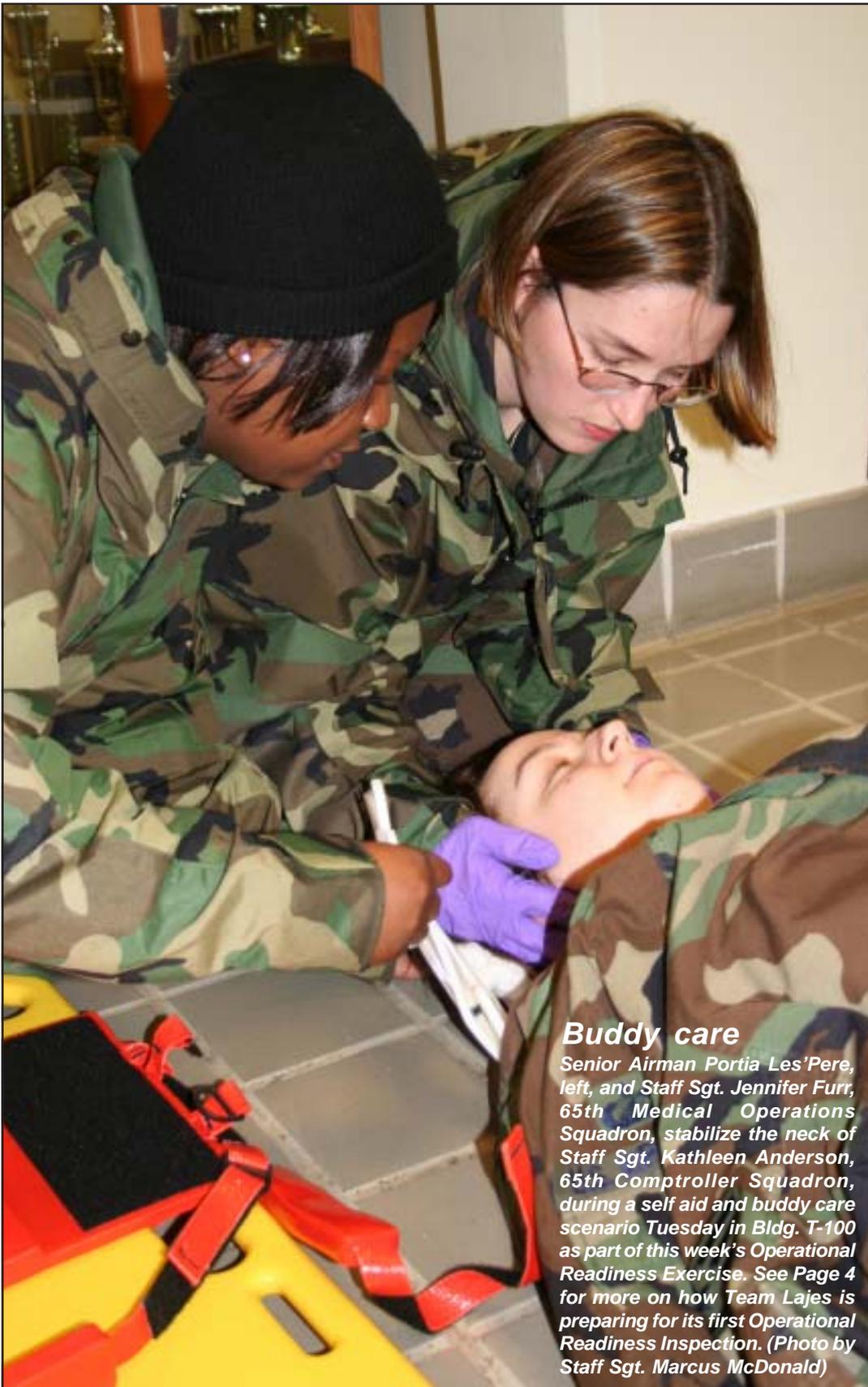


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## Buddy care

Senior Airman Portia Les'Pere, left, and Staff Sgt. Jennifer Furr, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, stabilize the neck of Staff Sgt. Kathleen Anderson, 65th Comptroller Squadron, during a self aid and buddy care scenario Tuesday in Bldg. T-100 as part of this week's Operational Readiness Exercise. See Page 4 for more on how Team Lajes is preparing for its first Operational Readiness Inspection. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)

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Lajes Is In The Fight!

ORI Countdown

59

Days remaining  
until Lajes Field's  
first Operational  
Readiness  
Inspection

## Tip of the Week

❑ Real-world emergencies always take precedence over exercises.

Courtesy of  
65th ABW Inspections

## Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha  
Threat Level: Low

## Weather Forecast

### Today

Partly cloudy  
Rain  
High 63  
Low 54



### Saturday

Cloudy  
Rain  
High 61  
Low 59



### Sunday

Cloudy  
High 64  
Low 63



Courtesy of the  
65th OSS Weather Flight



# PERSPECTIVE

## Service before Self: Words to live by

By Lt. Col. Steven LaCasse  
65th Civil Engineer Squadron commander

In 480 B.C., at a place called Thermopylae in northeastern Greece, 300 Spartan warriors and a small host of allies began making preparations for war.

Their mission: hold off the advancing Persian Army of King Xerxes, some say over a million strong, while the armies of Greece could be assembled.

For six days the battle raged until in the end, only a handful of Spartans remained.

In their final stand, this last group of fighters paid the ultimate sacrifice to the last man. The time these soldiers had stolen from the Persians however, was enough, and King Xerxes was later defeated by the Greek Army.

The great battle at Thermopylae has become synonymous with extraordinary courage, heroism, and most importantly, self-sacrifice.

We who serve in the United States Air Force recognize the honor in self-sacrifice and include it as one of our three Core Values: "Service before Self."

Although any member of the military forces could be asked one day to give their life for their country, Service before Self means more than just this ultimate sacrifice.

To truly embody the value of Service before Self, it must become something we practice day-to-day, not only while performing our military duties, but in our private lives as well.

In today's fast-paced world, it is easy to become caught up in the many issues, errands, schedules, and appointments confronting us.

Without even noticing, we are suddenly thinking only of ourselves and shutting out the

cares and needs of the people around us.

We forget or lose interest in how our words and deeds might be affecting others and don't realize how negatively we may be perceived even by our own comrades.

Maybe we cut someone off in the BX parking lot just to get the elusive spot, or walk right past a parent with three kids trying to bring packages into the post office so we can get to our own mail.

These are the small opportunities given to us each day to rise above our own cares and serve others.

You need not go searching for good deeds all the time, but as you go about your daily business, keep the Golden Rule in mind by treating others as you would like to be treated.

By doing this, being aware of those around you, and taking action when someone else is in need, you will find Service before Self becoming a way of life and gain a renewed sense of respect for others and yourself.

It wasn't easy 2,500 years ago, and it's no easier today.

But like the Spartans before us, we don't always expect things to be easy, and we strive to hold ourselves to the higher standard required of those whose responsibility it is to defend our nation's people.

The Spartan warriors chosen for the mission to Thermopylae knew well what they were being asked to do, as did their families.

They lived and died honorably in service to others.

Their selfless actions echo from an ancient stone carving on the battlefield, "Go tell the Spartans, stranger passing by, that here, obedient to their laws, we lie."

535-4240

[actionline@lajes.af.mil](mailto: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](mailto: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
- Emergency services ..... 911
- 295-57-1911 (if off base)
- Housing Maintenance .. 535-6251
- LE desk ..... 535-3222
- **Editor's note:** If calling from off base or from a commercial line, use the prefix 295-57-XXXX.

## Commander's Line: Concern about four-way stop near school

**Question:** I am concerned about the four-way stop near the school. I notice that many drivers don't pay attention to those stop signs and sometimes fly through the intersection at dangerous speeds. Is leadership aware of this issue?

**Answer:** The potential safety issue at this intersection is well observed and has been something we have already been investigating. Approval from our host

nation is required for any modifications we make, but our initial proposal is two-fold. First, we propose removing signs on the main road of the intersection thus making it a two-way stop. This will ensure motorists and pedestrians stopped at the intersection's side streets do not assume the cross traffic on the main road will stop and prevent them from moving dangerously into the intersection when any cross

traffic is present. The second issue is the speed of the traffic as it approaches the school and our proposal is to mark the street and install different and possibly additional speed bumps as you typically see in the villages off base. Effective speed bumps coupled with making the area familiar looking to motorists will hopefully result in drivers being more careful within this area.

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## Good to Know

### Rotator time change

Beginning next week, the passenger B-737 mid-week mission will change times.

The inbound flight from Baltimore Washington International Airport will arrive here at 11:15 p.m. Tuesdays.

The space-available showtime for Aviano will be 10:15 p.m.; the flight will arrive in Aviano at 8 a.m. Wednesdays.

The return flight from Aviano will arrive here at 2:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

The space-A showtime for BWI will be 1:15 p.m.; the flight will arrive at BWI at 6:20 p.m. Wednesdays.

These times are subject to change.

Passengers should contact the AMC Passenger Terminal at 535-3227 for updated times within 24 hours prior of their departure.

### On-line access

To improve online access to appointments, as well as to meet/exceed USAFE standards, the 65th Medical Group is asking everyone within the 65th Air Base Wing to take five minutes to register in "TRICARE on-line" by visiting [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

Once at the site, click on "TRICARE on-line beneficiaries enter here", then click on "I agree", then "register now".

Those with registration difficulties can call the help line at 800-812-305.

For more information or assistance, call 1st Lt. Nicole Thompson at 535-2615 or Tech. Sgt. Tracie Carter at 535-2264.

### Daily mail check

Post office patrons are asked to check their mail daily as the Lajes Post Office needs the space. Articles not claimed within five days will have a final notice.

Unclaimed articles may be returned to senders. Patrons should notify the Post Office staff if going on leave or TDY.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Abaya at 535-4251.

## USAFE celebrates 65 years of airpower

United States Air Forces in Europe celebrates its 65th anniversary!

The oldest, continuously active Air Force MAJCOM began on Jan. 19, 1942, when the War Department established Headquarters Eighth Air Force.

USAFE continues its forward presence in Europe and Africa – from delivering bombs in World War II to delivering humanitarian supplies to Berlin in 1948-1949; from fighting the Cold War of the 1980s to fighting today's Global War on Terror.

The command deployed to Desert Shield/Storm, flew missions into Sarajevo in the longest humanitarian airlift in history, and then converted to combat missions over Kosovo several years later.

Since 9/11, USAFE has supported OIF/OEF with airlift, tankers, fighters and personnel — today, 70 aircraft and 2000 Airmen fight the war on terror.

Last summer, USAFE assisted 14,000 Lebanon evacuees during the Hezbollah-Israeli conflict.

Expanding east and south, USAFE continues its proud tradition as a flexible, agile team building on the outstanding achievements of thousands of Airmen to ensure freedom's future!

"For more than half a century, USAFE airmen have taken the fight to America's and our allies' enemies. All Airmen and civilians assigned to USAFE today, like those who came before, should take pride in the fact that, every day, their service to our nation adds to this command's proud legacy," said Gen. Tom Hobbins, USAFE commander.

### Key USAFE Achievements

❑ 1st wartime action: on Aug. 17, 1942 began its daylight precision bombing campaign against Axis Europe

❑ D-Day participation: 171 fighter squadrons with 3,000 aircraft flew 8,722 combat sorties gaining air superiority and disrupted German reinforcements and ground movements.

❑ WWII Medals of Honor: 25 aviators, 16 of them posthumously

❑ Berlin Airlift: in a 24-hour period, 2,764 flights deliver 12,941 tons of supplies and a cargo plane landed or took off from one of Berlin's three airfields every two minutes

❑ Operation El Dorado Canyon against Libyan terrorist: 18 RAF Lakenheath F-111 Aardvarks bombed 5 terrorist targets in Tripoli and Benghazi

❑ Operations Desert Shield/Storm: USAFE deployed 15% of its Airmen, 55% of its aircraft and 33% of its munitions – Spangdahlem's F-4Gs destroyed 143 radar sites

❑ Sarajevo Relief Missions: USAFE C-130s flew 12,886 relief missions, delivering more than 160,000 metric tons of supplies.

❑ Joint Task Force Shining Hope: A mass exodus of Kosovar citizens led to the establishment of Joint Task Force to provide immediate relief to more than 450,000 refugees as USAFE airlifted food, equipment, and medical supplies to the region.

❑ Global War on Terrorism: USAFE personnel played a key role in the humanitarian airdrops over Afghanistan, loading more than two million humanitarian rations as planes flew daily missions from Ramstein AB to Afghanistan. (Courtesy of USAFE Public Affairs)



### First responders

Lajes firefighters respond to major accident scenario Tuesday night as part of this week's Operational Readiness Exercise. The next ORE is scheduled for Feb. 20-22. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)



## Failure to pay debts hinders mission

By **Capt. Richard Freudenberg**  
65th Air Base Wing Legal

Military members have a duty to pay just debts in a timely manner.

The failure of members to pay debt, including rent, takes Air Force people, credibility and financial resources away from mission accomplishment.

### Loss of people

The Air Force loses people.

Commanders enforce member debt obligations through adverse administrative actions such as letters of counseling, letters of admonition, and letters of reprimand.

Under circumstances when the member deceives, evades, makes false promises, or demonstrates a grossly indifferent attitude toward the debt, the failure to pay can be punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

One member at Lajes Field has been prosecuted for his failure to pay rent and was sentenced to reduction in rank and three months confinement. Members may be subject to involuntary discharge.

### Loss of credibility

The Air Force loses credibility.

The Portuguese, especially landlords, know us. Our actions reflect on the Air Force.

The Air Force's reputation in the local community is tarnished when its members fail to manage financial obligations. To help restore that reputation, as in the case above, claim payments may be made to the damaged individuals.

### Loss of money

The Air Force loses money.

The Air Force, under the terms of the Technical Agreement between the United States and Portugal, can pay claims to the individuals damaged when a member commits a crime.

The Air Force paid over 6,000 euros to the landlord that the convicted member failed to pay.

Although the Air Force will seek reimbursement from the member that was convicted of the crime, this takes time and removes financial resources that could otherwise be used for mission accomplishment.

Failure of members to properly manage finances takes resources away from mission accomplishment.

This is completely avoidable through proper financial management.

If you have difficulty meeting your financial obligations and want to get back on track, contact the legal office or the Airmen and Family Readiness Center.

## Good to Know

### Base inprocessing

Base inprocessing has returned to twice a week – at 10 a.m. Mondays and 2 p.m. Wednesdays in the down stairs basement of Bldg T-112. For more details, call Staff Sgt. Ana Valenzuela at 535-3250.

### 65th MDG parking

The primary parking areas for patients receiving care at the 65th Medical Group include the front and back of the clinic in Bldg. T-416 and the parking area across from Arts and Craft Center.

If these spaces are filled, additional parking options include the lot across from the Community Center and between the picnic area and Bldg. T-310, which is located across from the clinic campus.

### IDEA program

The IDEA Program is an incentive program to recognize submitters for approved ideas that benefit the government by streamlining processes or improving productivity and efficiency.

It also recognizes individuals for intangible benefits such as improving morale or working conditions. Ideas can be submitted via the Internet at <https://ipdsmont.disa.mil>.

For more information, contact your unit point of contact or the Installation IDEA Program Manager at 535-1144.

### SARC

Capt. Christopher Vaca is Lajes' sexual assault response coordinator. His office is located in Bldg. T-112 in the old American Red Cross office.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program was created to address the issue of sexual assault and to foster a culture of prevention. The SARC is the source of allowing personnel to report sexual assaults confidentially.

To report a sexual assault or for details about the program, call 535-SARC (7272).



### Monster Jam

**SAN ANTONIO** – The Air Force sponsored monster truck Afterburner, driven by Damon Bradshaw, soars over an obstacle during the qualifying round of the 2007 Monster Jam Jan. 13 in the Alamodome. 2007 marks the second season the Air Force sponsors the high-powered 2006 monster truck equipped with a 1,465 HP, 540 Merlin motor and 66-inch tires designed to take on the U.S. Hot Rod Association Monster Jam racing circuit. (Photo by Master Sgt. Scott Reed)



# COMMUNITY



## 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

☐ **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. weekdays

☐ **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.



☐ **Editor's note:** Hours are subject to change.



## At the movies



### Today

**7 p.m. – The Holiday** starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet. Iris is in love with a man who is about to marry another woman.

Across the globe, Amanda realizes the man she lives with has been unfaithful.



Two women who have never met and live 6,000 miles apart, find themselves in the exact same place. They meet online at a home exchange website and impulsively switch homes for the

holiday. Shortly after arriving at their destinations, both women find the last thing either wants or expects: a new romance.. *Rated PG-13 for sexual content and language (132 minutes).*

**10 p.m. – Turistas** starring Josh Duhamel and Melissa George. A group of young backpackers' vacation turns sour when a bus accident leaves them marooned in a remote Brazilian jungle that holds an ominous secret. *Rated R for violence, disturbing content, sexuality, nudity, drug use, language (92 minutes).*

### Saturday

**7 p.m. – Déjà vu** starring Denzel Washington and Val Kilmer. Everyone

has experienced the unsettling mystery of déjà vu – that flash of memory when you meet someone new you feel you've known all your life or recognize a place even though you've never been there before. But what if the feelings were actually warnings sent from the past or clues to the future? *Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence/terror, disturbing images, sensuality (128 minutes).*

**10 p.m. – The Holiday**

### Sunday

**2 p.m. – The Holiday**

**7 p.m. – Turistas**

### Thursday

**7 p.m. – Turistas**

### Killer Velcro

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# 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

**“Give Parents a Break” Night:** Tonight is the Child Development Center’s “Give Parents a Break” night. For more details, call Barbara Lohr at 535-3192.

**Lajes’ CFC Recognition Ceremony:** Set for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Top of the Rock Club Ballroom. The event will recognize the efforts of everyone who helped make this year’s campaign such a success. Everyone is welcome to attend and show their support. For details, call Capt. Lisa Tauai at 535-1293.

**National Prayer Luncheon:** The Lajes Chapel hosts the annual prayer luncheon at 11:30 Thursday in the TORC. This year’s guest speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Steve Keith, USAF deputy command chaplain. Tickets are available at the chapel and from first sergeants. For more details, call the Jacinta Pires at 535-4211.

**Oriental buffet:** The TORC hosts a large oriental buffet from 5 to 10 p.m. Jan. 27 in the ballroom. Price is \$14.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 5-12. Reservations are highly recommended. Call 535-1122 or 3202 for more details.

**Lajes Idol V:** Takes place at 8 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Top of the Rock Club. To participate in the competition, sign up at the Community Activity Center by Jan. 26. For more details, call 535-5216 or e-mail [rudolph.wallace@lajes.af.mil](mailto:rudolph.wallace@lajes.af.mil).

## Spiritual Fitness

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel retreat,** today through Sunday; **men’s spiritual leadership training/breakfast,** 8 a.m. Saturday; **SUM dinner,** 5:30 p.m. Thursday; **Mothers Study based on Pope John Paul II’s Familia Concortio,** 11 a.m. Jan. 26. All events take place at the chapel unless listed otherwise. Call 535-4211 for details.

## Education

**University of Oklahoma Spring Courses:** The next on-site course is “Spiritual Dynam-

ics of Alcoholism & Recovery,” a three-hour elective for the OU’s Master of Human Relations degree program. The course dates are March 6-11. The last day to add/drop this course is Feb. 5. Call Kate Etheredge at 535-3171 for more details.

**Central Texas College:** CTC will temporarily change their days to Monday and Wednesday through Friday each week. This schedule is in continues through Feb. 9. Call 535-6722 for more information.

**University of Phoenix:** University of Phoenix offers the MBA and several Master of Arts in Education programs to the Lajes Community. Classes are six weeks long and students can earn a degree in less than 24 months. There is no thesis or entrance exams required. Call Eteleva Davis at 535-1970 for more details.

## Lajes Schools

**School bus monitors:** Lajes is still looking for volunteer school bus monitors. If interested or for more details, call Yolanda Castro, school liaison officer, at [yolanda.castro@lajes.af.mil](mailto:yolanda.castro@lajes.af.mil) or call her at 535-1314.

**Parent survey:** Parent opinions are paramount when it comes to improving the quality of education being provided to the children at Lajes American School. If you did not complete the on-line survey during the Parent Teacher conference, visit <http://www.dodea.edu>, click on “Customer Satisfaction Survey”; select Mediterranean District followed by Lajes ES/HS School. Parents are asked to complete a separate survey for each enrolled child and are welcome to stop by the school and use one of the computers to complete the survey if they do have access to a computer.

## Miscellaneous

**Kid’s Night Out:** From 6 to 9 p.m. every Friday; open recreation for ages 9-12. Special activities for ages 5-8 (must pre-register). Call Glenda Cornillie at 535-3272 for more details.

**Teen Late Night:** From 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and

Saturdays in the Lajes Youth Center; for teens (members ages 13-18). Membership is \$35 a year. For more details, call Glenda Cornillie at 535-3272.

**Insurance agent needed:** GEICO auto insurance is looking for an agent to work near Lajes Field. Prior insurance is helpful but not required. Contact M. Froehlich at 0049-631-3109583 or e-mail [mfroehlich@geico.com](mailto:mfroehlich@geico.com) for more details.

**AFE survey:** Armed Forces Entertainment is launching a brand awareness campaign, which is designed to encourage more entertainers to perform on military installations overseas and at deployed locations. Before this new initiative begins, AFE needs to see how they are meeting the needs of Lajes be-

fore proceeding in building more programs. Visit <http://www.coreresearch.biz/troop> to complete the survey.

**Lajes Youth Program:** The Lajes School Age Program is open from noon to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more details, call 535-3273

**Toll free calls:** To make a call to 1-800, 888, 866, 877 toll-free prefixes, Team Lajes can call DSN 809-4OFFDSN (809-463-3376). Callers do not have to dial the traditional 94 prefix for to access this DSN number. After dialing, callers will hear a dial tone. They can dial the toll-free number as soon as they hear the dial tone. This procedure reduces the workload of base operators, reduces the call holding time incurred, and also improve services to all DSN users.

## 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 editor when items have been sold.*

Lexmark X72 multifunction machine printer, scanner, and copier, \$50; new Duralast semi-metallic rear brake pads, \$15; new Duralast ceramic brake pads, \$35; Whirlpool bounce rider, \$40; Baby Trend 3 position recline/6 position height adjustment w/ dishwasher safe tray, \$30; umbrella stroller, \$7; Baby Trend stroller which can hold infant carriers, \$35; GE 32-inch TV, \$40. If interested, call Monica at 96-893-6399.

For sale: 1991 Burgundy BMW 520i, 5-speed manual trans, sunroof, excellent condition. Car is tagged until Oct. 2007. Call Carl at (work) 535-1385, (cell) 96-915-6583. Asking \$3,500.

For sale: 2003 Honda Element EX. 53,500 miles, champaign exterior with gray and black interior, low emissions vehicle, CD player, MP3 ready, built-in subwoofer, manual transmission, 2.4 Ltr, removable rear seats, sunroof, waterproof interior, suicide doors, rubber front and rear bumpers (ideal for this location), extra head clearance and rear seat leg room, lift gate rear for easy loading and great gas mileage. Great car and sad to get rid of. Call CB or Kim at 295-549-681.

For sale: JVC portable CD, cassette, radio w/ 10 CD changer, double cassette recorder, remote control, detachable speakers, original owners manual. In perfect condition. Please make an offer. Call 295-542-341.

For sale: 1989 Chevrolet full-size conversion van. Automatic, AC, all electric. Great island bomb or large family vehicle. \$1,700 or best offer. Contact Lyle Riley at 535-2465 or 295-579-594 if interested.

Items for sale: Car subwoofers: Three 10 inch JL and one 10 inch MTX, \$75 each; box for two 10inch subwoofers, free if you buy two subwoofers or \$35, one 12 inch subwoofer in box with amp, \$150 OBO; 7-foot Christmas tree including some lights and ornaments, \$50; large (tropical island scene) lighted motion sound (fiber-optic) picture, \$100 OBO; Sony Handycam DCR HC46 video camera, \$499 OBO (retail \$700+ with all extras); 1 MegaPixel CCD/ 2.7 inch 16:9 touch LCD screen/12x optical, 800x digital zoom/progressive shutter system/Super SteadyShot and Super NightShot plus technology/AC-L25 power adapter/in-camera charger, two NP-FP50 InfoLithium rechargeable batteries, remote control, stereo A/V cable, USB cable, lens cap, CD-ROM with USB driver camera extras: DCR-HC46 docking station, 512mb memory stick duo, high resolution wide-angle lens, high-resolution telephoto lens, high resolution-professional three-piece filter kit, deluxe carry case, 'tabletop' tripod and cleaning kit. If interested call David or Tanya at 295-549-756 or e-mail [david.saltis@gmail.com](mailto:david.saltis@gmail.com).

House for rent: 3-bedroom house located on the main road going to Biscoitos (10 minutes from the base by car) in a nice and calm neighborhood. Has two double bedrooms, one children’s bedroom, two living rooms, a kitchen, a storage room and a big garden. Furnished. Cable and TV line available. Price negotiable. E-mail [q\\_uaresma@hotmail.com](mailto:q_uaresma@hotmail.com) or call 91-876-8415 for more details, house visit or photos.

PCS’ing to MacDill? Brand new 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage for rent. Built in 2005 in new community 15-20 minutes from MacDill. Kitchen is fully loaded with new fridge, stove, and dishwasher. Appliances never used. Only lived in a couple days due to PCS. Great view of man-made pond, public pool and many more amenities. Immediate move in available! Call Chris at 295-549-826 or 535-5280.

Wanted: Large dog travel kennel. If anyone has one they’re willing to sell, call David or Tanya at 295-549-756 or e-mail at [david.saltis@gmail.com](mailto:david.saltis@gmail.com).



## Congratulations

Congratulations to John Winston for taking second place Saturday in the Azores Regional Judo Championship.



## Judo lessons

Registration kicks off Tuesday for the Lajes Youth Center's upcoming judo lessons.

Classes will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for ages 4-18 and from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for adults; the cost is \$35 per month.

Call 535-3273 for more details.

## Tumbling, gymnastics

Registration for the Lajes Youth Center's upcoming tumbling and gymnastics lessons kicks off Tuesday.

Classes will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays for ages 3-5; the cost is \$25 per month. Classes will be from 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 6-12 and from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; the cost is \$35 per month.

Call 535-3273 for more details.

## Men's varsity softball

The 2007 Lajes Men's Varsity softball team meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Top of the Rock Club

officer's dining room. Those interested in playing softball with the varsity team this year should attend to discuss team specifics, fund raising ideas and opportunities and for a chance to meet the coaches and other players.

Official tryouts/evaluations will be held at a later date, but this meeting should be considered an official team function.

For more details, contact Eric Crandell at 295-549-707 or by e-mail at [ecrandell@gmail.com](mailto:ecrandell@gmail.com).

## Halo 2 tournament

Set for 3 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Community Activity Center. Awards go to first- and second-place finishers.

XBOX tournaments are held on the third Saturday of every month.

Call Sandra Sousa at 535-5216/4125 for more details.

## Survival Challenge

The Chace Fitness Center is holding a survival challenge to encourage all of Team Lajes to stay focused on fitness following the holiday season.

Those who sign up in FitLinX between Jan. 1 and March 31 and burn 17,500 calories (equivalent to five pounds of fat) will win a fitness T-shirt.

People also registered in FitLinX are also welcome to participate. Visit the

fitness center for sign up or registration information.

## "Pool Shark" tournament

This Scotch double tournament is 7 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Top of the Rock Club. The winning team will be qualified for the USAFE tournament Feb. 21-23. Participants must be 18 years or older and be a DoD ID card holder.

For more information, call Tommy Brooks at 535-6324.

## Superbowl Blowout

This year's TORC Superbowl Blowout starts at 9 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Top of the Rock Club's Enlisted Lounge.

The buffet will last from 8 to 11:30 p.m. with the Bits and Bites menu being served until the game is finished.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Prizes will be given out throughout the game with the AFN Commercial Contest taking place at half-time.

Call 535-6105 for more details.

## Basketball championships

The 2007 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Large Units Basketball Championships is scheduled for March 4-10 at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom.

Call Tony Baptista at 535-1290 for more information

# Sports Shorts



## Armchair Quarterback Challenge

Once again, this week's winner is a repeat champion — **Michael Flores** of the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron. This newcomer to Lajes also won back in Week 12, Week 14, and Week 16.

How many competitors did he have? Zero. Wow, talk about scaring off the competition. I guess nobody wanted to walk down the Lajes Field Football Hall of Shame.

The conference championships are this weekend. Do you have what it takes to take the champ off the throne and take home your own book of AAFES coupons?

*"I truly need more challengers. Where's the competition?"*

**Michael Flores**  
65th LRS



### Game Schedule

#### Conference Championships

- National Football Conference
- New Orleans at Chicago**
- American Football Conference
- New England at Indianapolis**

#### Total points for last game listed

**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 listed. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the last game listed.



## Intramural, HS teams display talent on the court

**By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald**  
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

SMACCS came out on top in a battle of two undefeated teams Jan. 6 in the Lajes American High School Gym.

Donald Casey, publicist for SMACCS, said pushing the ball down the court helped his team lay the smack down on the 65th Medical Group 54-29 and remain the only undefeated team in Lajes' intramural basketball league.

"Both team arrived at the gymnasium with a lot of anticipation," Casey said. "Excitement was in the air and the tip off signaled the long-awaited meeting of the Medics and SMACCS."

The 65th MDG jumps out to a 5-0 lead over SMACCS. SMACCS coach Laten Williams, who also serves as the command chief master sergeant for the 65th Air Base Wing, uses a timeout to calm his team and talk little about defense and sends his team back on the court.

From that point on, the game took a significant turn. "Within a couple of minutes, SMACCS took control of the game and never looked back," Casey said. "If they were from Nevada you could have called SMACCS the Running Rebels."

The Medics would take a shot; SMACCS would rebound and then make an outlet pass down court to Mark Cave for another two points.

Soon the Medics caught on and began covering Cave closer. SMACCS had a backup plan: pass it to the other side of the court.

"Brandon Wengert was there to add in his own series of buckets and 3-pointers," Casey said. "The final score was a lot to a little, which helped proved that SMACCS is the best intramural team at Lajes."

A rematch between the two teams is set for 12:15 p.m. Saturday in the HS gym.

### Lajes Falcons, 50, Lusitania 36

A stern defensive strategy in the second quarter helped the Lajes High School Falcons soar over Angra's Lusitania High School 50-36 in boy's basketball action Dec. 20 in the Lajes American High School Gym.

"For the first time this season, we found ourselves down at the end of the first quarter," said Coach Carter Hoff. "The boys stepped up their defense in the second quarter, holding Lusitania to just five points in 10 minutes of play. This change in defense gave us the momentum we needed to clinch our third victory of the season."

Terrence Williams and Brandon Harris proved to be the game's most valuable players.

"Terence had a career-high 32 points, eight rebounds and seven steals and Brandon led the game with seven assists and finished with five points and eight rebounds," Coach Hoff explained. These two sophomore co-captains have played outstanding thus far in the season and are expected to lead the team to a successful performance at the DoDDS tournament in Manheim, Germany in February."

Coach Hoff said this game was the most challenging of the season for the Lajes Falcons.

"They met this challenge head on and overcame an early deficit to prove they can provide local basketball clubs strong competition."

Lajes won their first two games with scores of 56-19 against Angrabol from Angra

**Upcoming Games**

**Boy's HS basketball**  
 At S. Bento Gym (Angra) 1 p.m. Jan. 27 and 6:30 p.m. Jan. 29  
 In Lajes American High School Gym 6:30 p.m. Jan. 31

**Intramural basketball**  
 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Saturdays and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Mondays in Lajes American High School Gym.

and 47-28 against the Vitorinos of Praia.

**Editor's note:** Look for coverage of girl's high school basketball action in next week's *Crossroads*.



*Sophomore James Cardo, Lajes Falcons, goes for the bucket during boy's high school basketball action in the HS gym. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)*

*Mark Cave, SMACCS, make his way down the court for another score during an intramural basketball game against the Medics.*