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False Alarm

Master Sgt. Christopher Thurlow, 65th Communications Squadron purchases emergency equipment in preparation for Hurricane Gordon which was expected to hit Lajes Field, Azores early Wednesday. Terceira only received some heavy wind and rain as a result of the storm. See more on page 6. (Photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)



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Airmen these days

By Master Sgt. Cheryl Toner
51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AFP) — It's always funny to me when people say, "Airmen these days! They just aren't like the Airmen were when I came in the military."

This, of course, is always said with disdain. Ironically, when crusty old master sergeants say that, well, they're right. When I came in the Air Force in the mid-80s, there were still people on active duty who had been drafted.

And the old, "Yeah, the judge said the military or jail," also was not uncommon. So, yes, the Airmen in today's Air Force are different ... and that's not a bad thing. What's different is our philosophy on training and education. That's a good thing.

Back then, feedback wasn't formalized upgrade training. It was something your supervisor did to you, not for you. Feedback wasn't a process, it was punishment. I remember my first assignment — our office spent a few months working half-days on Saturdays.

From a two-striper's perspective — and one who never had a "sit down" with her supervisor to discuss expectations — well, that was just punishment. We Airmen had no idea why we were working on Saturdays. We were just told, "Improve your areas." So, I broke out the all-purpose cleaner and started cleaning my desk.

Another feedback session at the same assignment was held after an aircraft accident. One of our base's B-

52 Stratofortresses crashed shortly after takeoff. Thankfully, everyone survived the accident ... well, everyone on the aircraft. Meanwhile, back at the office, the captain went AWOL and the technical sergeant couldn't be found ... for days. That left a second lieutenant and five Airmen to deal with the news media.

Our feedback? We were called into the wing commander's office and, while standing at attention, the only thing we were told was, "The next one of you who **** up is out of here! Now leave."

This always will be burned in my brain. According to Air Force pamphlet 36-2241, "An important milestone in any subordinate's development process is to experience a significant challenge early in his or her career."

Well, at that time, I was the 18-year-old base newspaper editor with less than a year on active duty and virtually no experience.

Surely, I thought, I was next.

As supervisors, it is our job to foster growth. As Airmen, it is our job to help our supervisors do their jobs. Every Airman is responsible for some part of

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- Master Sgt. Cheryl Toner

the process. It's not only our responsibility, but also makes sense.

As former Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf said, "People want to know what is expected of them. No one goes to work and says, 'I am going to do a lousy job today.' People work to succeed, and they need to know how you measure that success."

Now, back to my Saturdays and the aircraft crash: I really didn't want to do a lousy job. Yet, as feedback went those days, if my supervisor wasn't yelling at me, then I must have done OK.

We all know that's a lousy way to provide feedback. It's also a recipe for failure. Everyone, from the lowest ranking Airman to the person running the show, is responsible for his or her part in providing feedback. If your supervisor isn't providing it, it's your job to ask for it. If the people who work for you aren't actively listening when you provide feedback, don't say another word until they break out a notepad and take notes.

Ultimately you have control over your career and your personal and professional growth. You don't get a degree by accident; surely you won't be a better Airman by accident. The same applies to your Airmen.

And anyone who asks how "Airmen these days" got into the military should remember that he or she, too, came into the Air Force young, inexperienced and bright-eyed. The question should be: "What are you doing to make it better?"

Commander's Line

The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution. Your chain of command should always be your first option for

praise or problems —but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Line at 535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil.

- Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing
commander

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Nonjudicial punishment tool for good order

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A supervisor has realized he has a misconduct problem that is affecting the mission – an airman has been arriving to work late. The supervisor has warned the subordinate with verbal and letters of counseling and letters of reprimand, notifying him of his violation of military law – failure to go, but his troop willfully continues to arrive to work late and disregards the supervisor’s attempt to provide assistance. At this point, the supervisor has determined that the airman just does not get it. He reports this misconduct to the commander and recommends a form of punishment that we are all familiar with in order to get this troop’s attention and hopefully correct this behavior – Nonjudicial punishment.

What is nonjudicial punishment you may ask? Well, it also commonly known as an Article 15 under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and is one of many administrative tools a commander uses to maintain morale, good order and discipline in their respective unit.

Normally, when a member commits a minor offense under the UCMJ or the “code” like the member above, the commander has the option to offer the member disciplinary Article 15 action under the code or proceed to courts-martial. Usually the commander prefers Article 15s for minor offenses because it is an effective rehabilitative tool that normally sends a strong message to the Airmen and the unit that any type of misconduct will not be tolerated, yet the matter is handle fairly and expeditiously – affording procedural due process rights to the member and seeks quick resolution of matter for the member and the commander.

When a commander imposes punishment through an Article 15 he has a multitude of options based on the offense and the member’s rank. For example, an O-5 or above can reduce a E-5 through E-7 by one grade and an E-2 through E-4 to AB. Other punishments may be included as part of a reduction in grade or alone are: forfeitures of 1/2 month’s pay per month for two months, restriction for 60 days, correctional custody for 30 days and extra duties for 45 days. All of these punishments can be suspended which is the postponement of the application of all or part of the punishment for a specific probationary period, until a specified date. It will be automatically canceled at the end of that period, if the member does not vio-

late the conditions of a suspension. However, the member should be reminded to be on their best behavior during this suspension period because a suspension of a punishment automatically includes a condition that the service member does not violate any punitive articles of the UCMJ or other conditions a commander imposes on the suspension. If the member violates a condition of the suspension, that suspension is vacated (lifted) and punishment will take effect. For example, a senior airman received a reduction to airman first class, suspended. He still gets to wear senior airman, but if he violates a condition of the suspension, the commander may vacate the suspension and he will become an E-3.

Bottom-line: a commander must have the ability to maintain good order and discipline in her command in order to accomplish a mission. Some members are fortunate their commanders did not pursue courts-martial, which is warranted in every case below. Don’t become another statistic - don’t put a blemish on your service - don’t show up on the list like the others below.

Lajes Article 15s

March 2006

A senior airman failed to go to work at the prescribed time and place. The punishment imposed was reduction to E-3 which was suspended, 30 days extra duty with 15 days extra duty suspended and a reprimand.

An airman first class made a false official statement, damaged, destroyed or lost military property valued over \$500 and was willfully derelict in the performance of his duties. The punishment imposed was correctional custody for 30 days, reduction to airman that was suspended and a reprimand.

April 2006

A senior airman was absent without leave with intent to avoid maneuvers and disobeyed an NCO. The punishment imposed was reduction in rank to Airman that was suspended. He is now an E-3.

A staff sergeant performed indecent or lewd acts with another and was willfully derelict in the performance of his duties. The sergeant received a reduction to E-4, 30 days extra duty, forfeitures of pay of \$1009 per month for two months – the

total amount being suspended and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant failed to go to his prescribed place of duty. As a result, he received a reduction to E-4, which was suspended and a reprimand. However, after further misconduct, the sergeant’s suspension was vacated and the sergeant is now a senior airman.

May 2006

A staff sergeant was willfully derelict in the performance of duties for misuse of government travel card. He received a reduction to E-4 which was suspended and 10 days extra duty. However, after further misconduct, the sergeant’s suspension was vacated and the sergeant is now a senior airman.

An airman made a false official statement. As a result, he received extra-duty for 45 days in which 15 days were suspended, forfeiture of pay for the amount of \$713 for one month and a reprimand.

An airman first class made a false official statement. As a result, she received extra duty for 30 days in which 15 days were suspended and a reprimand.

June 2006

A technical sergeant violated a lawful general order or regulation for the unauthorized storing, processing, displaying, sending, or otherwise transmitting offensive or obscene language or material. He received a reduction to E-5 which was suspended, extra duty for 10 days, forfeitures of pay in the amount of \$500 per month for two months and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant incapacitated for performance of duties because of drunkenness. He received a reduction to E-4, 45 days of extra duty and a reprimand.

July 2006

A senior airman was AWOL. He received 45 days of extra duty, a reduction to E-3 which was suspended, forfeiture of pay of \$846 per month for two months which was suspended and a reprimand.

August 2006

A senior airman was driving under the influence of alcohol. The senior airman received a reduction in rank to E-3 and a reprimand.

A senior airman was driving under the influence of alcohol, failed to obey a lawful order and provided a false official statement. She received a reduction to E-2, which was suspended and is currently an E-3 and received forty-five days extra duty.



Anti-Terrorism Awareness Bulletin Lajes Field is in FPCON ALPHA

By Tech. Sgt. Brian Cain
65th ABW Antiterrorism officer

Force Protection Conditions are graduated categories of measures or actions commanders take to protect personnel and assets from terrorist attacks. FPCONs are set by commanders locally based on terrorism threat information and guidance from higher headquarters. A raise in FPCONs means an increase in our security posture, so expect additional and more stringent security measures as the FPCON is raised. DoD O-2000.12H defines the five FPCONs as follows:

NORMAL - Applies when a general global threat of possible terrorist activity exists and warrants a routine security posture.

ALPHA - Applies when there is an increased general threat of possible terrorist activity against personnel or facilities, the nature, and extent of which are unpredictable.

BRAVO - Applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists.

CHARLIE - Applies when an incident occurs or intelligence is received indicating some form of terrorist action against personnel or facilities is likely.

DELTA - Applies in the immediate area where a terrorist attack has occurred or when intelligence has been received that terrorist action against a specific location or person is imminent.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Cain, 65th ABW antiterrorism officer, at 535-



Voting assistance available for military dependents

Military spouses and voting-age dependents serving away from their voting residences may register and vote absentee using the same Federal Voting Assistance Program process that is used by the military member.

This simple 5-step process includes;

1. Complete and mail a Federal Post Card Application Form (SF-76) to your home state

2. Your state election official approves registration request or requests further information

3. Your local election official mails you an absentee ballot

4. You write your vote on the absentee ballot and mail it back to the local election official in time to meet your state's deadlines

5. If your state ballot does not arrive in time to meet your state deadline, complete a SF-186, Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot and mail in time to meet your state's deadlines.

Sources of Help: The Installation Voting Action Officer and the Federal Voting Assistance Program are key resource for obtaining the materials and information needed to complete this absentee voting process. Every Air Force Installation has an Installation Voting Action Officer. They may be easily contacted by calling your base telephone operator. The Air Force's "Airmen Votes" web site provides step by step instructions at

www.afcrossroads.com/votefund/vote/default.htm. Electronic versions of the SF-76 and additional information about the voting process may be obtained at www.fvap.gov.

Election day is Nov. 7, and most states require at least 45 days to register and mail the ballots.

Although Armed Forces Voters Week has just passed, a number of states still accept the SF-76 up to the 13th hour, so you still may be eligible to vote if you hurry! Time is running short to start the voting process and we should remember that our right to vote did not come automatically, but evolved gradually over the course of two centuries, often at great cost and sacrifice by those who secured it for us. In November, every member of the U.S House of Representatives, a third of U.S. Senators, 36 State Governors and thousands of state and local officials will be elected and a host of other state and local initiatives and issues will be decided. Each of us has inherited both the fruits of our freedom and the obligation to safeguard this precious right by actually voting at the polls or by absentee processes—exercising our right to vote will strengthen it and keep it healthy for our children and theirs. Contact the IVAOs Lt. Col. Sara Dixon at 535-3236, Capt. Anthony Spratley at 535-3546 or the operator for a list of Unit Voting Assistance Officers who can help you exercise your right.



AF Ball

Col. Mark Davis, 65th Mission Support Group commander, shakes hands with Airman 1st Class Matthew Wagner, 65th Security Forces Squadron, during the Air Force Ball Sept. 16. Colonel Davis was the oldest Airman, and Airman Wagner was the youngest Airman in attendance. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Erickson)

Retiree Affairs office opens here

On Aug. 15, Col. Robert Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander announced the opening of a Retiree Affairs Office at Lajes Field.

Colonel Winston has appointed Col. (ret) Arthur Nilsen as the Director of the RAO. Colonel Nilsen has had two prior active duty assignments at Lajes, once in the late 1980's and again in the end of the 1990's. His last position here was as the Commander of the 65th Medical Support Squadron. Colonel Nilsen retired from the Air Force in 2005 and moved to Lajes from his last assignment at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany.

The RAO is guided by AFI 36-3106 and it serves retirees from all branches of the Armed Forces of the United States and their dependents (including surviving spouses.) The RAO is located in Bldg. T-146 (the education building) in room 217. Office hours are from 8 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and by appointment.

As Director of the RAO, Colonel Nilsen attends the weekly Lajes Team Meeting and various other periodic community forums. He attends these to listen to information and advocate for issues important to retirees. Retirees are welcome to stop in to share "old war stories" or to discuss concerns or issues affecting them. Colonel Nilsen reminds everyone that the best way to resolve problems is at one the customer service locations found in each Group or Squadron, but if you need help he will try and assist you.

A Retiree Affairs Office is now open at Lajes Field in Bldg. T-146, room 217. The office is open from 8 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays or by appointment. For more information call 535-1037.

As a reminder to the Lajes community, AFI 36-3106 states that Retirees should receive the same respect and courtesy shown to active duty members. They should be addressed by their retired grade (except for those who are currently employed by Civil Service) and all official records and correspondence should include their retired grade.

Good to Know

Closures for Portuguese Holiday

The commissary and base exchange will be closed Oct. 5 in observance of the Portuguese Holiday Founding of the Republic.

New license plate deadline nears

In an ongoing effort to enhance force protection measures, POV license plates for Lajes personnel will now match the license plates of local Portuguese hosts.

All vehicle registrants must have the new plates by Sept. 30.

People must first stop at Pass and Registration.

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

The license plates can be picked up at the Auto Hobby shop. The 65th Services Squadron has purchased the machine and plates to do the SUV style plates, similar to the local national ones. "This should enable us to fit every car with a license plate without having to do brackets," said Jeff Adams, Community Support Flight chief.

The Pass and Registration office is open Monday and Wednesday 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.

IDEA program

The IDEA Program is an incentive program to recognize submitters for approved ideas that benefit the government by streamlining processes or improving productivity and efficiency. It also recognizes individuals for intangible benefits such as improving morale or working conditions.

Ideas can be submitted via the internet at <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil>. For more information, contact your unit point of contact or the Installation IDEA Program Manager at 535-1144.



Paintball advice

Col. Robert Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander, gives the command chief and some first sergeants advice on paintball last week. It took the senior enlisted troops quite awhile to even hit the commander during the paintball competition. He was kind enough to take a break and give them a few pointers. The Eagles won the first three games but the Diamonds stomped them in the last game. The paintball was the team-building portion of an off-site wing leadership scheduled to help develop the vision, mission and goals for the wing. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Hurricane Gordon bypasses Lajes Field

By 1st Lt. Shilo Weir
65th ABW Public Affairs

The 65th Air Base Wing, Lajes Field, Azores made it through Hurricane Gordon without a scratch.

At its closest point, Hurricane Gordon passed 50 miles south of Terceira in the early morning hours Wednesday. The storm weakened and turn south just enough to keep Lajes Field and its personnel out of harms way.

"Weather is unpredictable," said Col. Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander, "but we were prepared for anything this storm had to offer."

Erring on the side of caution, Team Lajes spent Monday and Tuesday making sure the base was prepared for the worse-case scenario. The team focused on securing facilities and equipment and getting personnel and their families ready to react to any emergency situations that the severe weather could bring.

"It's better to be safe then sorry," said Colonel Winston, "especially when it comes to safeguarding our people."

Lajes Field closed their runway Tuesday evening to Air Force and DoD traffic to prevent unnecessary risk to personnel and aircraft.

New Orleans and Hurricane Katrina

taught the nation the hard lesson that there really is no such thing as being too prepared. If nothing more, preparation for the impact of Hurricane Gordon gave Lajes Field the opportunity to test their emergency response plans and procedures.

"I am happy that there is no damage and the effects of the storm were minimal," said Colonel Winston. "I am proud of how our team came together."

"Hurricane forecasting is not an exact science yet, but the National Hurricane Center did a great job of alerting the region to the potential approach of the storm," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Thornbury, 65th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight NCOIC. "The base was adequately prepared for what could have been the first direct hit of a hurricane in more than 20 years."

Preparing for the first big storm of the season acted as an exercise of the wing's command structure.

"We have a series of Operational Readiness Exercises coming, leading up to our ORI," said Colonel Winston. "We were able to identify different issues that we are going to work to make better."

Colonel Winston added that although they were absolutely ready for Hurricane Gordon, Team Lajes always strive to improve.



Tech. Sgt. James Wall, 65th Communications Squadron, shops for emergency equipment at the base exchange Tuesday in preparation for Hurricane Gordon, which was expected to hit Lajes Wednesday. He was one of many, who took the proper steps necessary to prepare for the storm.

Joao Alves prepares a weather forecast in advance of Hurricane Gordon, which was expected to hit Lajes Field early Wednesday. (Photos by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)





Left behind Key Spouse program offers network, support for spouses

By Staff Sgt.
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65th ABW Public Affairs

Note: This is a three-part series on the programs, education and advice available for families left behind as a result of a deployment. The first will discuss the Key Spouse Program, the second will focus on the Hearts Apart program and other benefits available to families and the final will talk about the way deployments impact the families.

The military way of life can be an adjustment for a spouse but one family readiness program offers a network to make that way of life less challenging.

The Key Spouse Program, a unit-based spouse volunteer program, provides peer support for family members.

The program initially focused on helping family members during separations and deployments, but has evolved to provide support to families whatever their situation may be.

"The Key Spouse should be seen by other spouses as fully approachable with problems and issues," said Laura Griffiths, a commander's spouse.

"I see the Key Spouse as a master of resources," she explained. "When a spouse is 'left behind,' small problems can feel like huge challenges to deal with on her own. Household issues that she may normally entrust her spouse to handle now become her domain.

"The Key Spouse will make sure, by frequently touching base with the spouse that any issues are quickly brought to light. Further, through their thorough knowledge of where, how, and by whom to get things done at Lajes, the Key Spouse will ensure that the spouse's problems are dealt

with in the most appropriate way," said Mrs. Griffiths.

Key Spouses are there to contact, listen, inform, and support families in the unit – spouses helping spouses.

They are selected by unit commanders and receive orientation training and attend monthly informational meetings. In addition, key spouses meet quarterly with a unit first sergeant or commander to discuss the program.

A squadron Key Spouse is someone to listen when people need to talk, and can point families in the right direction for various services.

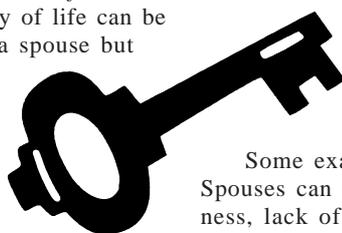
Some examples of concerns Key Spouses can help with are loneliness, lack of companionship, making decisions alone, disciplining children, social outlets or handling finances.

They can also play an important role during births, illnesses, a death in the family or other times of crisis.

"The Key Spouses are important because we act as a focal point for information and support for the family members of the deployed," stressed Carla Wall, Key Spouse for the 65th Communications Squadron. "We are directly linked to the Airman and Family Readiness Center so we have a plethora of information and guidance. This is a huge asset for the deployed member because they have the knowledge that their family is being taken care and that their needs are being met. With that knowledge, the stress is decreased and they can concentrate on the job at hand."

Carla volunteered to be a Key Spouse because she knows what it's like to be the one left behind.

"Having first-hand knowledge of what it is like to be the spouse that is left behind to take care of the children, house, and other business, I wanted to be there for those spouses so that they could make the deployment time as non-stressful as possible."



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SFS Blotter

Sept. 7 THEFT OF PRIVATE PROP- ERTY SECURED:

Summary: The complainant entered the SDCC to report an unknown amount of compact discs (CD's) and a portable CD player were stolen by an unknown person. She stated that sometime between Aug. 18 and Sept. 6 an unknown amount of CD's and a portable CD player were missing from her vehicle. She further reported that she had parked her car at Manny's garage for repair and it had been locked before she left the parking lot. She relayed that she had called about her car on Sept. 6 and was told it was ready for pickup. At approximately 5 p.m. she obtained her vehicle from Manny's. The next day, she went to change the CD in her stereo when she noticed the stack of loose CD's she kept in her console was missing along with a portable CD player. The complainant contacted Manny's garage and asked about her missing property and was told her car had been secured the entire time it was at the garage and they did not know how it could have came up missing.



Sept. 13 THEFT OF GOVERNMENT/PRIVATE PROP- ERTY UNSECURE:

Summary: The complainant entered the SDCC stating her CAC/Identification card along with her purse, containing five credit cards, approximately \$420 and miscellaneous cosmetic items was stolen from the vicinity of her residence. She further stated that she left her residence at approximately 10 in the morning and went to her office. She left her residence unsecured and left the door open so her pets can go outside. She had her purse placed on the end table beside the couch. She returned home after 11 a.m. and noticed her purse was not where she left it.

At the movies



Today: 7 p.m. - The Ant Bully starring Julia Roberts, Nicolas Cage

New in town, Lucas Nickle has been taking out his frustration on the innocent ant hill in his yard. But one day the ants retaliate. Using a magic potion, they shrink Lucas down to ant size and sentence him to live like an ant in their colony. In this strange, new world, Lucas will learn important lessons about friendship, get a whole new perspective on life and ultimately find the courage to stand up for himself. Rated PG (rude humor, action) 117 min



10 p.m. - Miami Vice starring Colin Farrell, Jamie Foxx

Ricardo Tubbs is urbane and dead smart. He lives with Bronx-born intel analyst Trudy, as they work undercover transporting drug loads into South Florida to identify a group responsible for three murders. The intensity of the murder case pushes Crockett and Tubbs out onto the edge where identity and fabrication become blurred, where cop and player become one-especially for Crockett in his romance with Isabella and for Tubbs in the provocation of an assault on those he loves. Rated R (violence, language, sexual content) 135 min



Saturday:

3 p.m. - *The Ant Bully*

7 p.m. - *Miami Vice*

Sunday:

2 p.m. - *The Ant Bully*

7 p.m. - *Miami Vice*

Thursday:

7 p.m. - *Miami Vice*

**Next week: *Barnyard*,
Talladega Nights: *The
Ballad of Ricky Bobby
and Zoom***

Jenny, the military spouse

Kitchen Boxes

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Most renowned Continental Army soldier supposedly a native of Terceira Island

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Most residents of the town of Porto Judeu on Terceira Island probably haven't heard the name Peter Francisco or know he was a native of their town.

According to the U.S. Military History magazine and the Wikipedia online encyclopedia, Peter Francisco was one of the most remarkable American Revolution War heroes who fought in General George Washington's Continental Army.

Still according to studies by researcher John E. Manahan conducted in 1960, Peter Francisco, as he was called by the British colonists who found him in the docks of City Point in Virginia in 1765, was supposedly abducted by corsairs from his home village of Porto Judeu on Terceira Island and taken to America.

He was estimated to be 5 years old at the time he was

found and spoke a foreign language, what might have been Portuguese, and kept repeating the name "Pedro Francisco."

He was later taken by Judge Anthony Winston as a servant and remained with him and his family until the beginning of the American Revolution. Francisco joined the George Washington's Continental Army in 1777 and saw action for the first time in the Battle of Brandywine near Philadelphia, where he and his regiment helped General Washington to save his army from the hands of the British.

During the fighting Francisco was wounded by a British musket ball in his leg, the first of many wounds he would suffer throughout his military career. Consecutively, he participated in many battles under different commands and due to his huge size, strength and uncommon bravery was known as the "Virginian Giant" or the "Virginia Hercules."

"Without him, we would have lost two crucial battle,



Peter Francisco recognized for his accomplishments in 1975 when his photo was used on the 18¢ postage stamp. (Courtesy photo)

perhaps the war, and with it our freedom," George Washington once said about Francisco's bravery. "He was truly a one-man army."

After the British acknowledged the American independence and with the end of hostilities, Francisco acquired an education and reentered civilian life. He married three times, purchased property and raised children.

Francisco was appointed Sergeant-at-arms of the

Virginia State in 1825.

He died in January 1831— probably from appendicitis, — at the age of 70. He was buried in Richmond's Shockoe Cemetery with military honors, where his tombstone describes him as 'A soldier of revolutionary fame.'

NOTE: I would like to thank USMC (Ret.) Maj. Alberto Leonardo for sharing and bringing this information to me.

Information Quest Contest kicks off in October

HQ USAFE Services – Sembach AB, Germany – What is your CSI IQ? Do you like putting clues together to solve a puzzle? Of course you do!

The 3rd Annual Information Quest Contest theme is CSI: USAFE Libraries.

You will be challenged to find the answers to 10 mysterious questions. Do you like to win prizes? Of course you do!

Everyone gets a prize just for signing up and there is a drawing for a portable DVD player.

Do you like convenience? Of course you do! The Information

Quest contest is all on the web.

From Oct. 15-31, USAFE Libraries are running this contest to highlight their website and electronic resources.

Visit your library to sign up for an E-Resource Account, then logon to the library website from Oct. 15-31 to play and learn more about what your libraries have to offer.

For more information, call Patricia Arnold at 535-3688.



Library Notes:

Library hours:
The library is open Monday 3 to 8 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Story hour:
Children's story hours is every Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. at the library.

Sports Shorts

Volleyball

Senior Men's and Women's Volleyball teams for the ADREP athletic club of Praia are accepting both men and women who were interested in playing some competitive volleyball to come out and play. For more information, e-mail ricky.baptista@lajes.af.mil.

Half marathon

Praia City Hall will host a half marathon -- 22 Kilometers between the town of Biscoitos and the City of Praia da Vitoria on Oct. 5.

2006 USAFE Body Building Championship & Fitness Expo

2006 USAFE Body Building Championship & Fitness Expo will take place at Darmstadt, Germany Cambrai-Fritsch Kaserne Fitness Center, Bldg 4017 from Oct. 14-15.
Oct. 14
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Fitness Expo

1: p.m.: Strong Man Competition
Oct. 15
* Events held at Darmstadt: Movie Theater, Bldg T-4021
8 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.: Weigh-ins and Registration
11 a.m.: Prejudging
5 p.m.: Men and women bodybuilding championship and women's figure competition

Events are free to the public. The bodybuilding championship is a sanctioned event (pro-qualifier) by the International Natural Bodybuilding Federation.

Participants pay a \$35 sanctioned fee in the championship and figure competition.

For more information, call DSN 314-348-7441 or visit www.mwr-europe.com.

Group Fitness Class

Monday
8:30 a.m. -- Step with Celia
Noon -- Spin with Tina
4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela

5:15 p.m. -- Aero Kombat with Celia
5:30 p.m. -- Judo Bldg. T-203
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia
Tuesday
6 a.m. -- Spin with Rui
8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training with Celia
5:15 p.m. -- Circuit Training with Rui
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Rui
Wednesday
8:30 a.m. -- Step with Celia
Noon -- Spin with Tina
4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela
5:15 p.m. -- Step with Manuela
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Georgina
Thursday
6 a.m. -- Spin with Rui
8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training with Celia
5:15 p.m. -- Body Sculpting with Manuela
5:30 p.m. -- Judo Bldg. T-203
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Manuela
Friday
8:30 a.m. -- Spin with Celia
Noon -- Spin with Tina
4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela
5:15 p.m. -- Step with Celia
6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia
Saturday
11 a.m. -- Spin with Celia
Noon -- Circuit Training/Stretching with Rui

Armchair Quarterback Challenge

Each week during football season, the Crossroads publishes a list of the National Football League games of the week for Team Lajes to predict. The person with the most correct picks will win free movie passes (admit two), \$3 off any Burger King purchase and a "rent-one-get-one free" at the Shoppette donated by AAFES.

The number-one-ranked Armchair Q.B. each week will get his or her name and photo published in the Crossroads and we'll also print any smack talk the winner chooses to submit. Congratulations to week two winner, **Wayne Parsons** who only missed three and won with the tiebreaker points for Monday's low-point game. Two weeks in a row - not bad. Now for the losers -- they get the honor of the "You Don't Know Jack" award. Jessica Harrison and James Mullis tied for this prestigious award -- they each missed eight. Maybe Wayne has some pointers for you.

Bring picks to the Public Affairs office in room 240 of Bldg. T-100 or e-mail them to news@lajes.af.mil. All entries must be submitted before the opening kickoff to the first game Sunday. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.

"While you're paying for your tickets to the movies, I'm collecting freebies. You need to bring better game than that!"

-Wayne Parsons



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Total Points for Monday's Game: _____



Fitness center hours reduced

By 1st Lt. Shilo Weir
65th ABW Public Affairs

The Chase Fitness Center hours of operation will reduce from 117 hours per week, to 85 hours per week effective Oct. 1.

The change in fitness center operating hours is the result of a more than 40 percent reduction in 65th Service Squadron military manning between now and early November.

"We will lose 11 of 25 military members due to deployments and PCSs," said Lt. Col. John Oliver, 65th SVS commander. "The revised fitness center hours are in direct response to our need to ensure we can support the war effort while continuing to offer quality service to our customers here at home."

The decision to alter fitness center hours was not taken lightly. Only after exploring all the options did wing leadership decide there was no alternative.

"We explored adding additional staff, both military and civilian," said Calvin Dixon, fitness center director. "We looked at altering our hours differently, increasing employee work days and hours in excess of a 40/5 per week and opening the facility without the required manning."

"All the other options carried a price tag we simply can't afford," said Colonel Oliver. The wing would have to fund these alternatives and with even tighter budgets forecast for fiscal year 2007, they were deemed unfeasible.

Deciding on the new schedule hours also proved to be a difficult task.

"We had to considered Air Force Fitness and Sports Program requirements, USAF 5-Star Fitness rating requirements, Services mission requirements, data relating to the specific usage and access to programs in the fitness center; as well as, safety, manning and cost," according to Mr. Dixon.

"We also considered the hours when squadrons typically conduct PT sessions and the hours when our core programs like aerobics and intramural sports are typically offered," added Colonel Oliver.

The new fitness center hours include opening one hour later on weekdays and three hours later on weekends. In addition, the fitness center will close three hours earlier each day. There will

be no change to the holiday operating hour schedule.

"The change in hours reflects a change in manning but has not altered our commitment to offering quality service and to ensuring the safety of our patrons and facility," said Mr. Dixon.

The Service

Squadron's goals in determining new hours include maximizing hours of operation and access to service while simultaneously increasing, safety, programming, emergency care and resource management.

"The fitness center belongs to the customer and we are simply the stewards," said Colonel Oliver.

"Our desire is to offer the best service possible and we're confident this adjustment will allow us to."

Colonel Oliver added that the change in fitness center operating hours may not be permanent. Once the Service Squadron's nine deployed Airmen return in late January, they will reassess fitness center operating hours.

Beginning Oct. 1 the fitness center hours of operation will change to weekdays 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., weekends 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and holiday and goal days 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. This will affect some group fitness classes. See new listing of classes on page 10.

Make your military health benefit work for you: Getting Care

This month, we're providing information for those new to Lajes or who have recently had a change in their family -- such as a move or a new baby -- about keeping their military health benefit up to date. So far, we've discussed:

· Step 1: Verify eligibility by ensuring your DEERS information is updated (see www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERS for details).

· Step 2: Check your coverage by contacting your local TRICARE Service Center.

This week, we will discuss:

Step 3:

Know how to get care

If you are enrolled in TRICARE Prime, you have a Primary Care Manager (PCM) who will provide your routine care and oversee any specialty

care. To make an appointment with your PCM, call the 65th Medical Group appointment line at 295-57-3261, option 1 then follow the prompt.

Using Host Nation Providers

If you are covered under TRICARE Standard, you can use military medical facilities on a space-available basis or see a host-nation provider of your choice. TRICARE Prime enrollees may sometimes be referred to host-nation providers for specific services.

In either case, it is strongly recommended that you coordinate with the 65th Medical Group so, if the host-nation clinic personnel do not speak English, we can have a patient liaison accompany you to the visit.

Emergency Care

If you have an emergency, get care immediately by calling emergency services or going to the nearest emergency room.

· Base Phone: Call 911

· Commercial Phone: Call 295-57-1911

As soon as possible after getting care at a host-nation facility, contact your local TRICARE Service Center.

When You Travel

If you have an emergency while traveling, call emergency services or go to the nearest emergency room—you do not need approval for care. Be aware, though, that you may have to pay for care up front and file a claim with TRICARE for reimbursement. Be sure to contact your TRICARE Service Center as soon as possible after receiving care.

There are special rules for non-emergent care when traveling, so contact your local TRICARE Service Center for important information before you go.

Next week: Step 4: Find help when you need it

(Courtesy of the 65th Medical Group)



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.

Note: If trying to reach POCs off base, dial 295-57-XXXX (last four digits of the number listed).

In the Community

Street bullfights: Saturday: 5 p.m. Canada do Serra, Porto Martins; 5:30 p.m. Rua dos Boiões, Biscoitos; **Sunday:** 5 p.m. Santa Margarida, Porto Martins; 5 p.m. Port of Biscoitos; **Monday:** 5 p.m. São Carlos; **Wednesday:** 5:30 p.m. Figueiras do Paim, Praia; **Thursday:** 5:30 p.m. Figueiras do Paim, Praia.

Miscellaneous

SUM tour: The Airman & Family Readiness Center is having a single and/or unaccompanied member tour. The tour will be going to Monte Brazil and the Wine Museum in Biscoitos. Folks will also enjoy a fantastic lunch at a local restaurant. The tour is from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. To sign up call 535-4138.

Wild Gypsy Performance: Don't miss energetic, fast paced, full of fun, and lots of great rock music. "Wild Gypsy" will perform at the TORC Enlisted Lounge at 9 p.m. today. For details, call Rudy Wallace at 535-4135.

Combined Federal Campaign: The CFC kicks off Oct. 2 and ends Dec. 1. Capt. Lisa Tauai and 1st Lt. Shilo Weir are this year's project officers. To volunteer contact Captain Tauai at 535-1293 or e-mail lisa.tauai@lajes.af.mil or shilo.weir@lajes.af.mil.

Alcoholics Anonymous: AA meetings take place 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of the base chapel (T-305). This is an English speaking meeting. For more information, call 295-513-297

An Al-Anon meeting takes place at the Azorean Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings. Al-Anon is a support group for friends and family of alcoholics. This is an English speaking meeting. For information or directions call 295-549-731.

2006 Spirit House Ornament Sale: The Officers' Spouses' Club will be selling ornaments from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 30 outside the Com-

missary and Ocean View BX. The ornament is a solid pewter design of the Imperio, "Largo do Comendador Pamplona," located in Porto Martins. Cost is \$12 for one ornament or \$10 each for two or more. There is a limited number of ornaments available so come early.

Pet swimming party: The 65th Services Squadron will host a Dog Daze of Summer pool party for pets and their owners at the base pool 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 1. The pet swimming party is free for pets and owners.

Dog obedience class: The next Dog Obedience Class will be in October. We are taking sign ups until the class is full. Fees are dependent upon rank. Stop by, or call Cari Gardiner-Hall at 535-3855.

New Family Services/Loan Closet hours:

Beginning, Oct. 2, the Family Services/Loan Closet T-125 hours of operation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. For more information, call 535-4138.

Education

University of Phoenix: The University of Phoenix offers the MBA and several Master of Arts in Education programs to the Lajes Community. Classes are 6 weeks long and you can earn your degree in less than 24 months. There are no entrance exams or thesis requirements. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. For more information, call *Etleva Davis* at 535-1970 or e-mail etleva.davis@phoenix.edu.

UFT Selection Board: The next Undergraduate Flying Training Selection Board will convene at Air Force Personnel Center Jan. 7. This Selection Board will review active-duty applications for selection to pilot, CSO, and Air Battle Manager Training. Those officers with a date of birth after April 1, 1977, who meet all other eligibility criteria, will be eligible to apply for UFT. Applicants are respon-

sible to advise commanders/supervisors providing AF IMT 215 comments of the application deadline. Applicants must send the completed application, postmarked by Nov. 27 To HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4733. For information on application procedures, See AFI 36-2205.

Jobs/Volunteer

Computer lab monitor: UMUC has a part time job opening for a computer lab monitor. The hours are Monday to Thursday 5 to 10 p.m. The job comes with selected tuition remission benefits. The job begins Oct. 1. For more information, call UMUC at 535-4187 or stop by T-146.

AAFES vacancies: AAFES is now accepting applications for a theater supervisor and an intermittent theater worker. Theater supervisor: Experience in theater operations and supervision is preferred. Ability/knowledge to operate/use systems, hardware and software. Intermittent theater worker: General experience to perform a variety of food service, ticket sales and janitorial/custodial duties related to theater operations.

Applicants must be able to work a flexible schedule.

Anyone who has applied with AAFES in the past, may wish to resubmit an application since they are only kept on file for 6 months. Applications are available at AAFES stores, theater and AAFES human resources office, bldg. T-800. For more information, call 535-3634 or 535-3209.

Volunteer Bus Monitors: Volunteer Bus Monitors are needed for school year 2006-2007. For information contact Janet Ross at Janet.Ross@lajes.af.mil or 295-57-1314.

Chapel

September chapel events: Children and Youth Movie Night: 6 p.m. today at the chapel.

Gospel Extravaganza: Lajes Field Gospel Extrava-

ganza IV will be 7 p.m. Sept. 30 at the chapel. The event will feature the "Body of Praise" and various other dynamic groups, bands and guest soloist. For more information, call Master Sgt. James Kelier at 535-6844.

For more information on other chapel events at 535-4211.

DoDDS

PTO general membership meeting: Lajes American School will hold a PTO General Membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. today. Everyone is encouraged to learn about upcoming events, meet the board and entertain questions and suggestions. There will also be a fundraiser at the meeting -- a hot dog, chips and drink for \$3 per plate.

Classified Ads

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 1997 Camaro, Green Engine: V6 3.8 Liter Trans: 5 Speed Manual A/C Drive: RWD Mileage: 68,400 Price \$5,200 OBO Call: 919-182-497 or 295-542-279.

For sale: White and Blue Nike 360 running shoes, never worn, size 11.5. \$160 shoe, selling for \$90. Call 295-549-819.

CGO mug sales: Customized Tankards \$20 Ceramic Tankard with map of Terceira and your customized call sign/phrase Tankard entitles you to Dollar Draft/50 cent sodas at TORC Proceeds in aid of Company Grade Officer's Council For information/to place an order contact Lt. Liam Clancy at 535-2325.

For sale: 19" TV w/remote and RCA adapter \$30, 2 phones w/caller ID \$5 ea, PS1 bundle w/2 mem cards & extra controller w/8 kids games \$30, 12 cup coffee pot black \$10, Fry daddy \$10, Black elect can opener \$5, DVD cases 20 for \$1(have over 100), Weber one touch charcoal grill \$20, 12 PS2 games varying from \$1-\$15. Call for info on games. Contact 295-549-489/963-791-511.

For rent: 2-3 bedroom/ 2 bath house in Porto Martins. Ocean view, large bathroom and all appliances included. AFN satellite dish already set up for all channels - all you need is the decoder. Asking 1350 euros, but negotiable. Call 919-404-876.

For sale: African-American Art Print for sale by the famous artist Annie Lee. The print is called Holy Ghost. The print is new, unframed and still in the mailing tube. Asking price \$50, firm. Call Kowana 295-549-250.

For sale the Limousine of Island Bombs: 1988 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series: Automatic, 90,000+ miles, working AC, CD player, new springs and shocks, transmission filter. I have a new muffler and pipes that I haven't put on. Transmission needs work. Make me an offer. Call 968-713-450

For sale: 5 speaker Klips system with receiver: \$300; 27 inch TV: \$50 Call Tara at 963345385