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Lajes Is In The Fight!

ORI Countdown

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Tip of the Week

□ The Inspector General will clearly identify exercise props with an inject card or an EET person on-site. They will never leave an unmarked box or container as part of an exercise.

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Lajes In The Fight

(October 2006)

Space-required
passengers handled
637

Space-available
passengers handled
907

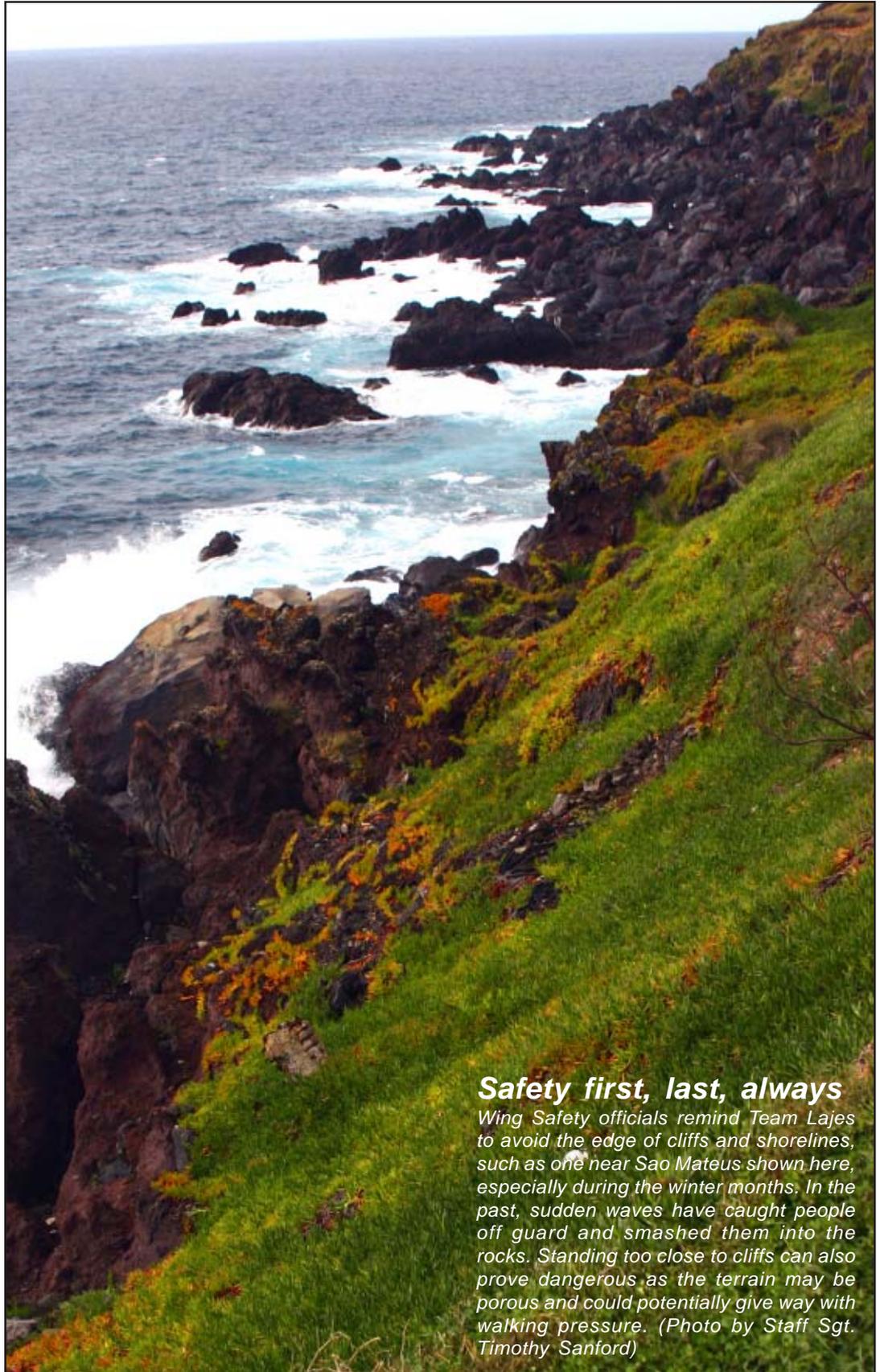
Cargo tons handled
250

Mail tons handled
36

Originating shipments,
pieces handled
96, 151

Terminating shipments,
pieces handled
375, 3,435

Aircraft handled
112



Safety first, last, always

Wing Safety officials remind Team Lajes to avoid the edge of cliffs and shorelines, such as one near Sao Mateus shown here, especially during the winter months. In the past, sudden waves have caught people off guard and smashed them into the rocks. Standing too close to cliffs can also prove dangerous as the terrain may be porous and could potentially give way with walking pressure. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)



PERSPECTIVE



Letter to Airmen

Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force

7 Nov 06

Service Before Self

One of my greatest privileges as your Secretary is witnessing the selfless dedication on display by Airmen around the world. You consistently demonstrate your commitment to the Core Value of *Service Before Self*.

Wherever I look, Airmen are executing our mission – flying and fighting in Air, Space, and Cyberspace. More than 30,000 Airmen are deployed around the world in support of 11 major operations and more than 62,000 Airmen are serving overseas. Whether our Airmen are fighting the Global War on Terror, providing deterrence on the Korean peninsula, or bringing aid to communities devastated by natural disasters, they continue to perform wonders. Many continue to volunteer in their own, or nearby communities long after the headlines fade – they are all heroes.

Across all ranks and specialties, Airmen serve a higher cause than their own self-interest. Air Force Reserve C-130 crews serve the greater good of our citizens, fighting wildfires in Oregon, Idaho, and California. Airmen serve on KC-135s and E-3s over the skies of South America, supporting counter-drug operations. Airmen serve deep in the mountains of Afghanistan, calling in A-10s and B-1s for airstrikes in support of coalition troops. Airmen serve as America's silent sentries, maintaining the readiness of our Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles deep in underground control centers across the heartland. Air National Guardsmen serve in the skies over our homes, providing air defense patrols and alert forces ready at a moment's notice. In the AOR, the service of Air Force medics and evacuation teams saves the lives of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and their fellow Airmen.

Whether on the tip of the spear or supporting the mission with steadfast professionalism, all Airmen are equally committed to *Service Before Self* – defending our nation at the cost of great personal sacrifice. Together with your families, you selflessly embrace the spirit of service.

Upon entering the Air Force you were sworn in and took the first step to accepting our core values as a way of life. Unlike ordinary citizens, your commitment to serve our nation exemplifies *Service Before Self*. I am fully confident that this value lies deep within us all.

Medal of Honor recipient, A1C John Levitow, explains it best in his quote etched forever in the Inscription Wall at our Air Force Memorial: "I have been recognized as a hero for my ten minutes of action over Vietnam, but I am no more a hero than anyone else who has served their country."

Service Before Self is more than a slogan; it is a moral imperative I see internalized daily in all of America's Airmen. It makes me ever proud to serve alongside you.

Michael W. Wynne

535-4240
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

Who to call for assistance

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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CSAF's VECTOR

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force

The Air Force has selected the CH/MH-47 built by The Boeing Company, Chicago, Illinois, as our newest Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) aircraft, culminating a competitive source selection process among three vendors. We'll call it the HH-47. We're confident our dedicated, professional CSAR Airmen and the HH-47 will carry on the rich Air Force CSAR heritage – stretching back to the Army Air Corps, through conflicts in Korea, Vietnam and most recently in Iraq and Afghanistan – toward a limitless horizon, where they continue to fly and fight “That Others May Live.”

Our ability to return isolated personnel to safety is a moral and ethical imperative, so we've made procurement of this new CSAR aircraft one of our highest weapon system procurement priorities. American and coalition war fighters can rest assured we will come to get them, no matter where they are. Today's battlefields are non-linear and non-contiguous, changing shape and venue with speed that outpaces and out-reaches legacy aircraft. The Air Force must have a more capable next-generation CSAR aircraft to better support US and coalition personnel isolated from friendly forces by distance, threat, weather and enemy action. We are committed to leaving no one behind – a commitment that gives all members of the joint and coalition team the confidence to perform vital work in hostile and uncertain circumstances.

We plan to acquire 141 HH-47s to replace our aging inventory of HH-60G PAVE HAWK helicopters, and we expect to achieve Initial Operational Capability by the end of 2012 with the most capable CSAR aircraft ever. Range and payload remain the soul of an air force, and the HH-47 exceeds our requirements in both areas. It will be capable of flying faster over longer ranges and higher altitudes, day or night, during adverse weather conditions, while carrying more personnel and specialized equipment than our legacy platform. Its increased payload capability provides a dramatic improvement in the number of injured personnel that can be rescued per sortie. Additionally, the HH-47 will be net-ready and outfitted with advanced avionics giving crews vastly better battlespace awareness than ever before. HH-47 crews will employ the best force protection capabilities ever offered, including a suite of integrated defensive systems and onboard weapons that give them greater firepower, lethality, and standoff range than legacy systems.

The USAF has a long history of excellence conducting Search and Rescue operations in times of conflict and in times of humanitarian need. In World War II, Army Air Forces (AAF) elements partnered with the British to demonstrate the first US aviation rescue capability. After the war, the AAF consolidated Search and Rescue operations and training under an organization that in 1964 became the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service (ARRS). During the Vietnam era, ARRS CSAR Task Forces saved 4120 personnel, 2780 of those in combat. “Jolly Green Giant” rescue crews were highly regarded by their fellow aviators and highly rewarded for their heroism. They earned two Medals of Honor, 39 Air Force Crosses, and countless Silver Stars. Since 1979, the Air Force has awarded seven Mackay Trophies – given annually for the year's most meritorious flight – for rescue mission flights. Air Force CSAR Airmen have rescued over 470 members of the joint and coalition team in the Central Command AOR alone since 9/11. Finally, in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes, Air Force personnel rescued 4544 Americans from the flood-ravaged Gulf Coast.

Thanks to decades of successful Combat Search and Rescue missions, America's enemies understand our commitment to recovering isolated friendly forces. Unfortunately, our enemies have also repeatedly demonstrated they intend to exploit captured personnel to undermine American strategic objectives. Effective CSAR denies the enemy the ability to exploit our courageous war fighters by returning them to safety. While other services do personnel recovery, the Air Force is the only service with forces dedicated entirely to CSAR. Whether stranded by downed aircraft, surrounded by a hostile enemy, or abducted by terrorists, isolated personnel know they can rely on our Air Force CSAR professionals to do their job.

Every day our CSAR assets conduct operations across the spectrum of conflict. These dangerous missions are inherently high risk. But now, with the advent of the HH-47, those risks will be dramatically reduced. Our CSAR crews will have the increased combat radius, lift performance, and payload capability they need to operate effectively worldwide in the 21st century.

America's service men and women deserve the best. After careful consideration and a fair and open competition among multiple proposals, we've concluded that the Boeing CH/MH-47 is the best aircraft for the job. By purchasing 141 HH-47s, the Air Force will be able to provide the required force structure to sustain worldwide taskings for the nation's Combatant Commanders. We're pleased about the opportunity to partner once again with Boeing, and are convinced our Airmen – and all those in need around the world – are in good hands.



Respectfully

T. MICHAEL MOSELEY
General, USAF
Chief of Staff



Team Lajes in the Fight combating terrorism

By Special Agent Orlando Lopez

Det. 516, Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Terrorism can occur anywhere; no nation or individual is immune to acts of terrorism. The likelihood of terrorist incidents varies from country to country and depends on a number of social, economic, political and security factors affecting a particular government or society.

Most terrorist groups have limited personnel and resources. They will usually not attack targets that are heavily guarded or show signs of increased security procedures. The most effective action against terrorist activity is knowledge of and adherence to sound protective measures.

All members of the U.S. Department of Defense, to include family members, are a potential target because terrorists characterize us as a symbol of "U.S. imperialism." Implementing protective measures into your daily habits may significantly lessen the likelihood of becoming a victim of a terrorist attack. Having a strong family awareness of personal security is the best protective foundation.

Personal protective measures

Here are some ways to protect yourself:

❑ Be alert of your surroundings. An alert person who recognizes suspicious activity can take action that may save a life. Your dress, conduct and mannerisms should not attract unwanted attention. Make an effort to blend into the local environment.

❑ Vary the way you dress.

❑ Avoid publicity and stay out of large crowds, especially civil disturbances and demonstrations.

❑ Vary your routes to and from work and the time you leave and return home.

❑ Don't establish scheduled patterns such as exercising at the same time and place each day, and never exercise alone or on deserted streets or country roads.

❑ Let people close to you know where you are going, what you will be doing, and when you will return.

❑ Be alert for anything suspicious or out of place.

❑ Don't give out personal information over the telephone, Internet, or e-mails.

If you think you are being followed, go to a pre-selected and secure area. Immediately report all suspicious incidents to Security Forces at 535-3222 or OSI at 535-4180.

Protecting your family

Stress the importance of security and the seriousness of the threat to the whole family. Cultivate mutual concern for security so that all family members are involved with this defensive effort. Here are some more tips:

❑ Implement a family emergency plan; know what to do and who to contact in an emergency.

❑ Vary routes and times when taking children to school or when shopping. Avoid establishing a pattern when frequenting entertainment or recreational facilities.

❑ Know where your family members are at all times and encourage them to check in by telephone.

❑ Do not allow strangers into your home (confirm all scheduled deliveries, repairs, etc).

❑ Don't hesitate to verify identities by asking for identification, credentials, or other documents. Contact the agency or company they claim to represent.

❑ Know your neighborhood and get to know your neighbors. Be alert to strangers or unknown vendors in your neighborhood. Report unusual incidents or persons to the proper authorities. When off-base, call the Public Security Police at 295-512-022.

❑ Establish a duress word so that family members can warn each other in case of an emergency.

❑ Develop an emergency plan and practice it.

❑ Report frequent wrong numbers or nuisance telephone calls to chain-of-command.

❑ Limit publicity concerning yourself and your family that may appear in the local news media.

❑ Keep all doors closed and locked. Secure all windows. Keep car and house keys separate and maintain accountability. Immediately report to housing maintenance or your property owner if keys are compromised.

❑ Do not accept unsolicited or suspicious packages.

Eagle Eyes Program

Once everyone understands the importance of using sound protective measures he or she will be an enormous help in preventing terrorism by reporting suspicious behavior through the Eagle Eyes Program.

What is Eagle Eyes? It is an Air Force-wide Community Integrated Force-Protection program for deterring terrorism by recognizing and reporting pre-attack activities.

Eagle Eyes is an initiative to bolster "neighborhood watch" programs applicable to on-base and off-base populations to enable immediate communication and analysis of suspicious activities.

Eagle Eyes provides each member of the community the opportunity to be part of the anti-terrorist team because when troops and citizens know what to look for and how to report suspicious activity, terrorist acts can be prevented.

Recognize and report all of the following incidents of terrorism planning and execution:

❑ **Surveillance** – Someone recording or monitoring activities via still and video cameras

and other vision-enhancing devices.

❑ **Elicitation** – Anyone attempting to gain information using any form of communication.

❑ **Acquiring supplies** – Purchasing or stealing explosive, weapons, ammunitions, uniforms, decals or any other controlled item.

❑ **Conducting "dry run"** – Putting people into position and moving them about without actually committing a terrorist act.

❑ **Deploying assets, people** – Suspicious people and supplies getting into position to commit unknown acts.

❑ **Act** – Anything that is not immediately explainable as a natural disaster.

Law enforcement officers can't be everywhere all the time – we need the eyes and ears of the entire community (active duty, civilian employees, retirees, family members, defense contractors, neighborhoods, schools, churches, civic groups, etc.) in order to deter terrorists and reduce the risk of elevating our profile or becoming a target.

Report all suspicious incidents by calling the 65th Security Forces Squadron at 535-3222 or OSI at 535-4180.



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Good to Know

Tree lighting ceremony

Lajes' Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Beira Mar Gate. Everyone is invited to attend.

Free hot chocolate and doughnuts will be available courtesy of the base chapel. For more details, call 535-4211.

Extended library hours

Get warm and cozy in the library Dec. 7 after the tree lighting ceremony.

Library hours will be extended to 9 p.m. Food and drink will be permitted.

For more information, call Sheryl Hunt at 535-3688.

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.

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree program helps ensure that less fortunate children on the island can receive a Christmas gift this year. Trees are located at the entrance of both BX's.

To participate, take an angel, buy a gift, tie the angel to the bag and drop it in the box next to the tree. Dec. 14 is the last day to donate gifts.

For more details, call Senior Airman Hope Jackson at 535-1282.

Yearbook sales

Lajes Middle/High School yearbooks can be ordered now for \$45. After the winter break, the price will increase to \$55.

Check should be made out to Lajes American School, and given to Ms. Evans in room 130. E-mail nadja.evans@eu.dodea.edu for details.

Permanent closure

The local Geico office, located outside the Main Gate, will permanently close Dec. 29.

To service your account, call toll free from a Portuguese phone 800 811 042.

For more information, call Celine Mattie at 295-513-467.

Air Force team to assess vulnerabilities next week

By Tech. Sgt. Brian Cain

65th Air Base Wing

anti-terrorism/force protection officer

A team from Headquarters Air Force Security Forces Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, will visit Lajes next week to conduct an antiterrorism/force protection vulnerability assessment.

Vulnerability assessments assist installation commanders in meeting their anti-terrorism responsibilities and should be viewed as a commander's tool to identify vulnerabilities and options available to reduce the potential impact of terrorist attacks.

"This team will help us determine our force protection vulnerabilities," said Col. Jeff Derrick, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander. "They'll assist us in finding solutions to these vulnerabilities so that we can continue to ensure the protection of our people, facilities and the entire base."

Maj. John Griffiths, 65th Security Forces Squadron commander, said Team Lajes is excited about this first VAT visit since the base became a part of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe in 2002.

"With the ORI coming this March, the assessment will better identify critical interest areas that we can begin to fix in order to make the outstanding ORI rating," Major Griffiths said. "Safety is the key, and in the

end, all of us will benefit with a more secure environment."

There are two Air Force-level teams at the Security Forces Center which conduct vulnerability assessments at approximately 36 active-duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard bases each year.

The team will be comprised of six to nine members to include a security forces team leader and two security specialists to assess security operations, an Office of Special Investigations agent who looks at terrorist threats, operations security and counterintelligence, and a structural engineer who assesses potential blast effects at high risk facilities.

The VAT also includes an infrastructure engineer who reviews items such as vulnerabilities to water and power utilities, medical and emergency management specialists who assess emergency services and disaster preparedness and a team communications specialist who reviews the installation radio and communications systems.

In a recent interview, Tony Calhoun, the team's communications specialist, stressed that the team's importance and contributions to homeland security lie in the fact that they are not an inspection team.

The installation commander can use the team's findings to help justify funding requirements.

In honor of

Maj. Gen. Alfredo Cruz, Headquarters Azores Air Zone commander, left, and Col. Jeff Derrick, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander, salute a wreath placed in honor of U.S., Portuguese and Allied forces who gave their lives in defense of freedom during a World War II Remembrance Ceremony Nov. 17. The event took place at the British Cemetery in Praia. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)





Post office provides holiday mailing advice

The holiday mailing season has arrived and the post office wants to offer some advice to help make it a successful one.

Careful preparation of packages is the first step to ensuring they are delivered safely and in a timely manner, according to Tech. Sgt. Elpidio Abaya, Lajes postmaster.

“Choose a box with enough room for cushioning material around the contents,” Sergeant Abaya said. “Sturdy paperboard or corrugated fiberboard boxes are best for weights up to 10 pounds. Otherwise, you can use newspaper, Styrofoam, bubble wrap or shredded paper.”

To see if there is enough cushioning, close and shake the package. “If you hear items shifting, add more cushioning,” he said.

When packaging more than one item, ensure each is wrapped separately first.

“Fragile articles need both suitable separation from each other and clearance from the corners and sides of the box,” the sergeant said. “Also, remove batteries from toys and electronic devices. Wrap them separately and place them next to the item in the mailing container.”

If reusing a box, cover all previous labels and markings with adhesive labels or remove them.

“Patrons using Priority Mail are welcome to use our boxes at no additional cost,” he said.

Sergeant Abaya said placing an address label or card with the return and delivery addresses inside the package is another good idea.

“This will ensure the item can be delivered in case the outside label becomes damaged or falls off,” he said.

Proper sealing

Properly sealing the package is the next step.

“Tape the opening of your box and reinforce all seams with a tape that is designed for shipping,” he said. “Use clear or brown packaging tape, reinforced packing tape or paper tape. Do not use masking tape, cord, string, or twine. Place a strip of clear packaging tape over your



Staff Sgt. William Gentry, 65th Communications Squadron, brings in a shipment of mail at the post office Monday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)

address label to prevent the address from smearing.”

Another way to ensure packages arrive in time is to properly include the complete addresses.

“Print or type the complete name and return address in the upper left corner on the same side of the package as the delivery address and postage,” Sergeant Abaya said. “Print or type the delivery address (once), parallel to the longest side of the package.”

The postmaster recommends printing or typing clearly with a pen or permanent marker so that the address is legible from an arm’s length away.

“Always include complete street address information, such as AVE, BLVD, or ST, as well as directionals such as N, W, or SW,” he said. “Also, always include apartment or suite number, when appropriate.”

Patrons are encouraged to

“Please don’t use the post office as a storage facility for your holiday gifts because we need the space.”

Tech. Sgt. Elpidio Abaya
Lajes postmaster

2006 Holiday Mailing Deadlines

Customers should mail their packages by the dates below so they’ll arrive at a stateside address by Dec. 25:

- Space Available Mail (surface rate; least expensive, travels air to U.S. port of entry, then by surface to designation) — Monday
- Priority Mail (highest rate; travels by air all the way to designation) and First Class letters and cards — Dec. 11

check their mail daily.

“Please don’t use the Post Office as a storage facility for your holiday gifts because we need the space,” Sergeant Abaya said.

Articles not claimed within five days will have a final notice, he said.

“Unclaimed articles may be returned to senders, so ensure you pick them up or notify us if you’ll be on leave or TDY,” he said. “When volumes warrant, our hours of operation may be extended to accommodate parcel pickup.”

Volunteers needed

Due to the amount of packages coming in and out of Lajes during the holiday season, the post office staff always welcomes volunteer support from the base community.

“The best time to volunteer is Saturdays and Sundays starting at 2:30 p.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays starting at 10 a.m.,” Sergeant Abaya said.

For more information about volunteer opportunities currently available, call 535-1203/4251. (Article courtesy of the Lajes Post Office.)

Editor’s note: Look in next week’s Crossroads for a Commander’s Line about the delivery of mail to Lajes.



Good to Know

FPCON Alpha

As a reminder, Lajes Field is in Force Protection Condition Alpha. FPCON Alpha means a general threat of possible terrorist activity exists. The nature and extent of the threat are unpredictable.

Team Lajes can do its part by remaining vigilant at all times.

To report suspicious activity, call the law enforcement desk at 535-3222 or 295-573-222.

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.

Call 535-3300 for more details.

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.

Safety Focus

Keep nation's greatest military resource safe

By Maj. Brian Walker
65th Air Base Wing Safety chief

Safety has received lots of attention from the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander recently, but why?

USAFE lost nine essential team members to off-duty mishaps in fiscal year 2006 and one so far in FY 2007. That's the highest USAFE off-duty casualty rate in more than 10 years ... a terrible trend.

The vast majority of the mishaps were private motor vehicle related so what can we learn from our departed brethren? The three "gotchas" were alcohol, fatigue and distraction.

Alcohol is the big culprit. Simply stated, too much alcohol severely affects our judgment.

There is an inverse relationship between sound decision making and consumption of alcohol. Consequently, it's a prerequisite to make your designated driver plans in advance.

As a hip pocket plan, either hire a taxi driver or call Lajes Against Drunk Driving at 964-955-992 for a free ride home.

Even if you haven't been drinking, we are potentially sharing the road with drunk drivers so be extra alert, especially when on the road at night and in the early morning hours.

Also, avoid driving when fatigued. It's time

to go home before the body shuts down. Again, plan ahead.

Finally, stay focused when driving. One moment of distraction is all it takes for a collision to occur. A common response from someone involved in a mishap is, "I only turned my attention away for a second then..."

Rightfully, the USAFE commander has made safety a top priority. In fact, General Hobbins states, "For our next Goal Day in February, safety will be used as a determining criterion. Those wings that do not achieve their goals for mishap rates ... will be expected to conduct a Safety Down day in lieu of the Goal Day."

Lajes goal

The goal for Lajes is to have no more than two Class A, B or C mishaps for the period of October through the end of January and no more than six for FY 2007.

Historically, Lajes Field has done exceptionally well in mishap prevention. I attribute this primarily to our tight knit community; we do a great job taking care of one another.

Please continue to ingrain safety into your everyday decision-making and the USAFE safety goal will be an easy one for Team Lajes.

More importantly, let's strive to keep our nation's greatest military resource safe — you.



Cultural celebration

The Morning Star Dancers perform for Team Lajes Nov. 24 in the Community Activity Center. In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, the dancers educate people on Native American Indian history and culture. (Photo by Tommy Brooks)



Air Force leaders address quality of life issues, changes

WASHINGTON — Airmen can still expect high-caliber quality of life programs that will take care of them and their families despite the changes being made within the service, leaders here assured recently.

"Quality of life continues to be one of our top three priorities," said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel at the Pentagon. "It's an area we look at carefully, and we have a long tradition of providing for our folks. We are most concerned with what it takes to care for our expeditionary Airmen and their families."

Like many other career fields and Air Force programs, the services organization faces cuts in personnel and funding due to the Program Budget Decision 720 directed by Congress.

It is a situation that has forced leaders to re-evaluate the definition of quality of life, said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley.

"It's very important for us to define quality of life," he said. "In my opinion, it's making sure Airmen have a quality workplace, (and) adequate housing on and off base and in the dorms. It's providing childcare and libraries, and ensuring Airmen have access to nutritional meals. But at the same time, we have to look deeper and determine what are benefits and what are perks."

Both leaders said that while a top-notch fitness center is probably seen as a quality of life benefit to Airmen, a towel handed to them is more of a perk, as are 24-hour gym access and big screen televisions, for example.

In a time when the Air Force must make every dollar count, these perks can be costly, and so the Air Force may no longer provide funding for them.

"Nobody likes to be inconvenienced," said General Brady, "and we may sacrifice some convenience, but I don't think those



Airmen can still expect a high-caliber quality of life, including improved fitness capabilities such as Lajes' new running track. The track is set to open in early 2007. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)

are the kinds of things we are about. We are more concerned with what will affect families and individuals who serve, and those are the things we have to pay attention to."

The consolidation of some dining facilities and satellite fitness centers were determined through patronage and cost savings. Those locations, however, will ensure that they still have the capability to provide for their population with eating establishments both on and off base, he added.

"We have to evaluate all facilities and how we spend our money," he said, "but it's important Airmen know that their readiness will always be at the forefront. Winning the war on terror is the Air Force's top priority. We are committed to maintaining the quality of life for our deployed warfighters, so they can continue their focus on the mission."

General Brady also emphasized that services devoted to family members, such as childcare, will not be greatly affected and

there are no plans to close childcare centers.

"I think childcare is very important and critical," he said. "We are a family force, and so we have people who serve this nation who need to be able to take care of their families. We're expeditionary, too, so people are gone a lot or work long hours, and there are dual-military and single-parent families.

"Things like childcare are critically important," the Chief explained, "and so we must maintain that capability to give confidence to those who serve that their families will be taken care of."

Chief McKinley said he doesn't foresee any negative impact on recruiting or retention based upon the changes to quality of life programs.

"We'll still maintain a great quality of life for our Airmen and families," he said. "We all have to understand that our Air Force must make difficult decisions today to ensure we have the right capabilities for the future."

Air Force officials to conduct foreign language skills survey

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley recently approved a survey to identify the foreign language capability inherent in the Air Force.

The purpose of the on-line survey is to allow Air Force officials to get a better understanding of the foreign language skills already in the force, so they can better determine the language skills that must be developed for tomorrow's operational missions.

"The Air Force is actively engaged in operations all over the world, the most visible being those supporting the global war on terror," General Moseley said. "An important lesson we continue to learn is that the ability to speak a foreign language is a critical war-fighting skill. We found that many Airmen have foreign language skills that have not been documented, so we are canvassing the force to more accurately determine our resident foreign language capability."

General Moseley has made completion of the survey manda-

tory for all enlisted members and for officers in the grades lieutenant colonel and below. The survey presents Airmen with a list of languages. Airmen are asked to identify which of those languages they have skills in, and to what degree they possess those skills.

If an Airman demonstrates sufficient skill in a language of strategic value to the Air Force, that Airman may be able to qualify for foreign language proficiency pay. Sufficient skill in a single language can raise an Airman's pay by as much as \$500 per month. Airmen with

skills in multiple strategic languages can earn as much as \$1,000 per month. Airmen should contact their military personnel flight testing office to sign up to take a defense language proficiency test if they want to see if they are eligible for FLPP.

Each Airman will receive a link to the survey via e-mail. Survey officials encourage the recipient to access the survey using the link in the e-mail. Airman who do not receive a link may access the survey at <https://surveys.af.mil/srvyonl/sentry/FLSA2.htm>.



Hours of operation



□ **Ocean Front BX:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday

□ **Flight View BX:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

□ **Shoppette:** 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday; noon to 8 p.m. Sunday

□ **Military Clothing Sales Store:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday

□ **Car Care Center:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

□ **Furniture Store:** noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

□ **Reel Time Theater:** Showings on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

□ **Beauty Shop:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

□ **Barber Shop:** 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

□ **New Car Sales:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday

□ **AAFES Administration:** 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekday

□ **Ilha Rent-a-Car:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

□ **Vescovi Coffee Shop:** 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

□ **Burger King:** 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday

Holiday hours: The Ocean View BX, Flight View BX and Burger King are closed on Portuguese holidays. The shoppette opens from noon to 8 p.m., and the military clothing sales store opens from noon to 6 p.m. All facilities are open normal hours on U.S. holidays.



At the movies

Today

7 p.m. – Everyone's Hero starring Whoopi Goldberg and Rob Reiner. A young boy finds himself at an extraordinary crossroads: He has a chance to be a hero – and make a difference against incredible odds – or he can play it safe. With faith in himself instilled by his family, he teams up with a sassy young girl and some off-the-wall sidekicks and embarks on a sometimes perilous, often funny, cross-country quest. *Rated G (86 minutes).*

10 p.m. – Employee Of The Month starring Dane Cook and Jessica Simpson. For workers at Super Club, the most coveted honor is the "Employee of the Month" award, and having one's photo immortalized on the wall of fame in the staff lounge. Enter Zack Bradley and Vince Downey, two ultra competitive Super Club workers whose 10 years of employment have resulted in drastically different career paths. *Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language (103 minutes).*

Saturday

7 p.m. – Everyone's Hero

10 p.m. – The Marine starring John Cena and Robert Patrick. John Triton is a heroic Marine who returns home from the Iraq War. Stateside, he finds himself back in action, when his wife is kidnapped by a murderous gang. With everything on the line, the Marine will stop at nothing to carry out his toughest and most important mission. *Rated PG-13 for violent action, sensuality, language (91 minutes).*

Sunday

2 p.m. – Everyone's Hero

7 p.m. – Employee Of The Month

Portuguese commemorate restoration of independence

By Eduardo Lima

65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Today the Portuguese celebrate the Restoration of Independence Day – a holiday commemorating the revolution of Dec. 1, 1640, when a small group of patriotic noblemen conspired to put an end to 60 years of Spanish rule and reestablish Portuguese sovereignty.

Spanish Kings Phillip II, III and IV had ruled Portugal since 1580 after the Moors and Turks defeated Portuguese King Dom Sebastião and his troops in North Africa at the battle of Alcácer Quibir.

The Spanish took over the Portuguese throne because the Portuguese royal family was too weak politically due to the North African disaster as well as internal struggles.

Portugal was governed by Spanish monarchs under a principle of dual monarchy, which recognized the existence of two crowns in the hands of the same king.

The Spanish monarch appointed Margaret of Savoy, Duchess of Mantua, and her Secretary of State Miguel de Vasconcelos to represent the Spanish kings in Portugal.

However, the Portuguese resentment against the Spanish rule increased over the years as Spanish kings discriminated against Portu-

guese people and officials and lost the Portuguese territories of Malacca and Ormuz in the South China Sea.

Taking advantage of the unpopularity of Spanish representatives, 40 Portuguese noblemen headed to the country's capital on the morning of Dec. 1, 1640, and through an insurrection action managed to defeat the Spanish' representatives in Lisbon and restore Portuguese independence.

Moments after the insurrection, Dom Miguel Almeida announced the end of Spanish rule and proclaimed the Duke of Bragança, Dom João, the new king of Portugal.

As a side note, Terceira Island was a center of resistance during the Spanish occupation and the last national territory to fall to Spanish domain.

During this period, the Spanish built the fortress of St. Phillip at the base of Monte Brasil in Angra to defend themselves from the island's population and corsairs.

The fortress was later named Saint John the Baptist as homage to the new King of Portugal and is today home to the Portuguese Army's Regiment of Garrison No. 1.



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.

Around Lajes

Commissary closures: The Commissary will be closed today and Dec. 8 in observance of two Portuguese holidays.

Health Care Advisory Council: The council's next meeting is at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the T-416 (65th Medical Group) Conference Room. For more information, call 1st Lt. Nicole Thompson at 535-3615.

Resume, interviewing classes: The Airman & Family Readiness Center holds a resume class from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday and a successful interviewing class from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 8. To sign up or for more details, call 535-4138.

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.

SUM tour: This free tour for single and unaccompanied members at Lajes is from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 16. The tour will feature lunch, a visit to the new industrial area in the center of the island in both Angra and Praia, and Christmas shopping. To sign up, call 535-4138.

Commissary tour: The Health and Wellness Center's next Commissary tour is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 21. The focus will be on healthy eating habits to prevent unwanted weight gain during the holidays. To sign up or for more information, call the HAWC at 535-3889 or e-mail lisa.tauai@lajes.af.mil.

Readership survey: Wing Public Affairs is conducting a newspaper readership survey. Participants will help shape how Team Lajes receives information in the future. Those who have completed the survey can drop it off in Room 240 of Bldg. T-100 or FAX to 535-6326.

CDC openings: The Child Development Center currently has openings for children 6 weeks to 4 years old in their hourly care and full time program. Room is also available in the Part-Day Enrichment Program for 3 and 4 year olds. For more information, call 535-3188.

Spiritual Fitness

Upcoming Masses, Services: Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation), 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 8; Advent Penance Service (First Reconciliation), 7 p.m. Dec. 18; Advent Mass, 5 p.m. Dec. 23; no 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on Dec. 24; Christmas Eve Children's Mass, 5 p.m.; Christmas Midnight Mass, midnight; no Christmas Day Mass.

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

Regular 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 details.

Education

OU spring courses: The next on-site course is "Current Problems in HR," a core requirement of the University of Oklahoma's Master of Human Relations degree program. The course dates are Jan. 23-28. The last day to add/drop this course is Dec. 19. Two on-site electives will also be held: "Spiritual Dynamics of Alcoholism and Recovery" and "Planning Issues in Organizations." The deadline for enrolling in one of the 14 spring term online courses is Dec. 10. 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 \$200. For more information on what the university offers, call Etleva Davis at 535-1970, e-mail etleva.davis@phoenix.edu or visit Room 227 of the Education Center in Bldg. T-146.

CTC registration: Central Texas College holds registration

for three on-site classes beginning Dec. 26. Register for Distance Education classes at any time; classes start every month. For more information, call Anneke Cerri at 535-6722.

College education grants: Last year, the Air Force Aid Society awarded \$6.5 million in college education grants to Air Force family members. At Lajes, seven out of nine applications were awarded \$2,000 each. For more information, visit www.afas.org.

Lajes Schools

Customer satisfaction survey: The Department of Defense Education Activity and the Lajes American School is administering its biannual Customer Satisfaction Survey through Feb. 28. For more information, call the Lajes American School office at 535-6216 or visit the DoDEA website at <http://www.dodea.edu/css/>.

Jobs/Volunteer

Drummer wanted: A local band needs a drummer to play 90s-00s rock. A paid New Years Eve gig is pending and a drum kit will be provided. An experienced drummer is preferred due to time constraints. For more details, call Sharon at 962-955-834 or ucoffs@yahoo.com.

Part-time WICO position: Choctaw Archiving Enterprise, the organization responsible for implementing the Women, Infants and Children Overseas Program, 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. 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 or 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.

Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to 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 sale: 1994 Plymouth Voyager. Low mileage, good condition in and out, seats seven comfortably, inspection good until May 2007, recent mechanical inspection. Asking \$2,500. Contact Paul Firman at 295-549-715 if interested.

For sale: 2001 VW Jetta GLS. 48,000 miles, 4 cylinder, 2.0l gas engine, AT, PS, CC, A/C, PW, PL, dual front and side airbags, tilt wheel, 4 wheel disc breaks w/ ABS, 6-disc changer w/ Monsoon sound system, heated seats, sunroof, inspection good until Feb 2007. Valued at \$11,500 but only asking \$10,500 OBO. Call Michael Ott at 968-547-556.

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 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: Fisher Price Kawasaki power wheel with 12-volt rechargeable battery. Asking \$100. Call 295-549-558 or e-mail 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 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.

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.

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. If interested, call Bill or Juli at 295-549-228.

Short-term/long-term babysitting in structured environment available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Call Art or Debbie Nilsen at 295-513-060.



Sports Shorts

Tae kwon do classes

Weekly classes for youth ages 4 and up as well as adults begin Tuesday at the Chace Fitness Center. Classes are from 6 to 7 p.m. and 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. Call 535-1290 for more details.

Referees needed

The Chace Fitness Center staff is seeking referees for the intramural basketball season. If interested, call Calvin Dixon or Tony Batista at 535-6126.

Bowling with Santa

Event is from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at the bowling center. Cost for kids is \$1 per game and \$.75 for shoes. Adults pay regular prices. Prizes will be

available for those bowling with Santa.

Christmas run

The Praia City Hall holds a Christmas run at 11 a.m. Dec 17 at the waterfront next to the marina in Praia.

For more information or to sign up, call Nelson Coelho at 968-797-964 or e-mail nelson.coelho@cmpv.pt.

Christmas break special

This special is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 19-31 at the bowling center. Cost is \$1.50 per game for an adult and child. Shoes rental is \$1. Those who get a strike with a red head pin win a free game. Bowlers must notify an employee of the red head pin before rolling the ball. For more details, call Jesse Davis or Luci Lima at 535-6169.

Basketball, cheerleading

Basketball/cheerleading sign-ups 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.

Advisory council

Lajes' youth sports advisory council meets from noon to 12:50 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Community Center.

People can submit their agenda items to pcal4@yahoo.com by the first Tuesday of each month.

For more information, call Heather Thompson at 535-3134 or e-mail heather.thompson@lajes.af.mil.

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 wins an AAFES coupon.

Our Week 11 winner, **Juan Carranza** of the 65th Services Squadron, only missed four games. Congratulations J.C.! The Week 11 "You Don't Know Jack" award goes to **Talitha Schmelzer**, who missed nine games.

Our Week 12 winner, **Michael Flores** of the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, only missed three games. Congratulations and welcome to Lajes! The Week 12 "You Don't Know Jack" award goes to **Andrea Corley** of the CDC, who missed 11 games. She better just stick to the tots.

"No one could have picked the games this week. No one! Oh wait, I did. Now let's go for another big week as the playoff run begins. See you all at the finish line."



Juan Carranza
Week 11 champ



"Just arrived on station and already taking the challenge on. Who's the best? LRS!"

Michael Flores
Week 12 champ

Game Schedule Week 13

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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. 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.



Suites honor two former local national employees

By Staff Sgt.
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Two former lodging employees were bestowed a high honor Nov. 16 when two of the Mid-Atlantic Lodge suites were named after them.

Suites were named after Jose Dinis and Jacinto Teixeira in appreciation of their more than 90 years combined service to lodging.

The newly renovated Mid-Atlantic Lodge Chief Suite No. 1, was renamed after Sr. Dinis.

Sr. Dinis established and maintained a 47-year reputation of outstanding customer service to the Air Force from 1944 to 1991, according to Lt. Col. John Oliver, 65th Services Squadron commander.

“Honoring Sr. Dinis with Suite No. 1 bearing his name would be a fitting tribute to his consummate professionalism and inspiration to subordinates and superiors alike,” Colonel Oliver said.

The invite for the dedication was a surprise to Sr. Dinis, who said he was both glad and surprised at the honor.

“It is very important to me,” he said. “I always did my best for the American government.”

Since retiring in 1991, his love for work hasn’t allowed him to rest. He spends his days planting potatoes, onions and beans.

“I love to work,” he added. “I’m still working.”

Sr. Teixeira also faithfully served on the lodging staff for 45 years and supervised 120 personnel, according to Col. Emerson Bascomb, chief of Services for Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe and keynote speaker for the dedication.

“He too was a tireless professional and excellent representative for the wing and the Azores,” he said.

The renovated Mid-Atlantic Lodge Chief Suite No. 2 was



(Above) Jose Dinis, left, and Maria Teixeira, wife of the late Jacinto Teixeira, unveil plaques highlighting the careers of both former local national employees during a dedication ceremony Nov. 16 in the Mid-Atlantic Lodge. (Below) Sr. Dinis and Mrs. Teixeira cut the cake. (Photos by Guido Melo)

renamed after Sr. Teixeira.

Colonel Oliver stressed the worthiness of this recognition. “His tenacious commitment to excellence in all things was indicative of his pride in the Services profession, and service before self,” he said.

“Today we pay tribute to Sr. Dinis who is with us here today and Sr. Teixeira who passed away back in 2000, but is represented today by his lovely wife and son,” explained Colonel Bascomb. “We pay tribute to these gentlemen and their service by dedicating and re-naming to of our lodging suites after them.”

“Sr. Dinis and Sr. Teixeira are a perfect reflection of the unique bond and goodwill that exists between the 65th Air Base Wing and its Portuguese Local National employees,” said Colonel Oliver. “They are most deserving of this high honor. It is our sincere privilege to remember their contributions by dedicating these suites in their honor.”

