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Lajes Is In The Fight!

ORI Countdown

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### Tip of the Week

□ Familiarize yourself with the contents of your *Airman's Manual*. You should be familiar enough with its contents that you can easily and quickly locate the information you need.

*Courtesy of  
65th ABW Inspections*

### Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha  
Threat Level: Low

### Weather Forecast

#### Today

Mostly cloudy  
Rain  
High 64  
Low 61



#### Saturday

Mostly cloudy  
Rain  
High 64  
Low 59



#### Sunday

Mostly cloudy  
High 64  
Low 57



*Courtesy of the  
65th OSS Weather Flight*

## ORE reflection

Warriors from 65th Air Base Wing gather supplies at Lajes' Mobility Processing Center Monday prior to their simulated deployment as part of this week's Operational Readiness Exercise. Team Lajes is preparing for its first U.S. Air Forces in Europe Operational Readiness Inspection, which begins March 19. See Page 4 for more coverage. (Photo by Guido Melo)





# PERSPECTIVE



## The Enlisted Perspective

By CMSAF Rodney J. McKinley

### Airmen Pride

9 November 2006

Pride in being an Airman in the United States Air Force takes many forms—the way we wear our uniform, the effort we put into our jobs, the attitude we display and the respect we show for our fellow Airmen.

All of us, whether officer or enlisted, came into our Air Force after meeting rigid mental and physical recruiting standards, and being aligned with skills our service needed. Serving as an Airman is an honor that thousands of young Americans want, but do not attain; they are turned away for various reasons at recruiting offices. Those who make it through that door then train hard to develop skills that earn them the right to be called an “Airman.”

Nowhere is this transformation more dramatic than Basic Military Training. Earning the title of “Airman” is commemorated with a coin ceremony and the chance to don the Air Force blue uniform for the first time. This emotional event gives the trainees an identity within our organization – they are now Airmen in the greatest Air, Space and Cyberspace force in the world.

The sought-after title of Airman is one that each of us has worked hard to earn. Why then do we sometimes refer to our fellow Airmen, both officer and enlisted, as “troops” or “kids?” Our level of professionalism must equal the immense responsibility each Airman carries as we continue to fight the Global War on Terror. We don’t send “kids” into battle; we send highly-trained and motivated Airmen.

Today, more than 30,000 are deployed worldwide with many more deployed in place, and more than 4,000 Airmen protecting America’s skies. In the Global War on Terror, we fly more than 250 missions a day, 45 of which are strike missions against the enemy. We conduct vital airlift for equipment and fellow Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines with one mobility aircraft taking off every 90 seconds. We complete more than 450 satellite supports each day, providing vital data and links for wartime operations. In addition, we have more than 4,500 Airmen on the ground supporting Army taskings in detainee operations, convoys and as interrogators. If you couple that with our direct combat positions, search and rescue, medical and other combat support roles, it’s clear to see our Airmen are heavily engaged in winning this war. As Airmen, we have much to be proud of.

You represent our nation and service well. I’m incredibly proud of your professionalism and commitment. Let’s continue to respect our heritage and our future in this great United States Air Force by proudly calling each other “Airman.”



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*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

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A&FRC .....	535-4138
Chapel .....	535-4211
Command Post .....	535-4200
Commissary .....	535-6174
Dining Facility .....	535-2256
Emergency services .....	911
	295-57-1911 (if off base)
Fitness Center .....	535-5151
Flight View BX .....	535-5236
Housing Maintenance ..	535-6251
LE desk .....	535-3222
Legal office .....	535-3546
Military Pay .....	535-5158
Oceanfront BX .....	535-3444
Post Office .....	535-3625
Shoppette .....	535-3280
Veterinary Clinic .....	535-3134
Youth Center .....	535-3273

**Editor’s note:** If calling from off base or from a commercial line, use the prefix 295-57-XXXX.

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## Lajes welcomes new weather system

By Airman 1st Class Rome Reiswig  
65th Communications Squadron

Some goodbyes are difficult, but for the 65th Communications Squadron Airfield Systems Section and 65th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight, saying goodbye to outdated weather equipment here was easy to do.

The new system, which brings Lajes into compliance with an Air Force-wide initiative, is the AN/FMQ-19 Automatic Meteorological Station.

According to Coastal Environmental Systems, Inc., the AN/FMQ-19 is an integrated system of multiple weather sensors and data automation components that continually measure environmental conditions to provide responsive, reliable, accurate, real-time weather data in support of flight operations.

Installation of the new system was completed in October 2005.

The final upgrade was completed this September and the 65th OSS began using the system last month.

In addition to the measurements that the legacy equipment provided, the AN/FMQ-19 has an ambient light sensor for day/night identification, freezing rain sensor for ice buildup, precipitation identifier, and a lightning detector.

Staff Sgt. Julia Hagan, 65th OSS Weather Flight, identified the lightning detector as one of the major advantages over the old equipment.

"Lightning data is now incorporated automatically into the weather observation, allowing us to issue lightning warnings in a more timely manner," she said.

From the user standpoint, accuracy is a continual theme in the advantages of the AN/FMQ-19 since all of the meteorological measurements are automatic.

Sergeant Hagan expects a dramatic decrease in the number of errors across the board in their weather observations.

Users are not the only people praising the new system; maintenance personnel have also found advantages.

Staff Sgt. Daniel Jacobson, 65th CS Airfield Systems NCOIC, likes the standardization of the weather equipment.

Sergeant Jacobson came from a base with different equipment than what is used at Lajes Field. With the AN/FMQ-19, every Air Force base now has the same weather system that allows technicians to know how to maintain the system upon arrival at their new location.

"Because of a recent career field merger, the standardized equipment will help make training easier," he said. "The newer electronics will make depot level repair easier."

An added benefit to installing this state-of-the-art weather system is the decreased main-



Senior Airman Michael Cruz Cintron and Airman 1st Class Tina Spence, 65th Communications Squadron, make a routine inspection of Lajes' new weather system. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Roger Merkley)

tenance cost from the improved availability and lower cost of parts.

Maintenance technicians will have an added assurance of receiving factory direct parts because the new system has a seven-year warranty on all parts.

With any new system there are bound to be some drawbacks.

Sergeant Hagan said the new system is unable to report some of their weather observation remarks; however, future upgrades will rectify those deficiencies.

Sergeant Hagan called the AN/FMQ-19 "the best equipment that is currently out there." Sergeant Jacobson predicts that initially procuring system downtime for maintenance inspections may be a challenge.

"There isn't a back up to the FMQ-19, so the user might be unwilling to release the system," said Sergeant Jacobson. "With the old systems' equipment, procuring system release was easy because there were multiple systems along the airfield rather than one integrated system."

However, the benefits of greater accuracy and maintainability offered by the AN/FMQ-19 at Lajes have proven to far outweigh any temporary annoyances.

## Good to Know

### Last issue

Because of Thanksgiving, today's *Crossroads* is the last issue for November. The next issue hits the streets Dec. 1. The deadline for submissions for the Dec. 1 issue is 5 p.m. Nov. 23. To make a submission or for more details, e-mail [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil) or call the editor at 535-3347.

### DC-8 cancelled

The DC-8 rotator scheduled to come to Lajes Dec. 2 has been cancelled. No replacement is currently projected. Call 535-3227 for more details.

### Christmas Cantata

The Christmas Cantata takes place at 5 p.m. Dec. 10 in the base chapel with a community potluck following the service at 6 p.m.

Rehearsals for choir members will be held every Thursday, except for Thanksgiving Day, at 7 p.m.

### Pax terminal hours

The passenger terminal now closes between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

To sign up for space-A travel during these hours, customers may e-mail their request to [spacea@lajes.af.mil](mailto:spacea@lajes.af.mil).

### Lajes SOS Cagarro

Help the young Cory Shearwater birds, which often get disoriented by artificial lights when leaving their nests, find their way back to the ocean.

If you see a bird on the ground contact the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron at 535-6558 or carefully take it near the ocean at night.

Call Vitor Berbereia at 535-6558 for more information.

### Lajes CFC

Lajes Field has collected \$60,412.87 from 308 CFC donors.

That's an employee participation rate of 40 percent, an average contribution of \$196.15, and a per-capita contribution of \$78.87.

Contact your unit key worker for more information or to contribute.



## Good to Know

### Straight Talk Line

The number to the Lajes Field Commander's Straight Talk Line is 535-3542 or 295-573-542.

This line is updated during emergencies, Force Protection Condition changes and more.

For more information on the Straight Talk Line, call 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs at 535-2369.

### DSN dialing changes

People no longer need to dial the 94 DSN access code before dialing a DSN telephone number; simply dial the seven to 10 digit DSN telephone number.

Lajes is now part of the USAFE/EUCOM DSN region. Callers now only have to dial the seven-digit DSN telephone number when calling places within USAFE/EUCOM like Aviano (632-XXXX), Mildenhall, (238-XXXX) or Ramstein (480-XXXX).

However, people now have to dial the DSN area code when calling outside of USAFE/EUCOM to places like the United States (312-XXX-XXXX) or PACAF (315-XXX-XXXX).

Lodging guests are still required to dial the 94 DSN access code on their lodging room/lobby telephones prior to a DSN number since lodging has a telephone system separate from the Lajes main telephone system.

For more information, call Lajes Telephone Operations at 535-3300.

### Victim advocates

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator office is looking for Air Force trained victim advocates (military and civilian) who have arrived here since May.

For military, enlisted personnel should carry the Special Experience Identifier (003) and the same number Experience Set for officers.

The 40-hour curriculum can be trained by any Wing SARC to both military and civilians.

To become a VA or for information, e-mail [christopher.vaca@lajes.af.mil](mailto:christopher.vaca@lajes.af.mil).

## Officials recall acetaminophen

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud  
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Pharmacy officials here are urging Team Lajes members who have purchased or use over-the-counter acetaminophen, to check their bottles for specific lot numbers due to a recall.

Last week, 11 million bottles of 500-milligram acetaminophen caplets made by the Perrigo Co. were recalled.

Wal-Mart, BJ's, Kroger and CVS are among the big chains that sold the painkiller, according to Tech Sgt. Sandra Nunes, Pharmacy Services NCOIC. For a complete list of companies that carry this manufacturers product, visit <http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/perrigo/perrigocustlist.html>.

The recall could impact people who recently PCS'd to Lajes, people stationed here for a couple of years or anyone who purchased acetaminophen while TDY or on leave in the states. The recall affects pills which were on shelves as long as three years ago or as recently as last week.

The recall was initiated after Perrigo Co. discovered metal bits during quality-control checks. The company passed 70 million pills through a metal detector and discovered the

metal in about 200 caplets, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Anyone who has over-the-counter acetaminophen can visit <http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/perrigo/perrigobatchlist.html> to see if their lot number is affected.

"Usually the lot number is on the side of the bottle," explained Sergeant Nunes. "The printing is inverted so you have to turn the bottle sideways to read it."

People should see a combination of numbers and letters followed by the expiration date.

Consumers who believe they are in possession of the affected products should discontinue use and call (877) 546-0454. To dial this toll-free number, people can call 809-463-3376 from a DSN line. They will then hear a dial tone and can dial the toll-free number directly.

"If the patients have any questions or need help verifying if they have the right lot number, they can bring their bottle in to the pharmacy and we'll help them locate the information and verify it," said Sergeant Nunes.

The items may also be turned in to the pharmacy and they will contact the manufacturer.



## Set to deploy

Tech. Sgt. Gregory Jones, right, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, ensures Senior Airman Edward Jones, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, has all items needed for a simulated 30-day deployment. The next ORE is scheduled for Jan. 16-18. (Photo by Guido Melo)



## At the movies

### Today

**7 p.m. – Jet Li’s Fearless** starring Jet Li and Betty Sun. The son of a great fighter who did not wish for his child to follow in his footsteps, the bullied Huo Yuanjia resolves to teach himself how to fight -- and win. Years of training enable him to ace match after match in his home region of Tianjin. *Rated PG-13 for action and violence (103 minutes).*

**10 p.m. – Jackass Number Two** starring Johnny Knoxville and Bam Margera. The original creators and cast of the MTV series are back at it again: significantly raising the stakes and lowering the bar, this installment in the “Jackass” and “Jackass the Movie” series unleashes a spirited mess of absurdity as the cast and crew gets even more ugly around the globe. *Rated R for crude/dangerous stunts, sexual content, nudity and language. (92 minutes).*

### Saturday

**7 p.m. – Flyboys** starring James Franco and Jean Reno. In 1914, “The Great War” -- WWI -- began in Europe. By 1917, the Allied powers of France, England, Italy and others were on the ropes against the German juggernaut. Some altruistic young Americans disagreed with the war. They volunteered to fight alongside their counterparts in France; some in the infantry, some in the Ambulance Corps. A handful of others had a different idea: they decided to learn how to fly. *Rated PG-13 for violence and sexual content. (139 minutes).*

### Sunday

**2 p.m. – Flyboys**

**7 p.m. – Jackass Number Two**

### Thursday

**7 p.m. – The Guardian.** *Free Thanksgiving Day movie for Project CHEER participants (136 minutes).*

□ **Editor’s note:** *Movie schedule subject to change.*



## Tradewinds Dining Facility Menu

### Today

**Lunch:** Seafood Newburg, beef and corn pie and roast turkey

**Dinner:** Pineapple chicken and Yankee pot roast and simmered corn beef

### Saturday

**Brunch:** Savory baked chicken, Swedish meatballs and Creole shrimp

**Dinner:** Hungarian goulash, barbecued chicken and baked fish

### Sunday

**Brunch:** Oven-fried fish, Cantonese spareribs and grilled mustardy chicken

**Dinner:** Turkey nuggets, loin strip steak and stir-fry beef and broccoli

### Monday

**Lunch:** Pot roast, baked stuffed fish and roast loin of pork

**Dinner:** Cannelloni, Southern-fried chicken, and \*chili macaroni

### Tuesday

**Lunch:** Teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan and tuna and noodle casserole

**Dinner:** Country captain chicken, meatloaf and turkey a la king

### Wednesday

**Lunch:** Turkey and noodles and beef ball stroganoff, barbecued ham steak

**Dinner:** Barbecued spareribs, stuffed pork chops and lemon-herb chicken

### Thanksgiving Day Meal (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Roast turkey, steamship round of beef, baked ham, shrimp cocktail, cornbread dressing, rice pilaf, glazed sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, chicken/turkey dressing, green beans with mushrooms, glazed carrots, steamed corn, peas, cornbread, dinner rolls, pumpkin and pecan pie, soft serve ice cream and yogurt, assorted fresh fruit, hot chocolate

## Jenny, the military spouse





# PLANNER

Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil).

## Around Lajes

**Ornament sale:** The Lajes Officers Spouses Club will hold an ornament sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in front of the commissary. The Spirit House Ornaments are the 2005 and 2006 editions. Cost is \$12 for one or \$10 each for two or more. Contact Colleen Blecher at 295-549-187 for more information.

**Four Corners:** The next competition, open to all eligible club members, is at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday in the TORC Ballroom. Card sales begin at 6 p.m.. For more information, call Kent Jenkins at 535-6156.

**Thanksgiving Buffet:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday 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 to reserve a seat or for more information.

**Tobacco Cessation Class:** The Health and Wellness Center holds its next tobacco cessation class from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 28. For more information or to sign-up, call 535-3889 or e-mail [jerry.thompson@lajes.af.mil](mailto:jerry.thompson@lajes.af.mil).

**Friendship Club:** People interested in establishing an Asian Pacific/Pacific American Friendship Club are welcome to attend a meeting set for 3 p.m. Nov. 26 in the Airman & Family Readiness Center. For more information, call Geri Lowell at 295-549-256 or e-mail [geridave@gmail.com](mailto:geridave@gmail.com).

**Pet Pictures With Santa:** This event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Atlantic Island Kennels. Call Cari Hall-Gardiner at 535-3855 to set up a sitting time or for more information.

**United In Love:** This support group, which meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Lajes Chapel, is for wives with deployed husbands. Dinner will be served and watch care for children will be provided. Massages and more "pamper me" gifts will also be available. Call Amy Phillips at 295-549-788 for more details.

**Checks at Post Office:** Ef-

fective immediately, the post office will no longer accept personal checks and/or cash money orders. Payment options include cash, or electronic payment such as a debit or credit card. For more information, call 535-3389 or 535-4251.

## Spiritual Fitness

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service:** 7 p.m. Wednesday. Both the Catholic and Protestant communities will gather for the combined Thanksgiving celebration. A pie fellowship will immediately follow the service. In addition, canned goods will be collected at the door and will be given to a local orphanage. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Catholic Worship Services:** CCD (through May), 9 a.m. Sundays; Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.; Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

**Protestant Worship Services:** Evangelical service, 9 a.m. Sundays; Sunday School (through June), 10:30 a.m.; Praise service, noon Sundays.

Call 535-4211 for more information.

## Education

**Online OU courses:** Online course enrollments with the University of Oklahoma begin Nov. 1. For more details, call Kate Etheredge at 535-3171.

**University of Phoenix:** The University of Phoenix offers the MBA and several Master of Arts in Education programs at Lajes. Classes are six weeks long and students can earn their degree in less than 24 months. No thesis or entrance exams are required. This month, people interested in starting their graduate degree can save more than \$100. For more information on what the university offers, call Etleva Davis at 535-1970, e-mail [etleva.davis@phoenix.edu](mailto:etleva.davis@phoenix.edu) or visit Room 227 of the Education Center in Bldg. T-146.

## Lajes Schools

**Customer satisfaction survey:** The Department of Defense Dependents Schools and the Lajes American School are interested in how parents feel about their child or children's school. All parents with school-aged children are asked to take 10 minutes to complete an online survey, which is found at <https://webapps.dodea.edu/css0607>.

**School Web site:** Visit Lajes American School's Web site at <http://www.laje-ehs.eu.dodea.edu> for the latest school information.

## Jobs/Volunteer

**Part-time WICO position:** Choctaw Archiving Enterprise, the organization responsible for implementing the Women, Infants and Children Overseas Program to U.S. military beneficiaries at U.S. installations throughout Europe and the Pacific, has a part-time opening in Lajes. The position requires a Bachelor's degree in nutrition, dietetics, nursing or home economics. Experience in prenatal, maternal or infant nutrition is required. A registered dietitian is preferred and experience with WIC is desirable. Applicants must have a current driver's license. For consideration, e-mail your resume, cover letter and a copy of applicable licenses to: [edibiase@cmse.net](mailto:edibiase@cmse.net) or [wicjobs@cmse.net](mailto:wicjobs@cmse.net) or fax to: 0039-0434-30-4640 or 001 (210) 341-3455 or mail to: Choctaw Archiving Enterprise Attn: WIC Overseas 2161 NW Military Hwy, Suite 308 San Antonio, TX 78213 Ph: (210) 341-3336.

**Aerobics instructor:** The Chace Fitness Center is looking for an aerobics instructor to teach classes. Requirements include certification in an exercise modality (spinning, aerobics, etc.) and CPR certification. If interested in the position or for more information, call Rui Leal at 964-140-021.

## Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil) by 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to the week you need it published. Remember to notify the Crossroads staff when items have been sold.

For rent: 3-bedroom house. Situated on the main road going to Biscoitos (10 minutes from the base by car) in nice and calm neighborhood. Has two double bedrooms, one children's bedroom, two living rooms, a kitchen, a storage room and a garden. Furnished. Cable TV and phone line available. Cost: 900\* per month, which is negotiable. E-mail [q\\_uaresma@hotmail.com](mailto:q_uaresma@hotmail.com) or call 918-76-8415 for more details or photos of house.

For sale: 2005 Jeep Wrangler Sport. Specs: 8,300 miles. Has 100,000mile/7 year transferable warranty. 4.0L 6 cyl engine, 6-speed manual trans 4X4, soft top, CD/AM/FM 6 speaker (weather-proof) stereo lots of factory-installed and warranted off-road options installed. "Patriot" Blue (looks like a really shiny GOV) w/ grey top and removable grey cloth interior \$25,500 firm, or trade for family car of equal value. Call Katy or Eric Bell at 295-549-555.

For Sale: Full-size mattress set. Two years old. In good condition, pillow top. Asking \$75. Call 295-549-813.

For sale: Sony CD Radio Alarm Clock. Original operating manual, plays CD's and radio-electrically compatible here \$40. Mr. Coffee coffeemaker, makes four cups; only used a couple of times, \$10; Computer mouse: InterAct, \$5. Call 295-542-341.

For sale: Fisher Price Kawasaki power wheel with 12-volt rechargeable battery. Asking \$100. Call 295-549-558 or e-mail [july.dent@lajes.af.mil](mailto:july.dent@lajes.af.mil).

For sale: 2005 Silver 4 door Dodge Neon SXT, 5 speed manual transmission \$13,000 Under 2,000 miles. Plates good through 2007. Inspection's good through January 2009. AM/FM radio, CD player, subwoofer, AC/heat, sunroof, rear spoiler. Call 295-549-350 after 6 p.m. or e-mail [nicky.burres@lajes.af.mil](mailto:nicky.burres@lajes.af.mil).

For sale: 3-speed Worlton Cool Breeze floor fan. Great for summer! 220V. Paid 50 Euro, will sell for \$25; Paper shredder, 220V, \$15; 24" Multi-system TV. 110/220V; works great, \$30; Free: medium size dog kennel. Metal gate slightly rusted. Call 968-095-916.

Super nanny available immediately. Flexible hours. USAF nanny for 12 years. She has experience with infants to teens, self transportation, and awesome recommendations. Call 966-732-249 to set up an interview with her.

Homemedics leather massage chair with heat. Has six different massage settings. In excellent shape and works perfectly. Bought new at BX for \$195.00 Must sell for \$125. The Singing Machine CD/Cassette Karaoke System with 5.5-inch TV screen. Works perfect. Comes with two microphones, one CD, and manual. \$65. Entertainment center TV stand. Glass doors w/ shelves and solid wood doors. Dimensions: 49" W x 33" H x 20" D. Bought new for \$395. Must sell for \$200. See photos on Post Office bulletin board. If interested, call Bill or Juli at 295-549-228.



## Sports Shorts

### “Pass, dribble and shoot”

This basketball competition, open to all base personnel and ages, begins at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Visit the Chace Fitness Center by 5 p.m. today to sign up.

For more information, call Calvin Dixon at 535-1290/6126 or e-mail [calvin.dixon@lajes.af.mil](mailto:calvin.dixon@lajes.af.mil).

### Youth sports

The youth sports quarterly parents meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Community Center.

The LYP Sports program calendar will be the topic of discussion.

Call Cheryl Karnes at 535-1197 for details.

### Advisory council

Lajes’ youth sports advisory council meets from noon to 12:50 p.m. Wednesdays in the Community Center.

Beginning Dec. 6, the council will only meet the first Wednesday of each month.

People can submit their agenda items to [pcal4@yahoo.com](mailto:pcal4@yahoo.com) by the first Tuesday of each month.

For more details, call Heather Thompson at 535-3134 or e-mail [heather.thompson@lajes.af.mil](mailto:heather.thompson@lajes.af.mil).

### Basketball, cheerleading

Basketball/cheerleading signups continue through Dec. 29. Basketball skills day for players ages 7 and up is Jan. 13. The season

begins Jan. 27. Call Cheryl Karnes at 535-1197 for more information.

### New bowling center hours

The bowling center has new hours of operation: 4 to 11:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; 2 to 9:30 p.m. Sundays; and closed on Mondays and Portuguese holidays.

### Youth Bowling League

A youth bowling league for school children age 5-18 meets at 3 p.m. every Sunday at the bowling center.

Call 1st Lt. Jamie Barnes at 535-3712 for more details.

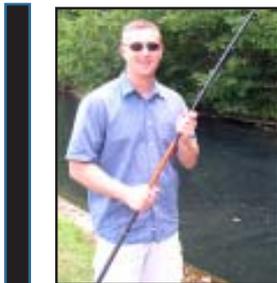
## Armchair Quarterback Challenge

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.

Our Week 10 winner, **Joshua Deuermeyer** of the 65th Mission Support Squadron, only missed four games. Congratulations Dewey! The You Don’t Know Jack award goes to **Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald**, *Crossroads* editor, for messing up the games in last week’s paper. Lucky for us our readers have great proofing skills.

To find next week’s schedule, visit [nfl.com](http://nfl.com) and e-mail picks by kickoff on Nov. 19 with “Week 11” in the subject line. The results for both Week 11 and Week 12 will be announced in the Dec. 1 issue. The schedule for Week 12 is on the right-hand side of this page.



“Now who’s warming the bench? Boo-yah!”

**Joshua “Dewey” Deuermeyer**  
65th Mission Support Squadron

### Game Schedule

#### Week 12

*Thanksgiving Day*

Miami at Detroit

Tampa Bay at Dallas

Denver at Kansas City

*Nov. 26*

Arizona at Minnesota

Carolina at Washington

Cincinnati at Cleveland

Houston at N.Y. Jets

Jacksonville at Buffalo

New Orleans at Atlanta

Pittsburgh at Baltimore

San Francisco at St. Louis

Oakland at San Diego

Chicago at New England

N.Y. Giants at Tennessee

Philadelphia at Indianapolis

*Nov. 27 (Monday Night Game)*

Green Bay at Seattle

### Total Points for Monday Night Game

**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](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil). Submissions must be made before the opening kickoff to the first game; this week’s first game will be on Thanksgiving Day. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.



## Portuguese man recounts 55 years of service to Lajes

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To a former Portuguese U.S. Forces Azores' employee, Lajes Field has been his location of employment for the past 55 years.

Senhor José Tristão Cardoso, 71, started working at Lajes in 1951, at the age of 16, as a clerk for the Frederick Snare Corp., a U.S. construction company that built the first concrete infrastructures of what we call today Lajes Field.

Following that first work experience, he moved to another job as a time keeper for the Oman Fransworth & Wright Company three years later.

In 1956, he was drafted by the Portuguese armed forces where he served in the Air Force at Air Base No. 4 for four years. When he was honorably discharged in 1960, he started

working for the U.S. Air Force as a billeting clerk at Lodging where he worked for two years and then moved to base supply.

In 1968, he transferred to the base chapel where he served as a translator for the base's charitable program at the time called "People to People."

"This was the job I enjoyed most while working at the base, because it gave me the opportunity to help families and institutions in need and also have contact with officials as well as to visit orphanages, old folks' homes, etc.," Senhor Cardoso said. "This program would distribute clothing, furniture and food worth \$20,000 annually and was a big help to the Azorean communities during the '60s and part of the '70s."

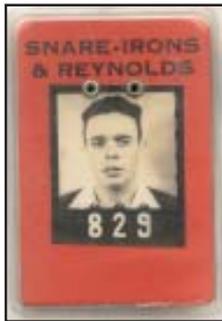
Although Senhor Cardoso enjoyed his job at the chapel, he saw an opportunity to progress in his career when he applied for a job at the local Armed Forces Radio and Television Service station in 1973.

He started at AFRTS studios working in the film library and programming section and later became a camera man, a position he held until he retired from the U.S. Forces Azores in 1990 after working for the U.S. Air Force for 30 years.

As a cameraman for AFRTS, Senhor Cardoso had the opportunity to film and



Senhor José Tristão Cardoso is currently in charge of the Portuguese Telecom Office at the Portuguese Terminal on base. He has plans to open another office in Praia in the future. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)



(Above) Senhor Cardoso, middle, worked for the American Forces Radio and Television Service beginning in 1973. (Left) He first started working on base in 1951 as a clerk for the U.S. company that built Lajes Field. (Courtesy photos)

meet several U.S. former presidents and celebrities as well as foreign dignitaries.

"In the performance of my duties as cameraman, I had the privilege to meet several dignitaries and celebrities when

they stopped at Lajes either for a short visit or meetings," he said. "Among others, I recall filming Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, George H. Bush, Bob Hope, Brooke Shields and the late Egyptian President Anwar-Al Sadat."

Although he retired from AFRTS, he held several businesses as a contractor on base. Between 1990 and 1994, he had approximately 12 contracts ranging from operating a video club at the Community Activities Center to a contract to mow lawns on base.

Currently, Senhor Cardoso is responsible for the Portugal Telecom Office at the Portuguese Terminal on base, where he and his two employers strive to provide the best service possible to the Portuguese and American customers on base.

Senhor Cardoso says his future projects are to continue operating the same business and even open another PT store in Praia in the near future.

He doesn't have many hobbies but enjoys spending time at home with his family.

"I enjoy being at home, fixing things around the house, and playing with my grandchildren," he said.

Senhor Cardoso is married to Maria Alda and they have one daughter, Silvia, who is following his footsteps by working at the post office on base.