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Need a ride?

Antonio Gonçalves, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron is one of 28 motor vehicle operators who work in vehicle operations. Sr. Gonçalves has worked in transportation for more than six years and on base for more than 25 years. See story on pages 6-7. (Photo Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud)

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Partly cloudy
High 59
Low 54



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Mostly cloudy with rain late in the day
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Low 55



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Mostly cloudy with a few rain showers in the morning
High 59
Low 55



Weather courtesy of the 65th OWS weather flight.

For a 5-day forecast, visit <http://www.lajes.af.mil/weather/5-Day.gif>



The future of security forces in combat

By Col. Brad Spacy
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WASHINGTON — In the early morning hours of Jan. 1, 2005, the first combat patrols of Operation Desert Safeside left the northern perimeter of Balad Air Base, Iraq, and began an aggressive 60-day combat operation to kill or capture insurgents attacking the air base. This was a historic mission for Air Force security forces. It was bold, put Airmen at risk and the stakes were high. We knew the results of Operations Desert Safeside would have far-reaching implications on the future of Air Force security forces as a credible ground combat force.

Operation Desert Safeside was carried out by the men and women of Task Force 1041. Specially built around a squadron of the 820th Security Forces Group, TF 1041 was led by a young security forces lieutenant colonel named Chris Bargery, chosen for his reputation as an innovative combat leader. TF 1041's designated area of operations was one of the most violent areas in the region, roughly 10 kilometers wide and 6 deep, from the Balad perimeter fence to the Tigris River.

Throughout January and February 2005, Colonel Bargery led the men and women of TF 1041 in more than 500 combat missions that included raids, ambushes, and sniper operations aimed at taking back

the initiative enjoyed by the enemy for more than two years.

TF 1041 did not disappoint. In just 60 days they captured 17 high value targets, eight major weapons caches, 98 other insurgents and reduced enemy attacks from their area of operations to nearly zero. And although TF 1041 endured numerous firefights, improvised explosive devices and indirect fire attacks, they sustained no injuries. Operation Desert Safeside was by all accounts an overwhelming success.

However, TF 1041's success on the battlefield had a larger effect than its immediate impact on the areas around Balad AB. TF 1041 also showed the world that Air Force security forces are an exceptionally capable ground combat force. This is a key point as security forces transform from a Cold War industrial security force to a relevant ground combat force for the joint warfight in the 21st Century.

Although security forces have claimed the base defense mission since the 1960s, it has always been considered an Army responsibility. In 1985, this was formalized when the Army became officially responsible for defense "outside the wire" of a fixed base. It was an unwritten understanding that Air Force security forces would stay inside the base perimeter. This looked fine on paper, but faced numerous challenges in application, which endured through the Cold War and into the 1990s.

During Operation Desert Storm, the lines of battle were fairly well-defined with major combat at the "front" and air bases supposedly tucked safely in the rear area. The first widely publicized indications that the enemy was changing tactics was seen during the attack on Khobar Towers, but the full impact of these changes weren't fully exposed until operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq our bases are not always in the rear and the enemy has attacked us from all sides with relative impunity, just like at Balad AB. The world in which we conduct Air Force operations is changing, and we need to adapt.

Early last year, when previous Air Force/Army agreements were dissolved, the Air Force was left with a tough problem; while security forces are eager to fight outside the wire, most are untested in the combat environment experienced by TF 1041. This situation is exacerbated by the fact that security forces are spread thin conducting security missions and other tasks throughout the theater. This is where Security Forces Transformation comes in.

Security Forces Transformation will help the Air Force deliberately embrace the air base defense mission by addressing requirements in all areas, from doctrine to training and equipping, and even leadership preparation. Security Forces Transformation will also re-tool the

organizational structure to ensure we have the number of troops available to take the fight to the enemy outside the wire. However, air base defense is a tough mission, and security forces can't do it alone. Effective air base defense requires an integrated approach.

The Air Force needs to truly embrace the "every Airman is a warrior" culture and enlist the whole force in defending an air base much like Sailors do an aircraft carrier in the Navy. All Airmen must be trained and equipped to man "battle stations," and leaders must be prepared to lead them in the ground fight. Security forces might be the ones outside the wire, but the whole Air Force team will have to ensure the base remains protected from penetrative attacks and insider threats, and be ready to respond when called upon. This is the reality of the world today.

I knew when I designed Operation Desert Safeside that the only way to stop the enemy from attacking our air bases was to go out and kill or capture him and take his weapons. I knew that security forces had the skills and courage to take on this mission and make it a success. The brave men and women of Task Force 1041 proved this to be true in dramatic fashion. Operation Desert Safeside provides a look at the future of Air Force ground combat, and Security Forces Transformation is the key to ensuring we're all ready to protect and defend.

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Security forces transformation: More than meets the eye

By Senior Airman
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Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As the Air Force continues to adapt for the future, changes to the security forces career field will affect the total force.

Brig. Gen. Robert Holmes, director of security forces and force protection, calls these transformations a “refocus” on how his people train and fight.

“We’re not in the Cold War anymore; we have to alter our mentality and our practices for today’s reality,” the general said. “Because of the nature of the threat, our Airmen are fighting the global war on terror on the front lines, and we owe it to them to provide training, equipment and resources to be effective.”

Essentially security forces Airmen will focus on preparing for their warfighting mission at forward locations, as well as security at a fixed installation, General Holmes said.

As an example, he cited an Air Force Task Force that operated around Balad Air Base, Iraq, for two months last year. The unit patrolled the local towns and found weapons caches as well as individuals who posed a threat to the base.

“Our Airmen are going ‘outside the wire’ to conduct missions and are proving successful in keeping people safe,” Gen.

Holmes said. “Not only for the folks stationed at the base, but people who live and work in the local area as well. This is very important in the present war on terror.”

Security forces Airmen must learn counter-insurgency techniques and in doing so, they’ll operate more effectively in joint operations, said Maj. Gen. Norman Seip, assistant deputy chief of staff for air & space operations.

“We need to be prepared for a full-spectrum of threats against an air field,” General Seip said. “That means taking more responsibility for defense of our mission, so our sister services can concentrate on their own tasks. We need to understand how they operate, so we’re working closely with the Army to identify additional ways to train our Airmen.”

While security forces will focus more on their warfighting competencies, Air Force leaders are reviewing several options for installation protection duties, like entry control, at home stations. Plans call for more DoD civilians, greater affiliation with Guard and Reserve and better use of technologies, General Holmes said.

The changes to the security forces career field will present the opportunity for other Airman to participate in installation security. While that doesn’t necessarily mean everyone will have a rotation checking identification cards at a gate, it

does mean more comprehensive training, awareness and capability to respond and participate, he said.

“Will every Airman be a cop? No. But every Airman will be a warrior,” General Holmes said. “Every Airman needs to be trained in basic force protection skills and must be prepared to defend an air base and themselves in the event of an attack. This means more than just qualifying with a weapon. We want Airmen to be comfortable with their duty weapon and to develop their shooting skills.”

While definitive plans have not been finalized, General Holmes also said one of the transformation goals is bringing security forces Airmen back in step with standard Air Force 120-day deployments.

“Right now our folks are going out for 179-day rotations,” he said. “Our Airmen need time to reconstitute and train, so it’s important to get them in line with the rest of the Air Force. We aim to do just that.”

Overall, General Holmes said the changes would make security forces Airmen more effective and relevant to Air Force needs in the face of the current changing nature of warfare.

“We want to make our Airmen more proficient, and to do that, we need to adapt,” Gen. Holmes said. “We’re going to change our training, our tactics and our procedures and the Air Force will be better for it.”

VITA reps will assist Lajes when tax center opens Monday

By Staff Sgt.
Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

The 2005 Tax season is in full swing and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representatives are ready to help Lajes personnel file their taxes.

The tax center will begin helping with returns Monday in Bldg. T-400, room 202.

VITA representatives received a week-long training class by the Internal Revenue Service in preparation for the opening. At the end of the class each volunteer had to score a minimum of 75 or higher to qualify. The test consists of multiple choice, actual tax preparation and quality review using the Tax Wise software.

“This year each squadron will have at least one VITA Tax Rep within their unit,” explained Staff Sgt. Mark Cave, 65th Air Base Wing legal office.

“Members of a unit may contact that person to schedule an appointment to file their taxes, he said. “For some of the smaller units we’ll still have a “Tax Center” available to serve them along with any complicated tax issues.

Individuals are encouraged to try and schedule an appointment with their unit representative first.

In the event this isn’t possible, they can call the tax center directly at 535-1040 to



schedule an appointment.

“I haven’t been here for tax season, but I’ve used the tax center every year at other bases,” said Master Sgt. Robert Gannon, 65th ABW, Inspector General office. “I appreciate all they do.”

The tax center is open Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call your unit VITA Rep, the tax center at 535-1040 or Sergeant Cave at 535-3546.

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Ambassador visits Lajes Field

By 1st Lt. Mike Hyland
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The U.S. ambassador to Portugal visited Lajes Field Monday to meet 65th Air Base Wing personnel and to tour base facilities.

Ambassador Alfred Hoffman, Jr., who was sworn in Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Portugal on Nov. 4, 2005, was joined by U.S. Consul David Scott and U.S. Defense Attaché Col. Rick Villalobos. After a meeting with the commander, Azores Air Zone Maj. Gen. Antonio Carlos Mimoso E Carvalho and touring several wing facilities, the Ambassador met with Lajes officers for a

Project Connect mentor session.

"It's important for every U.S. citizen to be an ambassador," he said during the session. "Take every opportunity you can to explain to people what America is about. Go out and show the flag; tell them what we're doing and why we're doing it."

Ambassador Hoffman emphasized the good relationship the United States shares with Portugal throughout his 30-minute talk.

"We really have a shared relationship of promoting democracy. Portugal is our partner in every sense of the word," he said.

The ambassador told the audience about the impor-

tance of promoting freedom and democracy, and how they "are the only protection against (terrorism) today."

Ambassador Hoffman said he was nominated by President George W. Bush because when he worked for the president, they formed a relationship and got to know and respect each other. He said trust is a very important element in a relationship and is a vital component to his success.

The ambassador said he enjoys the opportunity he has earned to represent the American people abroad.

"It's such a high honor and an important responsibility. I hope to be able to influence and motivate people so we can work our

priorities successfully together," he said.

Prior to Ambassador Hoffman's nomination, he served as chairman of the board of WCI Communities, Inc., a Florida-based company serving primary, retirement and second-home buyers in Florida, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. WCI is a leading community real estate services company with revenue exceeding \$2.2 billion.

Ambassador Hoffman graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and served as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force during his military career. He also earned an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

Defense Travel System comes online here

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

A new web-based travel system will begin here next week.

Defense Travel System is a web-based travel system being implemented throughout the Department of Defense.

Lajes will be the first base in U.S. Air Forces in Europe to use DTS.

"It means a faster, better and more streamlined way of doing travel," explained Senior Airman Mathew Reindl, 65th Comptroller Squadron.

"DTS is a seamless, paperless, and automated method for our wing personnel to generate travel orders and file travel vouchers," said 1stLt. Jason Schenck. "The system will improve customer service by making the process quicker, easier, and more efficient. Ultimately, this translates into a reduction of operating costs and quicker deposits to traveler accounts which is a win-win for everyone as taxpayers and travelers."

It is a paperless computer software system that gives government travelers access at their desks to airline schedules, rental cars, hotels and per-diem information.

To access the system, individuals enter their common access card.

"With DTS the traveler can sit at his or her computer and create their own

TDY, just like booking a vacation with Expedia or Hotwire," Airman Reindl said "Then it flows completely within the squadron for approval. Once the traveler returns the process goes again and stays with in the squadron, there are no trips to finance to file anymore."

Faster payments are one benefit of the new system, according to Airman Reindl.

More than 50 percent of vouchers submitted through DTS are paid in less than five days.

"It does not only affect people on TDY," said Airman Reindl.

Eventually DTS will be the only travel system to be used for deployments and permanent change of stations.

"Even if you never go TDY, you could be selected to play a different part in the system for your organization, anything from reviewer to approving official for orders and vouchers," the Airman stressed.

DTS will be introduced in five phases. In each phase, units will receive training during the first period and then be online the following week.

"We are approaching implementation with a five-phase approach," said Lieutenant Schenck. "Each phase will

consist of preparation training for unit administrators, approving officials, and users. Once the training is complete, the unit will 'go live.'"

Phase one includes the 65th Air Base Wing, 65th Comptroller Squadron, 65th Mission Support Group, 65th Mission Support Squadron and the 65th Operations Support Squadron.

Phase two begins Feb. 7 for the 65th Medical Group and the 65th Services Squadron. The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron and the 65th Contracting Squadron will begin Phase three on Feb. 17. Phase four will be

for the 65th Communications Squadron and the 65th Security Forces Squadron, and is scheduled for Mar. 2. The final phase which begins, Mar. 20 will include the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, American Forces Network, Office of Special Investigations, and the Defense Reutilization Management Office.

Personnel are urged to make certain their common access card is in working order before the new system comes on line. PINs can be verified or changed at the military personnel flight.

"The system will improve customer service by making the process quicker, easier, and more efficient."

-Lieutenant Schenck



Fishy business

TORC starts offering fresh fish on base

By 1st Lt. Mike Hyland
65th ABW Public Affairs

The Top of the Rock Club restaurant, Caravela, was recently authorized to begin serving fresh fish in the beginning of February.

The authorization will allow the restaurant to vastly expand its menu and offer TORC customers something Caravela's ownership, Grupo Jose Almerindo, has a reputation of being famous for.

"We're excited because the quality of products is going to be greatly improved," 65th Services Squadron Commander Lt. Col. John Oliver said.

"Our goal was to have fresh fish authorized as soon as possible," Caravela Manager Michel Meneses said. "It will improve the restaurant a lot because we can build a bigger menu with fresh fish. There's a big difference in quality with fresh and frozen. Our fresh fish come right off the boat that day."

"We'll be able to get the highest quality products we can get downtown and provide them to our customer here for a reasonable price," Colonel Oliver said.

Prior to gaining this approval from public health, Caravela served frozen fish it acquired from a European vendor the services squadron uses. Colonel Oliver

said wing leadership, knowing Grupo Jose Almerindo had a reputation for its high quality fresh fish dishes, formatted the contract to allow the concessionaire the opportunity to obtain Air Force public health-approved local products.

"When (Grupo Jose Almerindo) won the contract, we didn't limit their products. We said they needed to get public health approval. We had outstanding support from the mission support group with Col. (Michael) Silver and the medical group with Col. (Denise) Lew."

Colonel Oliver said Col. Silver, 65th Mission Support Group commander, and Colonel Lew, 65th Medical Group commander, expedited the approval process to permit Caravela to begin serving fresh fish in early February.

"Our relationship with the contract operator is a process of continual improvement. We're well ahead of schedule with improvement. Fresh fish is a prime example and there's more to come," Colonel Oliver said.

The public health local fresh fish approval process consisted of a team from the MDG Public Health Element inspecting the Fishing Port of Praia and vending services contracted by Grupo Jose Almerindo. According to Capt. Derec Hudson, Public Health Element chief, the facilities at the port were found to be very

sanitary. "It was a very good operation. They had a veterinarian on hand who inspects everything, the fish are kept on ice the whole time, and they're transported to the vendor in a refrigerated truck.

"The thing we have to be concerned about is that the majority of the base is going there (Caravela) to eat. If it's not sanitary, a lot of people are going to be sick. I'm glad we were able to approve the fresh fish to be served on base," Captain Hudson said.

Mr. Meneses said several fresh fish will be available at Caravela including wreckfish, swordfish, seabass, codfish, rockfish and seabream. "These are select fish," he said. "These are the best fish available for restaurants."

"You can really get a taste of the local culture by getting to eat some of their delicacies. And the local restaurants are famous for their fish dishes, so it's great that we can bring that taste onto the base," said Capt. Jeremy Gingrich, Installation Deployment officer.

"I'm definitely looking forward to tasting some of the local fish," Master Sgt. Robert Gannon of the Inspector General's office said.

"We're going to put a lot of effort into the new menu and we want everyone to try it," Mr. Meneses said.

LEAD Program seeks Airmen for U.S. Air Force Academy

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – The Air Force is looking for outstanding enlisted Airmen with leadership potential to fill appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

There are 135 slots available each year through the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development Program. The deadline for completing the initial application is Jan. 31 for entry into the fall 2006 class. The LEAD Program is an ongoing Air Force effort to provide its brightest Airmen the opportunity to excel by offering them appointments to the academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The LEAD program delegates authority to unit and wing commanders to nomi-

nate highly qualified Airmen to attend the Prep School with the intention of an academy appointment to follow. Fifty slots are reserved at the Prep School for Airmen who meet entry criteria. Airmen must be a U.S. citizen or be able to obtain citizenship before entry into the academy the following year, be unmarried and have no dependents, must not have passed their 22nd birthday by July 1 of the entry year, be of high moral character and have less than six years of service. There are also 85 slots available for active duty Airmen for direct entry into the academy. Those Airmen must be no older than 23 on July 1 of the year entering the Academy.

The initial application —

AF Form 1786 — requires the Airman's personal information, immediate commander's endorsement (no lower than squadron commander or equivalent), and Military Personnel Flight Assignments coordination.

The completed form must reach the Air Force Academy Admissions Office NLT Jan. 31 of the entry year. Once an application has been processed, Airmen will be notified by the admissions office concerning additional requirements such as the physical aptitude exam, an extensive medical evaluation, completion of an interview with an Admissions Liaison Officer, completion of the writing sample, and attainment of qualifying scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or



Courtesy photo

the American College Test.

For more information, call the Advancement and Career Education Center.



Vehicle Ops manages enti

Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

Silver has been the most popular color for vehicles in recent years, but here at Lajes Field and most Air Force bases, it's blue.

"Blue Air Force vehicles arrive painted blue," explained Master Sgt. Jeffrey Crochet, 65th Logistics Squadron, vehicle operations superintendent.

The 65th LRS vehicle operations flight has 58 vehicles ranging from sedans to 44-passenger busses for passenger movement or light-duty trucks to a tractor trailer for other parts of the mission.

"Vehicle operations is a great 'behind-the-scenes' work force," said Sergeant Crochet.

That force is a 24 hours a day, 365 days a year operation.

"Our primary task is to support the transportation needs of transiting aircrews," he said.

Additionally, they handle cargo

movement to retrieve cargo delivered on the Strong Patriot as well as the goods that are delivered to Lajes by aircraft.

Vehicle ops also provide a fleet of U-drive-it vehicles as well as on-base taxi service for official business.

There are three active-duty positions and currently 40 local-national civilians which make up the flight. "Some with more than 25 years experience in this very work center," added Sergeant Crochet.

The Operator Records and Licensing section maintains driver's records for all personnel who operate government vehicles and administers the Vehicle Misuse Program.

The vehicle dispatch section of vehicle ops coordinates and signs out UDI vehicles, transportation for off-base field trips for the schools here and Right Start tours.

Seven dispatchers work around-the-clock to be certain transiting aircrew and Lajes personnel have the transpor-

tation they need to support the mission.

They also provide service to Army Air Force Exchange Service, the Defense Commissary Agency and Department of Defense Dependent schools.

Francisco Carvalho, chief dispatcher, supervises the other dispatchers. As part of his duties, he is responsible for the paperwork to process reimbursements for the service they provide to AAFES, the commissary and the DoDDs.

"Every day is a great day with new challenge," Sr. Carvalho said. "The highlight on my job is proving the best customer service in supporting transportation the aircrew mission and distinguished visitors at Lajes."

Luis Meneses, motor vehicle operator foreman, has been working in the section for almost 20 years and for 31 years here at Lajes.

The highlight for him, he said is the chance to be involved with different base and some off base agencies in

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Helio Fernando Avila, 65th LRS motor vehicle operator, listens as Luis Meneses, the foreman, gives him a safety briefing. (Photos by Guido Melo)

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to provide the best support to the Lajes mission. "I have been really great working on all these years, knowing and making friends with people from different parts of world and learn some things from them and their countries," Sr. Meneses said.

As a foreman, he is responsible for developing the annual work schedule, as well as the annual leave schedule for 28 mechanics and two crew chiefs. He also supervises new employees as well as old employees on new vehicles or equipment. "I provide flight line training to new employees and keep old drivers updated on flight line procedures," he said.

Sr. Meneses is also instrumental in making the necessary arrangements for school bus runs to pick up and drop off base children. "Currently we are running two separate school bus routes each school day," said Sergeant Crochet. "Previously we had three, but because of a

decrease in the number of students riding the school bus this year and recent attention to fuel conservation initiatives, Vehicle Operations and DoDDs worked together to establish the system we use today."

The biggest challenge for vehicle operations is meeting a large number of requirements with the small number of vehicles assigned here at Lajes Field.

"Every day is a new puzzle," said Sergeant Crochet. "Requirements frequently outnumber the assets. Meeting commitments with limited resources is how the game is played. It's great to be in a job that is consistently busy to make the days go by quickly."

This behind-the-scenes organization has the opportunity to be involved in nearly every event occurring on base — from supporting distinguished visitors, guests like the Globetrotters and Tops In Blue, as well as providing necessary ground transportation support for war fighting aircraft.



Francisco Rosa, 65th LRS vehicle dispatcher, helps Staff Sgt. Brandon McGhee, NCOIC of Ambulance Services, fill out paperwork to request a government vehicle Tuesday.



Sergeant Crochet, 65th LRS vehicle dispatcher, is shown pointing at a board or schedule, likely discussing the keys to a government vehicle.

Things to know about using a GOV

- U-drive-It vehicles for more than 24 hours of use must be requested by a letter through the squadron vehicle NCO.

- One week in advance is desired to reserve a vehicle if possible, but if a GOV is needed for that day, customers can still call to see if one is available

- Everyday a vehicle has to be checked for damage including scratches or dents and other items on the Air Force Form 1800.

- Vehicles must have at least 3/4 of fuel and be washed when turned in to the vehicle operations flight.

- A special license is required for civilians to operate GOVs. Military personnel must have an AF FORM 2293 (driver license) issued by the vehicle operations

flight driving license section at Lajes.

- GOVs are for official business only.

- GOVs can not go to or park at the following locations: BX, shoppette, club, commissary, post office, on-base dining facilities, lodging, outdoor recreation or private quarters. GOVs will not be parked in an approved area with the intent to walk to a prohibited establishment, except for TDY teams or VIPs.

- Any suspected vehicle misuse must be reported to the 65th LRS Operator Records and Licensing section at 535-4291. Provide vehicle registration number, location the misuse occurred, date and time of occurrence and description of what was witnessed. Anyone may report vehicle misuse.



Fado is the most popular music genre in Portugal

Question: Is there a type of song or music that is unique to Portugal?

Answer: The type of song or music that is most characteristic to Portugal is called Fado, a music genre characterized by mournful tunes and lyrics that originated some centuries ago, according to some chronicles.

The word "Fado" means fate or destiny and its music is the heart of the Portuguese soul.

Fado's origin is difficult to ascertain, but according to the Wikipedia encyclopedia, it probably comes from a mixture of the laments of the African slaves blended with the traditional music of Portuguese sailors and Arabic influence. Other theories relate the fado's origin to the music of the Brazilian slaves that could have been brought

by sailors around 1820.

There are two main varieties of fado: Those of the cities of Lisbon and Coimbra. The Lisbon style is more popular and with more rhythm, whereas the one from Coimbra has the characteristics of ballads and more romantic.

The modern fado is still very popular in Portugal and has produced many renowned musicians and singers. Fado is usually sung by men or women and accompanied by the Portuguese guitar, a 12-stringed instrument, and the classic guitar. In recent years, more instruments have been added to the performances such as the piano, violin and accordion.

Like other forms of music like the American blues or the Argentinean tango, fado cannot be explained; it must be felt and experienced. Fado

has been often described as the Portuguese blues.

Portugal has had many famous fado singers like Alfredo Marceneiro, Maria Teresa de Noronha or Amália Rodrigues. The latter was considered the diva of fado, worshiped at home and celebrated abroad as the most famous representative of fado. Some of the famous musicians included Carlos Paredes, Artur Paredes or Antonio Portugal.

The fado music, although not as much celebrated now as some decades ago, is still popular. Today, there is a new wave of fado performers that added a new style and brought international popularity to the traditional Portuguese music, such as Mariza, Mísia, Camané, etc.

This form of music can be heard throughout the country, but especially in the city of

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Lisbon, where there are restaurants and night clubs that present exclusively fado performers. Those are places where people can go and taste a good Portuguese traditional meal or just have a drink while listening to this unique form of Portuguese culture.

February Promotions

Senior Airman

The following Airmen 1st Class will be promoted to Senior Airman in February: Michael Hale, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; Tabitha Larson, 65th Communications Squadron; Charles Patterson, 65th Operations Support Squadron; and Noah Schweich, 65th CES.

Staff Sergeant

The following Senior Airmen will pin on Staff Sergeant Feb. 1; Jesse Berrier, 65th CES; Justin Brown, 65th CS; Cory Goulet, 65th CES; Christopher Howard, 65th OSS; and Brian Russell, 65th CS.

Technical Sergeant

The following staff sergeants will assume the grade of Technical Sergeant Wednesday: Mark Cave, 65th Air Base Wing; Ronald Evenson, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Robert Carnes II, 65th LRS; Ricardo Kiwas, 65th Security Forces Squadron; Corey Kenney, 65th Medical Support Squadron; Brian Ogram, 65th CS; Ryan Smith, 65th CES; and Michael Thornbury, 65th OSS.

Master Sergeant

The individuals below will join the ranks of Senior NCOs Wednesday: Brett Brown, 65th LRS; Steven Clark, 65th CES; and Christopher Long, 65th CES.

It's that time ...

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

The Terceira Island Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the Commissary, Ocean View BX and Shoppette at the following dates and times:

Today - 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 3 - 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 4 - 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

This year's cookies include Caramel deLites,

Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Lemon Pastry Cremes and Thanks-A-Lots.

Cost is \$3.50 per box -- only dollars accepted. The proceeds from the sale go to all six of the Girl Scout troops here on the island.

Girl Scout Cookies will not be sold door-to-door. This is the only chance to get cookies.



Girl Scouts
Where Girls Grow Strong.



Get up, get out, get fit

FitFactor helps youth stay in shape

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

Air Force Youth Programs world-wide have implemented a new online, web-based fitness program to encourage youth to be active and get fit.

FitFactor encourages youth to be physically active every day through a variety of activities.

This program promotes activities for every ability level and interest from star athlete to couch potato.

Lajes has 58 children enrolled in FitFactor, according to Kimberly Moore, 65th Services Squadron family member programs flight chief.

Enrollment is available for 9-18 year-old children.

"Children can log in online through their parents or here at the youth center," explained Laura Niswonger, youth center sports director. If they register at the youth center they are given a card with their log-in information and the web address.

Youth can earn points walking their dog, or even walking to and from school each day. They can earn points through sports as well.

Each day children can log up to 100 points to earn incentives like lapel pins, rubber bracelets in various colors with positive messages, nylon flyers and pedometers, she said.

There are also bonus drawings where children can win T-shirts and other prizes.

Lajes youth enrolled in FitFactor are already earning incentives for their fitness efforts, said Dr. Moore.

Tajjah Ishmael, a fifth-grader at Lajes Elementary School, enrolled in FitFactor last year.

Since then, she's noticed she exercises more, does more things and has more fun, said the 10-year-old.

She and her friends even started a hula-hoop club, an activity they can log points for. "It also helps you when you go to Hawaii," Tajjah said.

She can hula hoop for more than 15 minutes at a time. When she's not hula hooping, she jogs and walks back and forth to school to earn points for FitFactor.

Tajjah is on the first level and has earned bracelets and pins as incentives. "I definitely like the bracelets," she said. "They are flexible and really cool."

Each bracelet had a saying on it that represents the level the children are on.

Tajjah's good friend Teja Jones, also earns incentives through the program. She likes to run and is also part of the hula hoop club which she said even has two boys in it. Teja enjoys learning new tricks with the hula hoop to help earn points.

Fourth-grader Jessica Clark logs points walking to school, the hula hoop club, walking her dog and from activities in gym class. Her favorite way to earn points is playing with the parachute in gym.

"We have collaborated with the athletic director at the school to provide flyers and promote the program," said Dr. Moore.

The program is free, however it is only open to members of Air Force Youth programs, Dr. Moore explained. "A one-year membership to the Lajes Youth Program is \$21 and earns the member discounts to all programs, including sports.

The Fit Factor program is only for children nine or older, but there is a program here for children 5 to 8.

"We have a USAFE GYM - Get Youth Moving - program for children 5-8 so they can be fit and earn incentives as well, said Dr. Moore.

FitFactor offers five exciting levels for youth to complete as they participate in any physical activity. The FitFactor levels are: Energy, Strength, Agility, Adventure and Endurance.

Incentives will be awarded to youth as they accomplish each new level. According to the program's Web site at www.afgetfit.com, in addition to having fun, winning prizes and getting fit, FitFactor will also encourage youth to:

- Be physically active for at least sixty minutes each day.
- Make healthy eating and lifestyle choices.
- Include friends and family participation in fun physical activities and games.
- Limit the amount of screen time (television and computer) they log each day.
- Adopt healthy exercise routines, including a broad range of physical and leisure-time activities.

For more information, call the youth center at 535-1197.

Captain selection

The following first lieutenants were selected for promotion to captain:



Michael Hyland, 65th Air Base Wing public affairs;

Matthew Suhre, 65th Communications Squadron; and Robert Tremblay, 65th Security Forces Squadron

65th SFS Police Blotter

Jan. 18

Location: Cabo da Praia -- Complainant telephoned SFS to report a possible theft of \$50 and 20 euros. He said while moving from his off-base residence to base housing, money from his wife's unattended purse was stolen.

Jan. 20

Location: T-240/Lajes Youth Center -- Complainant telephoned SFS to report unknown persons vandalizing the northeast side of the wall of the Lajes Youth Center parking lot. SFS made a sweep of the area, apparently the persons who vandalized the wall had already departed. Complainant stated that at 2:20 p.m. he had observed two children writing on the wall with what appeared to be crayons. Damage to the property consisted of writing and graphic drawings on the wall covering a section approximately 10' in length.

Jan. 23

Location: T-121/TORC -- Complainant telephoned SFS to report a plaque was stolen by unknown person(s). He stated that between midnight and 11 a.m. the plaque was stolen. The plaque was from the summit with President Bush when he was at Lajes. The plaque was located in the pool room and was approximately two by three feet and 25-30 pounds. It was screwed into the stone wall and the screws were pulled out. It was also enclosed into a wood frame.

Lajes youth takes second in Judo competition

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

One Lajes preteen's interest in martial arts paid off for him Saturday at a local competition.

Eleven-year-old William Winston garnered second place in a judo competition at Torneio Cidade de Angra.

"I started teaching Willie when he was 4-years old," said his father Col. Robert Winston. "I was an instructor at a judo club in Valdosta, Ga. It is a very physically demanding martial art that he will be able to do all his life."

Judo is a system of self defense that includes physical and mental discipline, and is the most widely practiced martial art.

The fifth grader at Lajes Elementary School practices judo an average of three times a week.

"It's a good way to learn self defense," he said.

Willie, an orange belt, was pleased with his victory.

Although he walked away with a second-place medal during this competition, he said, "its fun to compete, even if you lose."

The reason, he said, is because he benefits from it regardless. One of the things he enjoys most about competing here is the opportunity to learn Portuguese. "The people I practice with all

speak Portuguese," this judokas explained.

The Winston's work out with the Praia da Vitoria Judo Club at the Praia High School.

"It is a great judo club that produced good fighters and provides wholesome fun for all members, young and old," said Colonel Winston. "The hospitality of the Azorean judo community is wonderful and I really appreciate their friendship."

Willie can take his Judo skills with him where ever he goes because it is the second most-practiced sport worldwide after soccer, according to the US Judo Association.

"It is always good to see your child excel in any endeavor," his father said. "If I were a golfer, I'm sure that I'd love to see my kids do well in golf, but I do judo and I especially like seeing them win on the mat."

Unlike other martial arts, Judo doesn't involve kicking or striking. Instead, it is a physical fitness activity that teaches self defense in a challenging, yet fun way. The sport emphasizes the use of quick movement and leverage to throw an opponent.

"It's fun and exciting," Willie said of Judo.

Skill and speed is what is important in Judo. Judokas compete against others in their same weight category. In some instances, the people they com-



Willie Winston (left), demonstrates one of the throws he did at the Torneio Cidade de Angra judo competition Saturday. He won a second place medal. (Photo by Col. Robert Winston)

pete against are higher belts of skill levels than they are.

"It is very effective fighting art that is also an Olympic sport," Willie's father explained. "It is physically demanding and will help his body grow strong. It is also very military in nature, so judo students gain a very disciplined way of evaluating their environment and its challenges."

Setting the example

Maj. John Griffiths, 65th Security Forces Squadron commander, Col. Michael Silver, 65th Mission Support Group commander, Col. Danny Leonard, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander, Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams, 65th ABW command chief and Col. Robert Winston, 65th ABW commander, braved the weather Tuesday to take their annual PT test at the AEF ramp. (Photo by Capt. Melissa Waheibi)





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.

Main Street Shop-pette (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 10

a.m. to 8 p.m.

Military Clothing Sales Store (Bldg. T-627) Phone: 535-3816

Sunday-Monday closed
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.

Reel Time Theater (Bldg. T-300) Phone: 535-4100

Showings Wednesday-Sunday

Beauty Shop (Bldg. T-400) (Walk-In Available) Phone: 535-4124

Sunday-Monday closed
Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Barber Shop (Bldg. T-

400) Phone: 535-3396

Sunday closed; Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ; Saturday 8 a.m. to 4:30 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

Open for all arrivals and departures

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

Sunday closed; 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.

AAFES Ocean View BX and Flight View BX are open on Portuguese Holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except the Main Street Shoppette, which is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All facilities are open normal hours on U.S. Holidays.

Black History Month Events

The 2006 Lajes African American Heritage Committee will be hosting the following events during Black History Month:

Week 1: First Five African American Medal of Honor Recipients Ceremony, 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Top of the Rock Club Ballroom

Week 2: Soul Food Taste Fest at the Community Activity Center 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 9.

Week 3: Read to Succeed Campaign at Lajes Elementary School Feb. 13 - 17

Week 4: Single and Unaccompanied Member dinner 5:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at the chapel.

The 2006 African American History Banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the TORC Feb. 24.

For more information, call Master Sgt. James Keiler or SSgt Cheick Bah at 535-6844.

DoDDs calendar

Today - No school, teacher work day

Monday - No school for middle/high school -- regular day for middle school

Feb. 6 - Parent Teacher conferences - no school

Feb. 10 - No school for Sure Start students

Feb. 14 - School Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. in the ES Information Center

Feb. 20 - Presidents' Day - no school

Mar. 13-17 - TerraNova Testing

Mar. 14 - School Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. in the ES Information Center

April 7, No school, Teacher work day

April 10-14 - Spring Recess

April 18 - School Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. in the ES Information Center

April 21 - Parent Teacher conferences - no school

At the Movies

Today: 7 p.m. Just Friends - Starring Ryan Reynolds, Amy Smart

Chris is a selfish, womanizing and successful music executive. Circumstances bring him back to his home town and fate reconnects him with the "just friends" girl of his dreams. Can one escape the clutches of the "friend zone?" Is it possible to go from "just friend" to boyfriend? Chris is about to find out the hard way.

Rated PG-13, 88 min

10 p.m. Saw II - Starring Tobin Bell, Donnie Wahlberg

After discovering the aftermath of a gruesome murder, Mason a police detective is convinced that Jigsaw is up to his ugly tricks again. The master criminal proves to be easy to capture, eight people have been locked away by Jigsaw, and they must torture their bodies and minds to achieve the terrible justice Jigsaw seeks. Rated R, 91 min

Saturday: 7 p.m. Aeon Flux

- Starring Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand

In the 25th century, a rampaging virus has forced the remnants of humanity into the seclusion of a final city. There is great political conflict within, however, and this is the story of an acrobatic assassin, Aeon Flux, whose latest target is the government's top leader.

Rated PG-13, 99 min

Sunday: 2 p.m. - Just Friends

Sunday: 7 p.m. - Aeon Flux

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Saw II

Thursday - 7 p.m. Aeon Flux

Movies subject to change. For updated listings, call 535-3302. For more information on ratings, visit www.aafes.com.





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. For on-base numbers, dial 295-57 and the last four digits.

Community events

Open house: The Terceira Mar Hotel in Angra Open House is 2-8 p.m. Saturday. A free cocktail drink will be served to the visitors during that period. Information will be available on the hotel's services and special rates.

Project Wizard

Story hour: The base library offers story time every Friday at 3 p.m., for children 7 and younger.

Combat Education

Education office relocated: The Education office has moved to Bldg. T-146.

Oklahoma University classes: The Masters of Human Relations degree program with University of Oklahoma is a 36 credit hour, non-thesis degree that can be completed within 16-24 months.

The next course being offered is HR 5172-221, "Seminar in Applied Interpersonal Dynamics," an elective course towards the Master of Human Relations degree. The course dates are Feb. 28 - Mar. 5. The last day to add/drop will be Monday. Come visit OU in their new location, Bldg. T-146, room 214. For details, call Jaclyn Kemp at 535-3171.

Jobs/Volunteer

Services vacancies: The 65th Services Squadron vacancy listing is available at the Human Resources Office in Bldg. T-112 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For details, call 295-575-200 or 535-5200.

Auto mechanic wanted: The Auto Hobby Shop is looking for an experienced auto mechanic to teach classes. For more information call Victor Silva at 535-4140.

First Aid volunteers: The American Red Cross is looking for volunteers to teach First Aid to children at Lajes Elementary School. Anyone interested can contact the

American Red Cross office at 295-573-516.

Combat Touch

Children and Youth Movie Night: 7 p.m. today at the chapel.

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

Miscellaneous

Couple's Communication Seminar: Best Friends Forever, a PREP program is scheduled for 5:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday in February in the family support center classroom. The goal of the program is to enhance communication, constructively handle conflicts, promote intimacy, and keep fun and friendship alive in your relationship. It is for marriages of all stages whether This program is for marriages in all stages, from newlyweds to couples who have been married more than 20 years.

For details, or to sign up, call 535-4138.

Top of the Rock club member specials: Tuesday, \$2 Tuesday's, \$2 pitchers; Wednesday is Hump Day from 4 to 7 p.m., \$1 well special; Thursday is Thirsty Thursday, \$1.25 domestic bottles from 4 to 7 p.m.; Friday is super social hour, \$25 club card drawing at 7:15 p.m. Must be present to win. For more information on club specials call Kevin Gontarek at 535-3202.

Oceanview Island Grill daily specials: The Oceanview Island Grill serves the following daily specials:

Monday: Beef enchiladas with fries or salad \$5.25; Tuesday: Pizza special with two toppings \$11.50; Wednesday: Taco salad \$5.25; Thursday: Fried shrimp with fries or salad \$6.95; Friday: Roast chicken with mushroom choice of fries or rice \$5.25, or Spaghetti with meat and parmesan cheese \$5.25; and Saturday: Grill chicken with bacon and Swiss cheese with rice, fries or salad \$6.95.

For more information, call Artur Oliveira at 535-3287.

Tropical Night at the TORC: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sat-

urday, learn how to dance salsa and merengue for free from 9 to 10 p.m. followed by Latin music featuring DJ FLECHA.

No Tap Bowling Tournament: A tournament is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Hillside Lanes. Sign up starts at 6 p.m. and bowling begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15. Bowling is open to all adult bowlers. For more information, call Nathan Folden at 535-6399 or e-mail nathan.folden@lajes.af.mil.

Terceira Island Circle: The next class is 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. The class will be "Designer Soap Making." Come learn to create a variety of luxury soaps and take home a bar of your own.

Commissary: The Lajes Field Commissary is open Monday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. They are open Fridays until 7:30 p.m. Customers can call the departments directly. For customer service, call 535-6174, for the secretary, call 535-6124, for the produce department, call 535-5282 and for the deli/bakery, call 535-4182.

Furniture Store: The Army and Air Force Exchange Service furniture store is now open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Bldg. T-800.

Enlisted Spouses Club Membership celebration: A membership celebration is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Eddie's Place. Anyone interested in the Enlisted Spouses Club or anyone who helped with any function hosted by the ESC during 2005 is encouraged to come. The club would like to thank those involved and active in the community. For more information, call Chris Fletcher at 295-549-683.

ESC Valentine's Day Fundraiser: The Enlisted Spouses Club will be selling Valentine's Theme Bowls such as Bath Bowls, Italian Dinner Bowls, Sports Bowls, and Wine and Cheese Bowls. Prices start at \$35 and can be viewed at the family support center. Customized bowls for those too busy to shop start at \$15 you

make a list of the items (available on the island) provide the money for those items and an ESC member becomes your personal shopper. Delivery available upon request. For more information call Chris Fletcher at 295-549-683 or Kim Pate at 295-549-250.

Valentine's Day Sale: The Officer's Spouses Club will be holding a "Pamper Your Sweetheart Valentine's Day Sale" on 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the Commissary. Gifts for sweetheart's include baked goods, spa scrubs, truffles, gift baskets, candles, jewelry and more. All donations benefit the OSC charitable funds.

Project CHEER

Madden NFL 06 Tournament: Noon, Saturday and Sunday at the Sun and Sand Hut. There is no cost to enter. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place. First place also receives a cash prize.

Classifieds

E-mail ads to 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: Presto Hot Air Popcorn Maker, never opened, comes with two pounds of popping corn, \$15; Surefit Sofa Cover, neutral color, never used, \$80; Graco Travel System, comes with car seat, stroller, and base, \$100; Fisher Price 3-Stage Piano, ages 0 - 12 months, \$10; Graco Portable Swing, up to 22 lbs., \$40; Fisher Price Intellitrainer, teaches numbers, letters and music, ages 5 months and up, \$65; - Bottle Sterilizer, for wide and regular mouth bottles, used once, \$40; Medela Breast Pump, tubing, storage and accessories included, \$50; EvenFlo Breast Pump, battery or electric powered, \$25; 17 Inch Computer Monitor, \$30; Free - Computer Tower, great for parts, For information, call Josh or Nora at 295-549-601

For sale: 1993 Volkswagon Polo Great car/clean Inspection good through Aug 06 Same owner past three years \$1500; Dirt bike - willing to sell 02 Kawasaki KX 250 Awesome, powerful bike Runs perfect Can only sell before Jan. 10 (PCS) \$3000 OBO I will show you the tracks on island!! Call Fred hm. 295-542-835 wk. 535-5111 e-mail fredrick.cowell@lajes

Medium kennel for dogs up to 50lbs. Used six months. Our dog doubled in size and we just needed a bigger kennel. Contact Andy or Kimberly at 295-549-741 or Kimberly at 535-6722. \$30.

For Sale: Entertainment Center, almost brand new and in box, \$70; Wooden bookshelf, \$30. If interested please call 295-549-794.