris, Antwan "Big Boi" Patton

ATL tells the story of four teens coming of age in a working class Atlanta neighborhood where hip-hop music and roller skating rule. As the group prepares for life after high school, challenges on and off the rink bring about turning points in each of their lives. The film is loosely based on Dallas Austin and Tionne Watkins' experiences growing up in Atlanta and hanging out at a local skating rink called Jellybeans. Rated PG-13 (drug content, language, sexual material, violence) 107 min

Today: 10 p.m. Slither
starring Nathan Fillion, Elizabeth Banks

A small town in America—somewhat quaint and gentle, peopled with friendly folks who mind their own business. But just beneath the surface charm, something unnamed and evil has arrived and is growing. No one seems to notice as telephone poles become clogged with missing pet flyers, or when one of the town's richest citizens, Grant Grant, begins to act strangely. Rated R (strong horror violence/gore, language) 96 min

Saturday: 7 p.m. Eight Below starring Paul Walker,

Jason Briggs

Inspired by a true story, Eight Below is an action-adventure about loyalty and the bonds of friendship set in the extreme wilderness of Antarctica. The film tells the story of three members of a scientific expedition: Jerry Shepard, his best friend, Cooper, and a rugged American geologist, who are forced to leave behind their team of beloved sled dogs due to a sudden accident and perilous weather conditions in Antarctica. Rated PG (peril, language) 120 min

Saturday: 10 p.m. Basic Instinct 2 starring Sharon Stone, David Morrissey

After re-locating from San Francisco to London, best-selling crime novelist Catherine Trammell once again finds herself on the wrong side of the law. Dr. Michael Glass, a respected London criminal psychiatrist, is brought in by Scotland Yard detective Roy Washburn to perform a psychiatrist profile and evaluation of Trammell following the mysterious death of a top sports star. Rated R (strong sexuality, nudity, violence, language, drug content) 114 min

Sunday: 2 p.m. - Eight Below; Sunday: 7 p.m. - Slither; Wednesday: 7 p.m. - ATL; Thursday: 7 p.m. - Basic Instinct 2



Security Forces Squadron hosts police week



Col. Danny Leonard, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander reaches in his wallet to buy his way out of getting arrested May 19 during the 65th Security Forces Squadron's Police Week Jail-N-Bail fundraiser. Master Sgt. Raymond England, SFS first sergeant is happy to accept his "donation."



Senior Airman Darius Chaplain, 65th SFS, arrests Master Sgt. Shannon Parker, 65th Mission Support Squadron May 19 for the Jail-N-Bail.



Above: Staff Sgt. Kristi White, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, fingerprints 8-month-old Addison Rush, May 18 at the child development center with the help of his provider Janelle Lugar. Members of the SFS and volunteers fingerprinted children in the CDC as part of the Ident-A-Kid program. Right: Airman 1st Class Ryan Powers fingerprints 5-year old Tobias Adams. (Photos by Guido Melo)

Push-up challenge raises money, fitness

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

The Top 3 hosted the 2nd annual push-up challenge May 19.

The challenge was to raise funds primarily for the Air Force Enlisted Village and for other activities on Lajes affecting the wing, according to Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Jack.

Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams, 65th Air Base Wing command chief, delivered \$1,500 of the proceeds to USAF Worldwide Command Chiefs Conference.

USAFE donated \$18,000 to the AF Enlisted Village.

The 38 push-up contestants did 8,426 push-ups.

More than \$6,500 was pledged for the event.

The top performers were:

Male: 40 and above: Master Sgt. Pat Schaffer - 325 push-ups; Senior Master Sgt. Brantley Cooper - 267 push-ups; Age 31-39: Tech. Sgt. Jose Chi - 338 push-ups; Ken Cruz 309 push-ups; Age

18-30: Capt. Jake Pugh - 480 push-ups; Staff Sgt. Ivan Vargas - 443 push-ups; Youth: Mickey Cruz - 245 push-ups; and Kenny Cruz - 205 push-ups

Female: 40 and above: Master Sgt. Cynthia Brown - 214 push-ups; Master Sgt. Shelly McCullough-Cruz and Col. Denise Lew tied with 178 push-ups; Age 31-39: Tech. Sgt. Shawna Barrett - 191 push-ups; Tech. Sgt. Lisa Nelson - 183 push-ups; Age 18-30: Senior Airman Kandiss Bureson - 265 push-ups; Staff Sgt. Amanda Peters -

240 push-ups; and Youth: Grace Marroquin - 197 push-ups.

"This event was equal to that of the Scottish Highland Games, either you could do that push-up or you couldn't, a true test of physical strength and well as mental endurance over a 10-minute period," said Sergeant McCullough-Cruz. "The gracious contributions throughout the wing whether financial or cheering spirit made this event truly an afternoon to remember."

"The Top 3 is extremely proud of the support," Sergeant Jack added.



Above: Master Sgt. Cynthia Brown, 65th Communications Squadron, led the 40 and above female category with 214 push-ups. Below: The 40 and above group set the pace for the push-up challenge May 19. Contestants had 10 minutes to do push-ups.



Grace Marroquin, 7, and her mother Tech. Sgt. Kerri Marroquin, 65th Communications Squadron, competed in the Top-3 2nd Annual Push-up competition May 19 at the community center. Grace did 197 push-ups, raising \$750 in pledges, the highest amount for the challenge. Kerri cranked out 138 push ups and raised \$145. (Photos by Senior Airman Tabitha Larson)



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.

In the Community

Street Bullfights

Saturday: 6:30 p.m. Canada de Belem, Terra Chã; 6:30 p.m. Largo São João, Lajes; 6:30 p.m. Ladeira Branca, Angra; **Sunday:** 6:30 p.m. Largo São João, Lajes; 6:30 p.m. Canda Nova, Santa Luzia, Angra; **Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Pico da Urze; **Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. Posto Santo

Miscellaneous

Crossfade: The band *Crossfade* will perform from 9 to 11 p.m. Sunday at the Club Warrior Park adjacent to the TORC. Caravela will be offering food outdoors.

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.

SUM Tour: This month's single and unaccompanied member tour is Monday. The tour will include island stopping and major site seeing locations. The tour leaves the family support center at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. For details, call 535-4138.

DoDDS

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.

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-regis-

ter 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 come anytime to register.

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

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 degrees 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.

Central Texas College: Central Texas College is offer-

ing *Terrorism: Groups, Strategies and Responses* in term 5. This is an elective for the CCAF program and technical credit for Security Forces personnel for their CCAF. Class will be offered Monday and Thursday mornings, 9-12 at the education center. Registration for this class begins Monday for new students. Current students may register now. Class will run from June 5 - July 27. For more information, call 535-6722.

Chapel

Children and Youth Movie Night: 6 p.m. May 26 at the chapel; and **Gospel Extravaganza II:** 7 p.m. May 27 at the chapel.

Classified Ads

Cars for sale: Dodge Van Caravan 1993 Great Island Bomb! Runs well and has been cared for (new rebuilt transmission). Great for hauling stuff like kids, scuba gear, boxes of things, and people. Air / current inspection. Only \$3,000; 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. \$18,000 Firm. Must sell by July Call 295-594-650 after 5 p.m.

Whirlpool Dehumidifier \$70; Dirt Devil Hard Floor Cleaner w/solution \$50; 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

Free to good home: Two Cats. Both male, Both fixed. Orange and white. Very playful. Older cat is declawed. Great companions. Call 969-227-682. All expenses have been taken care of.

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 til Jan 07/new back tires/Great island car/\$1,250 OBO Call 295-549-212 or email 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. \$3500.

For Sale: (2) Whirlpool Dehumidifiers 110V only 2 years old. \$65 each. Siemens Gigaset C300 Cordless Phone 220V \$40. Lasko Heater 110V \$15 Black and Decker Heater/ Fan 110V \$15. Call 966604828 after 6 p.m.

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 (128kbps) 20,000 photos, outstanding sound quality. Integrated camera, 1.22 megapixels, extra large 9.4cm colour TFT touch, screen coloured TFT-touchpad, high speed USB 2.0 port, mounts as storage class volume on your PC, easy syncing with m:trip software, lime up to 8 hours, like new used only once, bought for \$400, selling for \$200, Contact Bruno Silva at 968108345/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 and 965779834 or e-mail adivertilaxia@hotmail.com

"Looking for a Nanny? Look no further. Iria is trusting, friendly, caring and reliable. She's been with us the entire assignment, and we couldn't have done it without her. Speaks great English, and has cared for American children for many 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 Michelle 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? I have the best. 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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Extreme Makeover



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