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Lajes Is In The Fight!

ORI Countdown

150

Days remaining until
USAFE IG Team
hits the ground for
the 65th ABW's first
Operational Readiness
Inspection

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

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Weekend Weather

Saturday

Mostly cloudy
Rain
High 70
Low 63

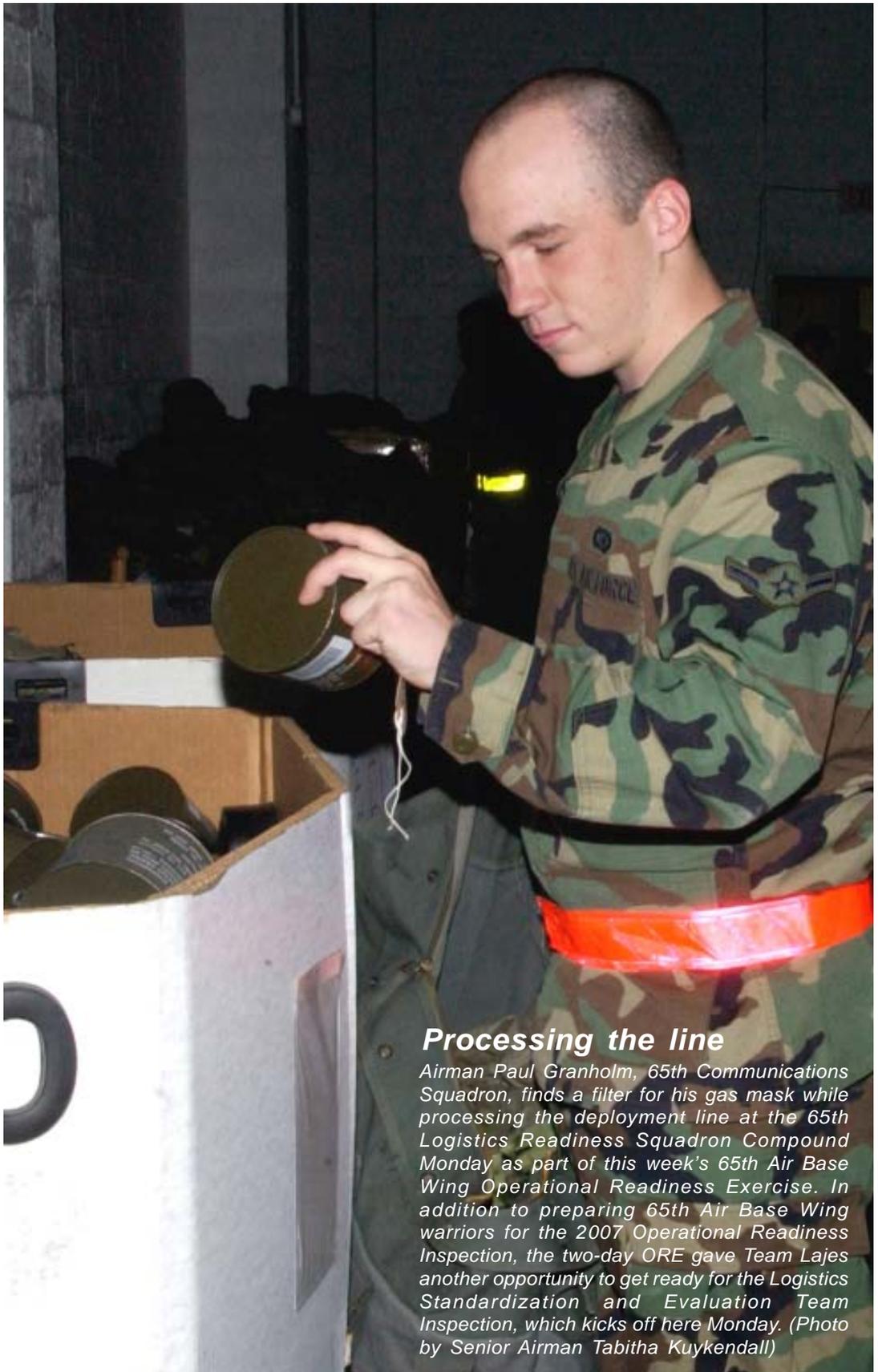


Sunday

Cloudy
Isolated rain
High 68
Low 63



Courtesy of the
65th OSS Weather Flight



Processing the line

Airman Paul Granholm, 65th Communications Squadron, finds a filter for his gas mask while processing the deployment line at the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron Compound Monday as part of this week's 65th Air Base Wing Operational Readiness Exercise. In addition to preparing 65th Air Base Wing warriors for the 2007 Operational Readiness Inspection, the two-day ORE gave Team Lajes another opportunity to get ready for the Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team Inspection, which kicks off here Monday. (Photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)



CSAF: America Soars on Air Force Wings

By Gen. T. Michael Moseley
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

The United States of America depends on its Air Force to defend the population, deliver global effects and jointly accomplish national objectives to an extent unseen in the history of mankind.

In my 35 years of service, many things have changed. Yet, what has remained constant is the extraordinary dedication, courage, and skill of the men and women we call "Airmen" who deliver for the nation every minute of every day in air, on the surface, in space, and cyberspace.

I am often asked: What does the Air Force contribute? What does our national investment in air, space and cyberspace power bring to America? Let me share with you some observations of our Air Force that have inspired me since I was a new Second Lieutenant — fresh from commissioning at Texas A&M University — and continue to fill me with pride as the Eighteenth Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force.

I see Airmen (Active, Reserve, Air National Guard and Civilians), vigilant at their post, who provide first warning of threats world-wide through space, air and cyber systems that never sleep and never blink.

From satellites that provide early warning, to over-tasked unmanned aerial vehicles and surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft, Airmen operate the world's most advanced sensor network. They watch the globe — to include North Korean preparations for missile launches, Iranian nuclear programs, and the dangerous borders between warring nations. Airmen are America's global eyes and ears, likely the first to tip off of an emerging threat to Americans and America's interests

I see Airmen who provide the first response worldwide for natural disasters — on scene for rescue and delivering humanitarian supplies (to include complete hospitals) that often mean the difference

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General Moseley

between life and death.

I see Airmen airborne, in the center of the worst storms and hurricanes in history, to track and provide the warning that is critical to save lives and protect citizens' property.

I see Airmen airborne, fighting forest and range fires, delivering fire retardant liquid from C-130s — again to save lives and protect citizens' property. From rescuing individuals in danger, to providing storm warning, to fighting fires, to delivering supplies across a global air bridge, Airmen are the real manifestation of American compassion and strength.

It has been my observation that Airmen do these tasks so well that people at risk expect an American response no matter how far or how adverse the conditions or how tough the task. It has also been my observation that these Airmen make all this look so easy that others believe it is easy - which, of course, it's not.

I see Airmen who are often first to the fight through the attributes inherent in the exploitation of Air Power, engaging enemies across vast ranges on a truly global scale, striking targets or transporting themselves and their fellow Warriors to hot spots throughout the world. These Airmen then stand alongside them in the fight as a joint team, delivering military options, anywhere on Earth.

These Airmen fly bombers on a truly intercontinental scale, routinely striking targets at ranges unequaled in the history of warfare, with peerless precision, speed, and lethality, while simultaneously holding other targets at risk, thereby deterring and dissuading adverse actions.

Other Airmen fly the giant airlift and refueling aircraft, also on a truly intercontinental scale, daily delivering humanitarian relief supplies, other war fighters, cargo, and the means to conduct theater war fighting on the scale required in this long war on terrorism. In fact, every 90 seconds, somewhere on the surface of the Earth, these Airmen take to the air — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, good weather or foul in defense of this country.

I see Airmen slip into hollow cockpits of fighter aircraft and, to paraphrase James Salter's "Gods of Tin," plug themselves into the machine. As these Airmen prepare themselves for combat, the canopy grinds shut and seals them off. Their oxygen, their very breath, is carried with them into the chilled vacuum in a steel bottle. Their only voice is the radio. They're as isolated as a deep-sea diver.

For these warriors — operating in their unique domain — time and space are compressed. To them, geographical expanses are reduced and geographical barriers are bypassed by the hurtling aircraft - again exploiting the inherent benefits of the ultimate high ground and vantage of operating within this unique domain.

In combat, these Airmen live or die alone. They're certainly accompanied by others, flying and fighting alongside — but, really, they are alone in these fighter aircraft. They're fighting the laws of physics, as well as our increasingly lethal enemies. And the connection to technology is real because first they become part of the aircraft and then the aircraft becomes a part of them, all in defense of this Nation.

I see Airmen succeed throughout the world, mirroring America's diversity and its blend of capabilities, devotion, courage, and valor that unite Warriors across cultures and national boundaries.

I see Airmen who provide measured military effects and save lives. I see Airmen standing shoulder to shoulder with

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Airmen

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their brothers and sisters on the ground, hunting terrorists as part of our Special Ops teams, driving convoys, guarding bases, conducting truly high risk combat search and rescue missions, and providing medical services in places the devil himself doesn't dare to tread.

I see the daily mission reports from US Central Command, documenting multiple examples of Airmen on the scene when surface troops are in contact, who attack with both the aircraft-mounted gatling guns and with the precision-guided munitions, and whose actions set the conditions for victory. This is the essence of the combatant spirit and the joint team.

I see Airmen who quietly support national objectives over the long term. When American ground troops returned home after liberating Kuwait in 1991, Airmen stayed in theater as the preponderance of the force deployed to not only enforce the United Nations' Resolutions but to defend the local populations from tyranny. In fact, since that time, Airmen have been fighting in Iraq for 16 straight years, including the 12 years of sacrifice and deployed operations in support of Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch — standing guard in the desert as the major American military force engaged.

I see Airmen demonstrating the inherent flexibility of American Air Power in responding to combat tasking during this same period with two additional deployments

into the Arabian Gulf, as well as combat operations over Bosnia and Kosovo and an unwavering air bridge for resupply and medical evacuation — without skipping a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment flying America's constellation of military spacecraft. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of military satellites and thousands of Airmen, serving as the Nation's eyes and ears. These Airmen operate the key spacecraft that provide early warning, communications, precise navigation and weather information for America's combat forces. They are "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen airborne at this moment in support of Operation Noble Eagle — overhead the cities and citizens of the United States. This solely Air Force mission involves hundreds of aircraft and thousands of Airmen, operating from dozens of locations — scattered from Alaska, to Hawaii, to the East Coast, serving as the airborne shield for America. These Airmen, in flight aboard AWACS early warning aircraft, aerial refueling tankers and jet fighters are on "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen on duty at this moment across the Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) fields and deep within the missile silos located across the heartland of America - "North of Interstate 80." This solely Air Force mission

involves hundreds of missiles and thousands of Airmen, serving as the most responsive element of America's "Triad," our nuclear deterrent backstop. These Airmen are also "on watch" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — and again, they have never skipped a beat.

I see Battlefield Airmen engaged in surface combat alongside this country's finest Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. These special operators, combat controllers, PJs (combat search and rescue to bring back all downed Airmen, no matter their nationality or service), terminal attack controllers, combat communicators, and combat weathermen serve as the immediate connection from the surface joint team to the airborne Airmen - delivering the desired kinetic and non-kinetic effects 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — and, they too, have never skipped a beat.

I see Airmen who represent America at its best: its honor, valor, courage, and devotion; its mastery of science and technology; its awesome military might; its commitment to freedom; its flexibility and adaptability. It has always been this way: from our humble beginnings since before World War I, to a decisive military force which ended World War II, to a truly global force that manned the intercontinental missiles, jet tankers and bombers of the Cold War, and today contribute to a long list of successes in the global war on terror.

As a reminder of the successes, the last time American Soldiers have been

attacked by enemy aircraft was April, 1953—over 53 years ago! The ability for our surface combatants to look up into the sky, knowing that there's nothing to fear is priceless.

Yet, air, space and cyberspace dominance is not an entitlement—it's a direct fight that must be won as a predicate to any other activity. The battle for air, space, and, now, cyberspace superiority has been — and will always be — the first battle of any war.

These Airmen of today's United States Air Force have a glorious heritage: from the days of the first combat pilots of the Lafayette Escadrille of WWI, to the groundbreaking Tuskegee Airmen of WWII, to the early jet pilots flying "Sabres" over the distant Yalu River during the Korean War, to the early space and missile pioneers that put America on the ultimate high ground of space, to the heroic Jolly Green Giants and POWs of Vietnam, to the Airmen presently engaged in combat across Iraq and Afghanistan.

They all live on the threshold of a vast horizon — across the air, space and cyberspace domains. Airmen must be able to continue to mold America's incredible technological might into the air, space and cyber systems which guarantee our freedoms and our future.

The United States of America and the joint team that defends it depend on their Air Force to deliver national objectives on a global scale to an extent unseen in the history of mankind. Yes, America truly soars on Air Force wings.

Commander's Line (535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil)

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
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing





SECNAV sends birthday message to Sailors

□ **Editor's note:** *The U.S. Navy celebrated its 231st birthday Oct. 13.*

By Donald C. Winter
Secretary of the Navy

America is an amazing success story. From our humble origins we have grown, prospered, and offered freedom to generations of Americans.

We cherish our independence, our liberties, and our way of life, and like generations before, we unwaveringly defend these bedrocks from those who would do us harm.

Since 1775, when the Continental Congress of the United States recognized the need for naval forces, the United States Navy has been vital in protecting our national security.

The heroism and courage of the Sailors that have fought our nation's wars since the earliest days of the republic is alive today in each and every one of you; as we once again confront an enemy that openly targets our freedom and our way of life.

Your willingness to serve, your steadfastness in the face of pressure, and your inspiring example of courage in confronting danger are what protect us from those who plot our destruction.



Navy Lt. Jared Bickham, 65th Air Base Wing resident officer in charge of construction, discusses officer housing renovations with Luis Cunha, quality control manager, in Nascer de Sol housing Oct. 13. The lieutenant is one of two Sailors stationed at Lajes. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)

The fact that we live in an increasingly dangerous world is a sobering thought. We have faced great peril before, and we have prevailed.

From those in Iraq and Afghanistan, to those deployed at sea and ashore around the world, to those at home who are responsible for recruiting, training, supplying, and

providing intelligence to the warfighter, you are all engaged in a noble and worthy endeavor to preserve our way of life and keep America safe.

On this 231st birthday of the United States Navy, take unique pride in knowing that your service and your sacrifice continue to do honor to a great nation.

Your nation, fellow Americans, and our friends and allies around the world respect and appreciate your commitment.

It is my honor and privilege to be your Secretary as we celebrate this birthday. May God bless you, your families, and the United States of America. (*Courtesy of Navy News Service*)

Always think twice before hitting the 'send' button

By Col. Charles Brown Jr.
Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

During my 20-plus years of service, I have watched how we communicate and its impact on our ability to operate effectively as organizations and leaders.

With the access to so many communication tools — e-mail, cell phones and Blackberrys — I wonder how effective and ineffective we've become at the same time.

During my first Nellis tour as a captain, my organization had one computer for the entire office and no one had e-mail or a cell phone. Now, I personally have two computers, a cell phone, a Blackberry and three separate e-mail accounts. With all this technology, one might think my ability to effectively communicate and lead has

increased tenfold. I'd argue that it hasn't.

Back when we didn't have all of this technology, we actually had to talk to people. We used to stand around and talk, because no one was in his or her cubicle sending and reading e-mails. We either picked up the phone or got up from behind our desk to communicate. We had personal interaction and saw facial expressions and body language to judge how our communication was being received.

Don't get me wrong, I think all of the communication technology is great and does improve our effectiveness. However, I also see these tools as necessary evils that detract from the effectiveness of organizations and leaders.

The communication tool that has contributed the most to the effectiveness and

ineffectiveness is e-mail. The one thing I appreciate about e-mail is how it allows organizations and leaders to communicate more quickly and to a broader audience. I can send one e-mail and get the word out to everyone quickly. However, I think e-mail is less effective when working an issue with a small group.

Bottom line, before you draft and hit send, think about how much time you might save and how much better you might communicate by picking up the phone or moving from behind your desk.

Compared to e-mail in certain situations, the feedback received, personal relationships developed and trust you build through conversation can make you more effective as an organization and leader.

Think before you hit send.



President, military leaders dedicate Air Force Memorial

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force Print News

On behalf of a grateful nation, the President of the United States Saturday accepted the Air Force Memorial in a dedication ceremony in Washington, D.C., attended by military leaders of the past and present, political and business representatives and thousands of ordinary citizens and Airmen alike.

"A soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought," said President George W. Bush. "A Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and women of the Air Force will have this memorial."

The ceremony was the highlight of a daylong open house event that attracted thousands of people from around the country to the south parking lot of the Pentagon.

Huge screens were put up which allowed the visitors in the parking lot to view the dedication ceremony, which took place at the base of the memorial.

That crowd included H. Ross Perot and his son, H. Ross Perot Jr., who is chairman of the Air Force Memorial foundation, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Also in attendance were former chiefs of staff of the Air Force, secretaries of the Air Force, chief master sergeants of the Air Force, Air Force Medal of Honor recipients and their families.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley spoke at the event, saying he was deeply honored to be a part of it. He reflected on the Airmen who serve today, and their connection to the dedicated Airmen who served in the past.

"We have the most powerful air, space and cyberspace force in the world," he said. "This is a long over-due tribute to all those who are a part of this ongoing cycle of dedicated and talented Americans who service in the Air Force."

The Air Force Band performed several pieces while a video was shown with clips



President George W. Bush accepts the Air Force Memorial from Air Force Memorial Foundation Chairman Ross Perot Jr. during a dedication ceremony at its Arlington, Va. location overlooking the Pentagon on Saturday. Looking on are, from left: Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young)

from pilots climbing into World War II bombers to modern-day Airmen working in the sands of Iraq.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley spoke of several Airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

He read an excerpt from a letter sent by Senior Airman Jason Cunningham, an Air Force para-jumper with the Special Forces to his wife, Theresa, before he was killed in combat in Afghanistan in 2002.

"As if aware of his impending death, he wrote, 'I'll die a happy man doing the job I love'," read General Moseley. "Those are the words of a true PJ, and it speaks volumes of his commitment and dedication. We honor him with this memorial, as well as the

countless others who are like him."

Several aircraft, ranging from World War One bi-planes to today's stealth bombers and fighters, flew over the crowd and memorial in chronological order, providing visual evidence of the evolution of military flight.

The ceremony ended with a demonstration from the Thunderbirds, who buzzed the crowd before doing the bomb-burst formation, which inspired the design of the three-spires of the memorial.

"We commemorate today the courage of the men and women who were the Air Force blue," President Bush said. "We remember those who gave their lives for their fellow Americans. We mourn their loss, we pray for their families and we consecrate their legacy here today."

Iraqis capture murder cell leader, Coalition troops find weapons

Special Iraqi army forces, working with Coalition advisors, captured the alleged leader of a murder and kidnapping cell in an early-morning raid Monday in eastern Baghdad, military officials in Washington, D.C., reported.

The cell leader is suspected of directing the kidnapping, torture, and murder of Sunni and Shia Muslim citizens in Baghdad

and has connections to illegal armed groups there, officials said.

He also is believed to be connected to attacks against Iraqi and coalition forces. No civilian or military casualties were reported, officials said, and the raid resulted in minimal property damage.

The operation was conducted as part of Operation To-

gether Forward with the goal of capturing criminals inciting sectarian violence, denying them sanctuary, and providing for a safe and secure Iraq, officials said.

Meanwhile, Multinational Division Baghdad soldiers seized two weapons caches and detained seven suspected terrorists in and around Baghdad Oct. 15 and Monday.

Soldiers from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, seized a weapons cache in Yusufiyah, south of Baghdad.

The cache consisted of a 155 mm artillery round, a 105 mm round, six 60 mm artillery rounds, a 120 mm artillery round and two 82 mm rounds. (Courtesy of the American Forces Press Service)



Photos by Senior Airman
Tabitha Kuykendall



ORI prep

(Right) Senior Airman Todd Zahler, 65th Communications Squadron, helps Airman Bridget Bollinger, 65th Services Squadron, find her mobility gear while processing the deployment line Monday as part of this week's Operational Readiness Exercise. (Left) Staff Sgt. Joanne Deuermeyer, 65th Air Base Wing Legal, signs for her mobility gear while going through the deployment line. The ORE, which ended Tuesday, gave Team Lajes a chance to prepare for the 2007 Operational Readiness Inspection, which kicks off here March 19.



Officials highlight breast cancer awareness, women's health during October observance

October is the month usually set aside to recognize and emphasize that breast cancer remains the second leading cause of death for American women between the ages of 44-50.

The most noted breast cancer awareness activity throughout the year in the U.S. is the walk to raise money for a cure for breast cancer.

This walk has raised millions of dollars toward research for breast cancer. Participants of these walks include many survivors of breast cancer, along with many supporters.

Annual mammograms and self-breast examinations have significantly contributed to the decrease in the numbers of women dying from breast cancer in the past 20 years.

The American Medical Association guidelines recommend all females ages 40 and over to receive annual mammograms.

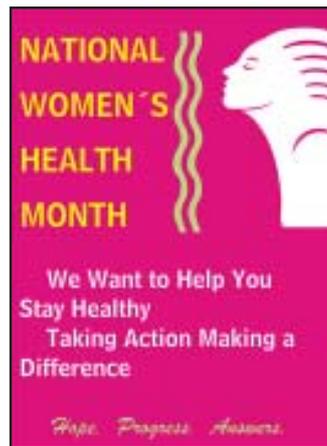
Women who have a family



history of breast cancer are advised to begin obtaining their mammograms earlier, as recommended by their provider.

Females age 40 and over account for approximately 2 percent of Lajes' total population.

Since mammography for our beneficiaries is not available on the island, the 65th Medical Group offers referrals and co-



ordinates lodging and transportation to RAF Lakenheath or other locations to get this accomplished. On occasion, the 65th MDG also offers referrals to other military treatment facilities.

Staff Sgt. Tiesha Glover, the 65th Medical Group's only licensed vocational nurse, offers a few pearls of wisdom.

"As 21st century women, we are accomplishing more than ever," Sergeant Glover said. "We manage to juggle hectic careers while taking care of our families. As a result, we often forget about our own health."

"While there are so many things in our life that we can't control, taking time out to do a monthly self breast exam and ensuring we get annual well woman check ups, are some of the few things we can do to ensure we are in the best health to continue to be there for our families."

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness and National Women's Health Month, a display has been set up in the clinic across from the check-in desk. People are encouraged to stop by and pick up a breast cancer awareness pin and pamphlets in support of the celebration of women. (Courtesy of the 65th Medical Group)



Girl Scouts Overseas leaders visit Lajes

By 1st Lt. Shilo Weir
65th Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

The chief executive officer and director of membership and marketing for USA Girl Scouts Overseas-North Atlantic visited Terceira and Lajes' Overseas Girl Scout Council Oct. 3-5.

Serving more than 42 communities in Europe, Margaret Renwand and Carol Rhan take the opportunity to visit each site so they know how to best deploy their resources to support the volunteers and the girls in each location.

"This is our chance to let the command know how much we appreciate the support they give to girl scouting," Ms. Renwand said, "and this gives us the opportunity to assess local needs and determine how we can better serve girls here."

Making more grant money available, delivering supplies more efficiently and providing training for volunteers are just a few improvements considered for helping the many overseas councils served by USAGSO-NA.

"We serve eight European countries - Italy, Germany, Portugal, Turkey, Netherlands, the UK, Belgium and Spain - and we

"Girl Scouts provide a constant girls can depend on and a support system during troubling times ..."

Carol Rhan

Director of membership and marketing
USA Girl Scouts Overseas

deliver Girl Scouts to all the military installations in those areas," said Ms. Renwand.

Girl Scouts Overseas, established by presidential and congressional orders to serve the daughters of Department of Defense employees, started serving girls in 1951 and continues to serve the same needs for which it was created.

"We provide continuity for the girls coming from the states with their families. Girls Scouts is portable - girls can take it with them where ever they go," Ms. Renwand said. "Girls Scouts is the same whether girls are at Langley, Ramstein or here at Lajes."

"Girls Scouts provide a constant girls can depend on and a support system during troubling times like when a parent deploys," added Ms. Rhan. "In times of war, it provides continuity and support."

Girl Scout councils overseas provide girls with more than just

a support system.

"Girl Scouts is a place for girls to belong," said Ms. Renwand. "It gives girls an instant group of friends and it's a group that shares the same philosophy, same background."

"Girl Scouts really are sisters to every Girl Scout," continued Ms. Rhan, "and it is particularly important in remote locations like Lajes that girls have an instant connection no matter where they go in the world."

Girl scouting provides girls with much more than camaraderie, according to Ms. Renwand.

"Girls gain leadership skills, independence, strength and the confidence and the courage to address things that affect them," she said.

Girl Scouts has had a positive impact on the lives of countless girls, but the program's impact wouldn't be possible without a little help.

"Girl scouting does not exist without the support of volun-

Girl Scouting Fast Facts

- ❑ Two thirds of the women in Congress were Girl Scouts
- ❑ Katie Couric, Sandra Day O'Conner, Madeline Albright and Jackie Joyner Kersey were all Girl Scouts
- ❑ 90 percent of female chief executive officers (CEOs) were Girl Scouts
- ❑ 54 percent of women business owners were Girl Scouts
- ❑ 64 percent of women listed in Who's Who of American Women were Girl Scouts
- ❑ 82 percent of high-achieving alumnae credit girl scouting with playing a positive role in their development

teers," Ms. Renwand said. "The entire program is made of volunteers."

Ms. Rhan added that volunteers don't have to be troop leaders to make a difference.

"Every contribution to Girl scouting makes an impact on a girl," she said. "You may not see it right away, but a girl will look back on her experiences and use what she learned as she becomes a young woman and as she becomes an adult. The volunteers make it happen."

President signs 2007 Defense Authorization Act

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

The fiscal 2007 National Defense Authorization Act provides more than \$530 billion to maintain the military in the shape it must be to win the war on terror.

President Bush signed the bill, officially called the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, during a small ceremony in the Oval Office Tuesday.

The act provides \$462.8 billion in budget authority for the department. Senate and House conferees added the \$70 billion defense supplemental budget request to the act, so overall, the act authorizes \$532.8 billion for fiscal 2007.

The \$70 billion supplemental provision covers the cost of ongoing operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa, as well as other expenses affiliated with the war on terrorism. The supplemental funding also provides \$23.8 billion to help "reset" Army

and Marine Corps equipment, which is wearing out faster than originally planned because of the war.

The supplemental measure further provides \$2.1 billion for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Task Force, \$1.7 billion to train and equip Iraqi security forces and \$1.5 billion to help train and equip Afghan security forces.

The authorization act provides a 2.2 percent pay raise for American servicemembers, effective Jan. 1. It continues the Army at its end-strength of 512,400 and raises the Marine Corps end-strength to 180,000. The Army National Guard end strength is set at 350,000.

The act authorizes the expansion of eligibility for the Tricare health care program to all members of the Selected Reserve while in a non-active-duty status and their families. Payment is set at 28 percent of the premium amount established by DoD. The act also prohibits any increase in Tricare Prime and

Tricare Select Reserve in fiscal 2007.

The act authorizes \$36.6 billion for operations and maintenance costs, including \$700 million for body armor and \$149.5 million for ammunition.

The act authorizes construction of seven warships, including the next-generation destroyer and the amphibious assault replacement ship. The act also provides \$794 million in advance procurement authority for the next generation aircraft carrier, the CVN-21.

The act sets aside \$4.4 billion for 22 C-17 Globemaster III airlifters, \$1.4 billion for procurement of 14 Marine V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft and \$1.5 billion for 43 MH-60R/S helicopters.

The act authorizes \$841 million for 122 Stryker combat vehicles, including \$41.5 million to replace combat losses. The act also provides \$1.4 billion for 20 F/A-22 Raptor fighters and reduced funding for the F-35 Lightning II fighter due to schedule delays.



Barge in the bay

Sammy Vieira, welder/cutter, cuts steel onboard a U.S. Army barge at the bay in Praia da Vitoria earlier this month. The barge, which has been on the island for more than 20 years, is being demolished as part of a service contract. See more in-depth coverage in an upcoming issue. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)

Two new programs guide enlisted force shaping

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
Air Force Print News

Air Force officials in Washington, D.C., announced Monday two additional enlisted programs to help support current force shaping efforts to reduce 40,000 active-duty Airmen.

The programs, a date of separation rollback and a limited active duty service commitment waiver, join the current tools of reducing the number of accessions into the enlisted force, career job reservations and the NCO retraining program.

"It's important for Airmen to understand why we are cutting 40,000 from our ranks," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley.

"We must recapitalize and modernize our force while staying within our budget constraints," the Chief said. "Having the right number of people saves money, allowing us to divert those dollars to maintain our technological edge and make us an overall more efficient Air Force."

The DOS rollback applies to enlisted Airmen with certain re-enlistment ineligibility codes or assignment availability codes. These individuals will be required to separate from the force by March 15, 2007. The DOS rollback specifically affects Airmen with less than 14 years or more than 20 years of service.

The LADSC Waiver Program allows retirement-eligible master and technical sergeants in overage AFSCs to have all or por-

tions of an extension waived and voluntarily retire by Sept. 1, 2007. Waivers can be granted for extensions due to promotion, PCS, attending professional military education, technical training, Air Force educational leave of absence, and Bootstrap.

While the Air Force needs to implement these additional enlisted force shaping programs to help meet endstrength numbers, Chief McKinley stressed the goal remains to have a balanced force and to ensure the right people are in the right job at the right time.

"We would like it if we didn't have to do this, but there's no other place for us to get the money," said Chief McKinley. "We had to make this tough decision."

Force shaping initiatives affecting officers were announced earlier this year and Air Force officials continue to monitor the success of those programs.

"It's important to keep in mind what force shaping is all about: The present and future state of the Air Force," said Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel. "We have to balance our (force) for now and the coming years to have the kind of force we need to win the long war we are in now and be prepared for whatever comes next."

Unlike commissioned officers, enlisted Airmen are not being offered separation incentive pay because it's not currently authorized by law.

"Congress allows us to offer monetary incentives to officers, but there's no provi-

sion to pay enlisted Airmen," said Chief McKinley, "Back in the early '90s the Air Force was granted the authority to offer financial incentives to enlisted members. Today, we will work to reach our numbers through the current programs."

Chief McKinley stressed Airmen should fully understand the opportunities and implications of the force shaping initiatives.

"Knowing the options in regard to retraining or special duty assignments can allow Airmen to remain in our Air Force and provide us with a balanced force to meet the demands of the current war and those in the future," the chief said.

The chief has personal experience in meeting Air Force needs through retraining. He has held positions as a medical technician, aircraft mechanic and first sergeant.

"I love the Air Force and everything about it," he said. "It didn't matter to me which (air force specialty code) I was in — I was going to do the best job I could do and serve my country. Airmen today are facing a similar situation and difficult choices. But if they want to continue serving in the U.S. Air Force, there may be ways for them to do that."

The chief also wants to ensure Airmen don't think the Air Force is just becoming a smaller force.

"We are changing to become a leaner force, more capable of doing more things through streamlined processes and career fields," said Chief McKinley. "The Air Force as a whole is changing, and force shaping is a part of that."



At the movies

Today

7 p.m. – Material Girls starring Hilary Duff and Haylie Duff. Ava and Tanzie Marchetta have it all. The heiresses to a multi-million dollar cosmetics company, the girls approach life as one big party. But when a scandal involving one of their products emerges, the girls are left penniless, homeless, and seemingly helpless. *Rated PG for language and rude humor.*

10 p.m. – World Trade Center starring Nicolas Cage and Michael Pena. In the aftermath of the World Trade Center disaster, hope is still alive. Refusing to bow down to terrorism, rescuers and family of the victims press forward. Their mission of rescue and recovery is driven by the faith that under each piece of rubble, a co-worker, a friend or a family member may be found. *Rated PG-13 for intense/emotional content, disturbing images and language.*

Saturday

3 p.m. – Material Girls

7 p.m. – Crossover starring Anthony Mackie and Shellie Boone. Noah Cruise, a naturally talented basketball player, is determined to become a doctor using his basketball scholarship to UCLA pre-med, rather than succumbing to the lure of a former sports agent Vaughn, and his push for Noah to go for the NBA. Noah's best friend, Tech, the buddy that covered for him and did time for an assault charge, is also an outstanding basketball player, but has less lofty ambitions — he wants to get his GED and win an underground street ball game against an arrogant rival, Jewelz. *Rated PG-13 for sexual content and language.*



Sunday

2 p.m. – Material Girls

7 p.m. – World Trade Center

Thursday

7 p.m. – Crossover

SFS Blotter

911 EMERGENCY, ARTICLE 128

(ASSAULT): Saturday

LOCATION: T-121/Top of the Rock Club

SUMMARY: The complainant contacted Lajes Field's Security Defense Control Center via the 911 emergency line stating she needed security forces to respond to the Top of the Rock Club immediately.

The complainant stated she had been assaulted by another female. The individual accused of assaulting the complainant was apprehended by security forces and transported back to the SDCC for questioning.

The complainant further stated that she was trying to get a friend out of an altercation with the accused, who then proceeded into the restroom. The complainant attempted to escort the accused out of the facility.

The complainant reported that at that time, the accused turned to her and slapped her knocking her glasses off.

After being reportedly slapped multiple times by the accused, the complainant contacted security forces for assistance.



THEFT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY: Oct. 7

LOCATION: T-131/Dormitory

SUMMARY: The complainant entered the SDCC and reported that while she was doing laundry in the dormitory laundry room on Oct. 7, since they weren't completely dry, she decided to leave the the articles of clothing in the dryer.

The complainant left the island the following morning enroute to Baltimore, Md. Upon arrival back at Lajes, she checked for her articles of clothing in the laundry room and noticed they were missing.

The complainant further stated that she searched the surrounding area and asked the dorm chief if they have recovered her clothing. One sweatshirt and one T-shirt were recovered.

Jenny, the military spouse

We're not spying!





Miscellaneous

Flea market: The Community Center's next flea market takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Lajes Youth Center gym. For more information, call Marco Rocha or Sandra Sousa at 535-4135/5216.

Club membership party, squadron contest: The Top of the Rock Club will have a Member/Non-Member Party from 6 to 9 p.m. today. Cost is \$1 per person. Also, the TORC's Squadron Club Membership Contest continues through Nov. 30. The squadron signing up the most new members will receive the following: 1st place, \$100; 2nd place, \$50; and 3rd place, \$25 off their Christmas party at the TORC. Call 535-3202/1122 for more details.

"Heart Link" class: 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The class gives spouses an opportunity to learn about the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, support systems and resources – one way Team Lajes is helping strengthen military families and enhance mission readiness. Participants receive a free lunch and a graduation coin. A pass for child care is also available. Call 535-4138 for details.

Pet costume contest: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Lajes Youth Center Soccer Field, weather permitting. Cats as well as large, medium and small dogs will compete in one of the four categories. Call Cari Gardiner-Hall at 535-3855 for details.

Halloween events at TORC: Costume contest, 9 p.m. Oct. 28. Prizes for best and worst costume. Judging to take place at midnight. Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza, 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 30. Prizes, games, Pinata station, photo booth, and 1,000 pounds of candy and a lot of spooky fun. This free event is open to everyone. Call Teresa Cordle or Kent Jenkins at 535-6156/3202 for more details.

Customer Top Pick: Every Thursday, the Tradewinds Dining Facility will serve the top menu items selected by its customers from the drop down menu of the ICE (Interactive Customer Evaluation). All submissions are added up from Tuesday of the previous week through Monday of the current week. The Customer Top Pick will be published Tuesday in the main lobby area of the dining facility. The dining facility will add three additional items along with top three picks from the previous week to place on the drop down menu for the following week. To participate, visit <http://ice.disa.mil/>, select the Azores from the map, then Lajes Field, then Dining, then Dining Facility. Call Master Sgt. Tony Flowers at 535-4156 for more details.

2nd Annual School Age Family Feast: From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Lajes Youth Center. Parents are encouraged to attend. Call Diana Sousa at 535-3273 for details.

Auditions: The Enlisted Spouses Club holds auditions for February's Murder Mystery Dinner Theater from noon to 3 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Community Activity Center. There are nine parts for both men and women. For details, e-mail angela.dodge@lajes.af.mil.

Thanksgiving Buffet: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 23 in the TORC. Cost is \$15.95 for adults; \$8.95 for children ages 5-12; and free for ages 4 and under. Club members receive a \$2 discount. Call 535-3202 today to reserve a seat or for more information.

Duty status announcement: Everyone departing on temporary duty, to include medical TDYs, for a period of 24 hours or more must outprocess through their Commander's Support Staff prior to departing home station. Upon return from the TDY or contingency tasking/deployment, he or she will inprocess through their CSS no later than the first duty day upon return and will file their travel voucher within five duty days of inprocessing. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ana Valenzuela at 535-3250.

Spiritual Fitness

SUM Dinner hosted by 65th OSS, 65th CONS: 5:30 p.m. today. This free dinner is for single and unaccompanied members. Families with a deployed servicemember are also welcome.

New Creation Café: 7 p.m. today at Eddie's Place (65th Logistics Readiness Squadron Compound).

Men's Spiritual Leadership Training, Breakfast: 8 a.m. Saturday.

All events take place in Lajes Chapel (Bldg. T-304) unless otherwise noted.

For more information on any chapel event, call 535-4211.

Education

Online OU courses: On-line course enrollments with the University of Oklahoma begin Nov. 1. For more details, call Cheryln Christensen at 535-3171 for details.

Term 2 registration: Registration with the University of Maryland University College for both online and on-site courses continues through Oct. 27. Call 535-4187.

UOF: The University of Phoenix offers the MBA and several Master of Arts in Education programs at Lajes. People interested in starting their graduate degree can save more than \$200 this month with the university. Call Etleva Davis at 535-1970 or e-mail etleva.davis@phoenix.edu.

Lajes Schools

HS yearbook advertisements: Lajes American School is selling advertisements to help decrease the cost of the 2006-2007 yearbooks. A full-page advertisement costs \$100; half page, \$50; and quarter page, \$25. This will allow organizations and units to be forever remembered in the yearbook. Call Nadja Evans at 535-6443 or e-mail nadja.evans@eu.dodea.edu for more details.

School Web site: Visit Lajes American School's Web site at <http://www.laje-ehs.eu.dodea.edu> for the school's latest newsletter and updated schedule of events.

Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to news@lajes.af.mil by 5 p.m. the Friday prior to the week you need it published. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

For sale: 1992 Opel Corsa - great car to get around the island! New red paint job and engine work. Bought solely for a secondary mode of transportation and can be available as soon as you want. Nice stereo system with working tape deck and required fog light factory installation. Asking \$1195. call 535-7272 or e-mail theodore.west@lajes.af.mil.

Full body waxing for women and men (with exceptions). Very personal and clean service. Comfortable and relaxing atmosphere. Call Sera anytime for an appointment at 295-549-826.

For sale: 1998 Nissan Altima. U.S. specs. Automatic. 90,000 miles. New brakes and tires. Excellent running condition. Forced to sell because of restrictions in next duty assignment. Asking \$6,000. Blue Book value is \$7,000. Call 295-549-749 or 535-1241.

TV series for sale: The Shield: season 1, \$25; season 2, \$25; season 3, \$30; season 4, \$30; or all seasons, \$100; Oz: season 1, \$20; season 2, \$20; season 3, \$25; season 4, \$25; season 5, \$35; season 6, \$40; or all seasons, \$ 125; Six Feet Under: Season 1, \$20; Medium: season 1, \$15; House: season 1, \$20; 24: season 3, \$15. Call 295-549-248 or e-mail gerald.nunes@lajes.af.mil.

2000 Yamaha PW 50, automatic trans. Bought used in '03 for \$1K and used less than 20 hours. Comes with matching kid's helmet, throttle limiter and training wheels. Perfect beginner's bike and Christmas present. Will sacrifice all items for \$650. Call 295-549-248 or e-mail gerald.nunes@lajes.af.mil.

For sale: DVD of the Asian Pacific Heritage Festival 2006 - Tae Kwon Do Demonstration, Fashion Show and Singkyl Dance (Filipino Dance). Contact 295-549-256 or e-mail geridave@gmail.com for details.

For sale: 220V Microwave \$40, 220V toaster \$10, boys clothes size 6/7. Call 295-549-256.

For sale: Crib that turns into toddler bed, \$65. Crib mattress not included. The crib/bed is sleigh style, dark wood, and in good condition. Call 965-353-365 or 964-179-379.

The perfect house for rent!! Don't need a car to get to work! Two-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath (huge bathtub!), huge walk-in closet, fenced back yard, attached carport and street parking, small storage building in back yard, brick BBQ pit, second gas range in storage building, 110 and 220V, contemporary style amenities. One minute drive from base, 15 minute walk! Great landlord. House available early-November, everyone can afford! E-mail donna.mccallum@lajes.af.mil or call 968-095-916 or 295-543-339 or 535-6349.

For sale: Green 1997 Camaro. 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.

CGO mug sales: Customized tankards, \$20. Ceramic tankard with map of Terceira and your customized call sign/phrase tankard entitles you to a dollar draft/50 cent sodas at the TORC. To place an order, call 1st Lt. Liam Clancy at 535-2325.



Lajes Sports Shorts

Bowling center events

Friday Mixed League kicks off at 6:30 p.m. today. Call Jesse Davis at 535-6210 for details. Sunday Youth League, for ages 5-18, begins at 3 p.m. Oct. 29 and runs for 10 weeks. Call Jamie Barnes at 535-3712 for details.

Youth flag football

Skills Day for youth flag football is scheduled for Oct. 28: Ages 6-8, 10 to 11 a.m.; ages 9 and up, noon to 2 p.m. E-mail heather.thompson@lajes.af.mil for details.

Boxing tournament

The 2006 IMA-E Boxing Tournament takes place at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Tompkins Barracks Fitness Center in Schwetzingen, Germany. Divisions consist of participants with no bouts (sub novice); novice (boxers with 10 and less bouts); and open boxers (more than 10 bouts). All female and male U.S. ID cardholders may compete. Civilians must have a German boxing club affiliation.

To help represent Lajes in the tournament, call Staff Sgt. Ray Sandoval at 535-3457. For more details, call DSN 373-6460 or visit www.mwr-europe.com.



Fresh start on fitness

Ricardo Fernandes, left, assists Siro Viana with the installation of new exercise equipment into the renovated portion of the Chace Fitness Center Tuesday, which is set to open here Nov. 3. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)

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 an AAFES coupon.

The No. 1 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 6 winner, **Adrian Lara**, who only missed two. Now you can take Troy to the movies. Now for the losers -- they get the honor of the "You Don't Know Jack" award. This week it goes to Kellen Buss, who missed nine. In case you misunderstood, the object of Armchair QB is to pick the teams you think will win.

"Just carrying on a Texas tradition! ... (drum roll) the champ is here!"

Adrian Lara
65th Air Base Wing
Protocol



Game Schedule

Week 7

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Editor's note: Bring picks to the Public Affairs office in Room 240 of Bldg. T-100 or e-mail them to news@lajes.af.mil. Submissions must be made before the opening kickoff to the first game on Sunday. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.



Staff Sgt. J.R. Mullis, Lajes fire inspector, shows Lt. Col. Robert Hoff, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, how to breathe air through a self-contained breathing apparatus bottle during a fire muster at the Lajes Fire Department Oct. 12. The fire muster was one of several Fire Prevention Week activities that helped wrapped up Team Lajes' observance of Fire Prevention Week, which ended Saturday. (Photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)

Fire Prevention Week wraps up at Lajes



Col. Jeffery Derrick, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander, throws an air tank over his shoulders during the fire muster. (Photo by Senior Airman Tabitha Kuykendall)



(Above) Airman Tyler Harden, Lajes Fire Department, shows commanders, such as (right) Lt. Col. Steven LaCasse of the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, and first sergeants how to properly put on their fire gear. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)

