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Lajes Is In The Fight!

ORI Countdown

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Tip of the Week

□ Use the time from now until the ORI to train your co-workers. No organization should be “breakable” because one person is taken out of the equation.

*Courtesy of
65th ABW Inspections*

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

Weather Forecast

Today

Mostly cloudy

High 66
Low 55



Saturday

Cloudy
Rain
High 63
Low 57

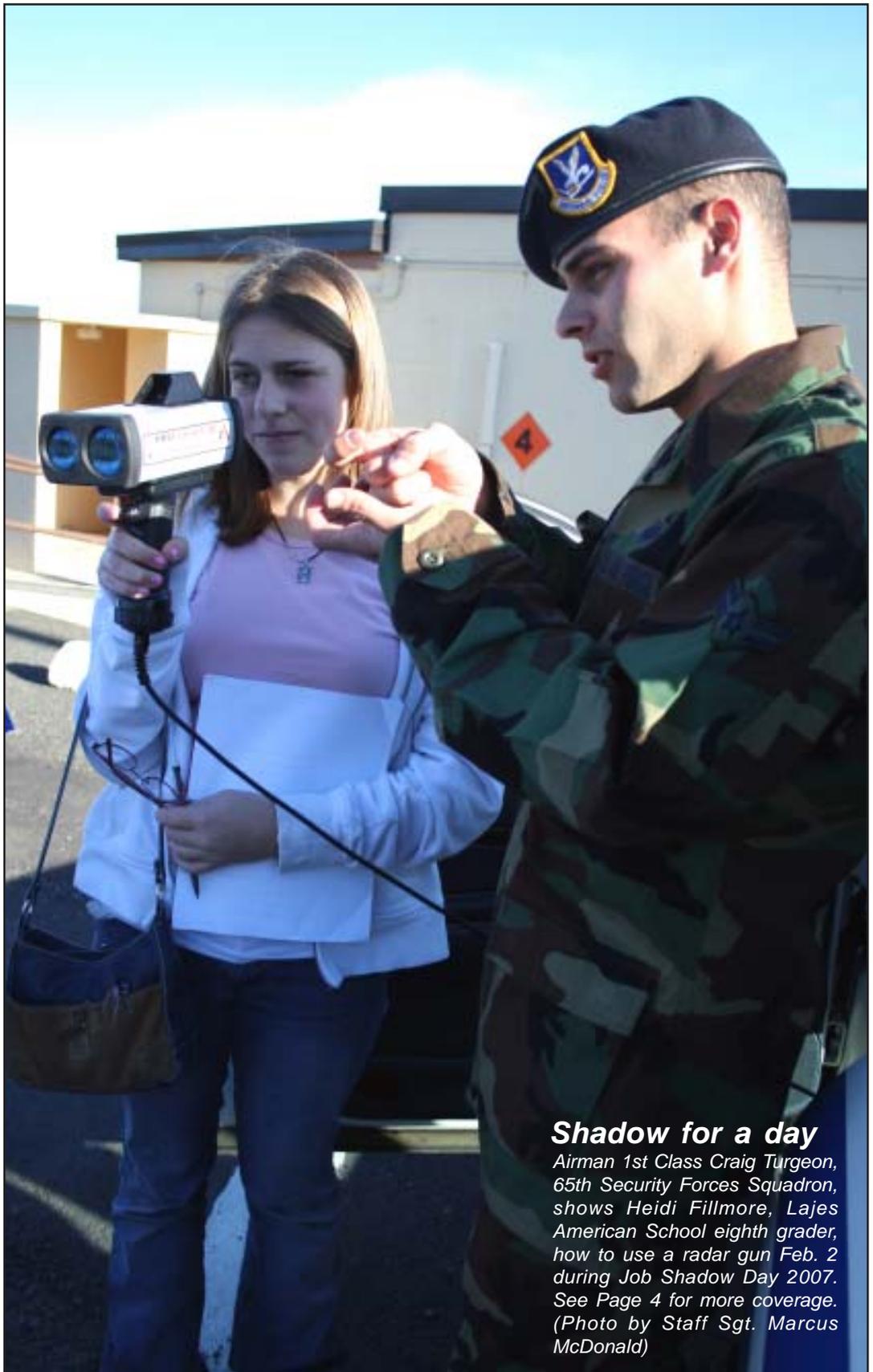


Sunday

Cloudy
High 63
Low 55



*Courtesy of the
65th OSS Weather Flight*



Shadow for a day

Airman 1st Class Craig Turgeon, 65th Security Forces Squadron, shows Heidi Fillmore, Lajes American School eighth grader, how to use a radar gun Feb. 2 during Job Shadow Day 2007. See Page 4 for more coverage. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)



PERSPECTIVE

65th ABW/CC: *What I learned as a knob*

By Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing commander

“Why do you have the T-pin when your roommate doesn’t? You only took care of yourself and didn’t back him up. Now drop and start pushing the state of South Carolina away from your worthless body!” Cadet Sergeant Fernandez was very angry.

It was our first inspection and a USMC Colonel had given him demerits for “failure of super-vision.” Every knob in my squad had spent the entire night without sleep preparing for the inspection, but the Colonel had found something wrong with all of us except for my roommate and me.

After the Colonel left, Cadet Sergeant Fernandez put my roommate and me under a microscope. If we were the only two in the squad who looked good, it was because we hadn’t helped out the others in the squad. He figured that we hadn’t really backed each other up either, so he started taking our uniforms apart to see who’d failed who. He found that I had the required T-pin under my brass breastplate and that my roommate didn’t. Punishment started with pushups and got worse. Since he was now restricted to campus, he had plenty of time to drive home the lesson that if you’re only taking care of yourself, you are failing your team.

I am a graduate of the South Carolina Military College, the Citadel. I entered the Citadel in August of 1975. I earned my degree in Business Administra-



Colonel Winston receives his first haircut at the Citadel. (Reprinted with permission from The Post and Courier)

tion, but the most important lessons I learned were as a knob, a freshman cadet.

I reported to the Citadel sporting long hair almost to my shoulders. My father had told me to cut my hair before I went. I didn’t think that was necessary since they cut it as soon as you arrived, so I reported with long hair. The first lesson that I learned was that first impressions last. I received instant notoriety and was awarded the “Lady Award” in front of my class of 750 freshmen. For months, I was dropped for pushups because of their memory of my hair. The second lesson is to listen to your parents and elders. Looking back on things, my

parents told me a lot of things that I didn’t want to hear, but they never ever told me anything that was wrong.

After Friday parades, they would take us out on runs in formation where the object was to run until the quota set by upperclassmen of freshmen dropped out from exhaustion. Those who dropped out ran the next morning. The pace wasn’t fast, but you never knew how long or far we might have to run. The challenge was mental. I never dropped out and I learned that if you never give up, you will always make it.

Cadet Cpl. Barrs stepped into our room one night to tell us what good knobs he thought we were. You can’t imagine how that comment lifted our spirits. There were other instances where kindness was shown that enabled us to survive the stress; never forget to show kindness. We laughed a lot about all the crazy situations we found ourselves in as knobs. Humor and a positive attitude can get you through the worst of times.

My roommate and I always went to chapel. It was either him dragging me to chapel, or me dragging him, but we always went. We drew strength from worship and it helped that we backed each other up in this. Spiritual fitness completes the person. They always had us singing songs. When we marched, we sang. At dinner, we sang. At the football games, we sang. It was a way of building the team.

We were given many projects to do as knobs. We



Colonel Winston was a knob at the Citadel in 1975. (Courtesy photo)

were required to make huge posters made out of bed sheets sewn together for football games. We had to put up a huge Christmas tree and decorate it. We had morning “sweep detail” and weekly laundry detail. Every task was accomplished as a class. I came to appreciate all we could get accomplished as a team.

It was just a few, but some cadets were thrown out of the Citadel for honor violations. A cadet will not lie, steal or cheat, nor tolerate those who do. Despite all the harsh treatment and crazy things they made you do, they could never cause you to lose your honor; only you could forfeit that.

As a knob, I learned that teamwork and perseverance will get you through anything; that spiritual fitness will help you focus on what is important and enable you to persevere and contribute to the team; and that selfishly focusing on you leads to failure of the individual and the team.

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FY 08 budget includes pay raise, new facilities

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

WASHINGTON — In the president's fiscal 2008 budget, released Monday, Air Force leaders are asking Congress for about \$110.7 billion dollars.

The Air Force budget request, about \$6.2 billion more than it received in FY07, is divided into three primary areas: people, readiness and modernization and recapitalization.

About 5 percent of the total budget goes toward infrastructure, said Maj. Gen. Frank Faykes, Air Force military deputy to the assistant secretary for budget.

Taking care of Airmen is one of the top three priorities for Air Force leaders, and this year, nearly a third of the budget, about \$36 billion dollars, goes toward that goal.

This year, Air Force leaders have asked for about \$1.3 billion dollars more than the service received last year to fund personnel costs.

"We have a 3 percent pay raise for military and civilian Airmen next year, and as you know, we have 670,000 Airmen in our Air Force — officer, enlisted and civilian Airmen," he said. "Everybody will get a 3 percent pay raise. Also, basic allowance for housing goes up about 4 percent."

Winning the war on terrorism is certainly another priority for Air Force leaders. This year, they are asking Congress for about \$30.6 billion dollars in readiness funds to help the service prepare Airmen to fight the war on terrorism. That request is about \$3.2 billion more than the service received the year prior.

"Readiness is key to fighting and winning the (war on terrorism) today," General Faykes said. "We look at the readiness, the operations and maintenance account, as that direct funding that allows us to prepare, to train, and then to deploy to fight the global war on terror."

The Air Force readiness accounts are meant to pay for things like funding flying

operations at bases, security forces squadrons, operating vehicle fleets, and communications systems. This is the money that allows day-to-day operations and training to go on at Air Force bases around the world.

"That readiness funding that operates and maintains our basic infrastructure at our home bases is very critical to the success of the United States Air Force in providing air dominance to the combatant commanders," General Faykes said.

The Air Force's FY08 budget is but a part of the president's overall budget for the United States.

Once the president's budget leaves the White House, it must be approved or disapproved, in part or in whole, by Congress. Portions of the budget for the Air Force or any other federal agency can be increased or decreased by Congress.

Lawmakers will try to have the budget approved before October 1, 2007, the beginning of FY08.

Prepare to make your mark during Lajes' first ORI

By Master Sgt.
Chris Phillips

65th Air Base Wing Inspections

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspection Team visited Lajes in December and gave some helpful hints we can all use to 'wow' them when they visit again in March.

Follow these tips and make your mark during the ORI:

□ Be a team player. The rating we receive reflects on the entire team at Lajes, not just one person, section, flight or even unit.

□ If you are not deploying, be a good wingman and make sure your co-workers are ready. Do they have all the required gear packed in their personal bag? Do they know how to properly don chemical warfare gear?

□ Get out of the mindset that you would never really deploy. Everyone who wears the uniform is deployable. It might not be realistic, but we all need to be ready. Do your part in getting your mobility folder ready, and be prepared to leave at a moment's notice. Do not get complacent if you are not on the initial order to deploy; during exercises you'd be surprised at what can happen

to folks and you end up being called on to deploy.

□ If you see something out of place or someone doing something wrong, correct it. Don't expect someone else to do it.

□ Know how to contact your UCC and relay information. If you suspect something or see something out of place or suspicious, report it. Also, use your chain of command.

□ Keep safety at the forefront. Immediately cease operations to correct hazards.

□ Be familiar with the contents of your *Airman's Manual*.

□ Know what your role is in respect to Lajes' mission. During the ORE and ORI, our primary objective and task is to deploy and receive forces.

□ Do not compromise safety for the sake of "sense of urgency." Sense of urgency means you are taking care of business, focused on the task of hand and taking things seriously. Sense of urgency is not squealing the tires of a GOV when pulling out of a parking lot or stopping at Burger King for coffee on your way in during a recall.

□ Know your plans and how and when to implement. Make



updates now, not during the ORI.

□ Be prepared to support multiple events at the same time. Prioritize events and remember what the objective is.

□ When handed an inject, play it out as far as possible. The IG will instruct you when to stop.

□ If you are giving a briefing during the ORE or ORI, be prepared. If you need to practice, then practice. You are representing the entire team.

□ Know when to ask for help. You might be given an unreasonable task intentionally. If you need help, ask for it.

□ Use the time from now until the ORI to train your co-workers. No organization should be "breakable" because of one person is taken out of the equation.

□ Be professional and

courteous, regardless of the situation. First impressions will go a long way.

□ Take pride in your work. Don't be ashamed or embarrassed to showcase your accomplishments or how you do business. You might be doing something better than anyone they've ever seen.

The key to Lajes getting an Outstanding rating is the total team. We need to show how innovative we are, and how well we train our junior enlisted and junior officers.

If you have an opportunity to get your junior Airman involved, do so. Put them up to the challenge; you might be surprised with the outcome.

The IG already has expectations of what should happen; we need to surpass those expectations and wow them with everything we do.

They are going to find write-ups, the key is to prepare and make them dig to find things.

Be confident and look at this as an opportunity and not as a hindrance.

The second most important thing to actually fighting the war is training and preparing for war.



Lajes students get introduction to work force

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

Twenty six Lajes American School eighth graders got an opportunity to participate in this year's Job Shadow Day Feb. 2.

Job Shadow Day gives students a sampling of what it's like to work in a specific career.

"This serves as an introduction to the work force, giving students an opportunity to grasp the connection between school and what it takes to work in a certain profession," said Yolanda Castro, Lajes school liaison officer.

Job Shadow Day 2007 was so successful that John Allan, Lajes American Elementary/High School principal, hopes to expand it to

include several grade levels next year.

"This was another great partnership with the military community supporting our students," Mr. Allan said. "Our students got hands-on job experiences and a real feel for the kinds of work they can one day enjoy. They loved it.

Students experienced how core classes such as reading and mathematics are fundamental in being successful in the workplace, Mr. Allan explained.

"School really is a preparation for the work they will do one day," he said. "The message was clear: the time to prepare is now."

James Cole and Heidi Fillmore, two of the Job Shadow Day participants, said they enjoyed shadowing Staff Sgt. Anthony Jones

"Our students got ... a real feel for the kinds of work they can one day enjoy"

John Allan
Principal, Lajes American
Elementary/High School

and Airman Craig Turgeon of the 65th Security Forces Squadron.

"It was neat to see what they do on a daily basis," Cole said. "Cops are cool."

"I've always thought of cops as being the good guys who get rid of the bad guys," Fillmore said. "It was interesting to see how they do it and what they have to go through to make that happen."

Lajes Salutes

□ Congratulations to the following Lajes promotees:

To Airman: **Simon Gravelle**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

To Airman 1st Class: **Ayla Gallegos**, 65th Security Forces Squadron; **Bethany Harrison**, 65th Medical Support Squadron; **Cory Mahon**, 65th SFS

To Staff Sergeant: **Andrew Davis**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Bradley Hofstetter**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron; **Tyler Roberts**, 65th Operations Support Squadron

To Technical Sergeant: **Wayne Parsons**, 65th Air Base Wing Chapel

□ Congratulations to **Lt. Col. John Oliver**, 65th Services Squadron commander, for winning the 2007 USAFE Services individual award in the Field Grade Officer category.

□ Way to go to **65th Services Squadron** for garnering the 2007 USAFE Services Program Award in the Collocated Club category.

□ Congratulations to the **65th Civil Engineer Squadron** and the **65th Operations Support Squadron** for taking the Squadron Intramural Team Commander's Cup Trophies. The 65th CES took Large Unit trophy while the 65th OSS claimed the Small Unit trophy.

□ Way to go to the **65th Medical Support Squadron** for garnering the Achieving Top Levels At Sponsorship Award. The ATLAS award recognizes organizations who achieve a top quality sponsorship program.



Soul Food Fest

Paris Wengert, 65th Air Base Wing Political Affairs, left, and other members of Team Lajes enjoy the African-American Heritage Committee's Soul Food Fest Feb. 2 in the Community Activity Center. An array of "soul food" was available free of charge at the event, which kicked off African-American Heritage Month at Lajes. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)



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. – Rocky Balboa starring Sylvester Stallone and Burt Young. Former heavyweight champion Rocky Balboa steps out of retirement and back into the ring, pitting himself against a new rival decades after his initial glory. When a computer-simulated boxing match declares Rocky Balboa the victor over current champion Mason "The Line" Dixon, the legendary fighter's passion and spirit are reignited. *Rating PG for boxing violence and language (102 minutes).*

10 p.m. – The Good Shepherd starring Matt Damon and Robert Di Niro. Edward Wilson understands

the value of secrecy – discretion and commitment to honor have been embedded in him since childhood. Wilson's acute mind, spotless reputation and sincere belief in American values render him a prime candidate for a career in intelligence, and he is soon recruited to work for the OSS (the precursor to the CIA) during WWII. *Rated R for violence, sexuality and language (168 minutes).*

Saturday

7 p.m. – Rocky Balboa
10 p.m. – Apocalypse starring Dalia Hernandez and Mayra Serbulo. Set in the Mayan civilization, when a

man's idyllic presence is brutally disrupted by a violent invading force, he is taken on a perilous journey to a world ruled by fear and oppression where a harrowing end awaits him. *Rated R for intense detailed graphic violence, sexuality, gore and disturbing images (138 minutes).*

Sunday

2 p.m. – Rocky Balboa
7 p.m. – Apocalypse

Thursday

7 p.m. – The Good Shepherd
☐ **Editor's note:** Call 535-3302 for updated information.





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

New Commissary hours: Beginning Monday, the Commissary will be closed each Sunday and Monday and open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday through Saturday. The Commissary will be also closed in observance of the Portuguese Holiday "Mardi Gras" Feb. 20.

65th CPTS closure: The 65th Comptroller Squadron will be closed for an official function from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. For emergency payments during this time, call 968-299-302 or 968-623-861.

Bake sale: The Lajes Officers' Spouses' Club holds a "Pamper Your Sweetheart" Valentine's Day Bake Sale from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday in front of the Commissary. Gift baskets, jewelry, cookies, cakes, chocolates, balloons and more will be available for sale. Call Colleen Blecher at 295-549-187 for more details.

Annual Awards Banquet: Scheduled for Feb. 16 in the Top of the Rock Club ballroom. Social starts at 6 p.m. with the event kicking off at 7 p.m. Brig. Gen. Michael A. Snodgrass, Director, Plans, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$20 for club members and \$22 for non-members. See your first sergeant for tickets.

Murder Mystery Dinner: Tickets, normally priced at \$30, will be discounted to \$25 Feb. 20 for the Enlisted Spouses Club's Annual Murder Mystery Dinner set for March 3 in the Top of the Rock Club ballroom. The social kicks off at 6 p.m. followed by the mystery dinner at 7 p.m. Call Rochelle Weaver at 295-549-720 for more details.

St. Valentine's Dinner: From 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Top of the Rock Club. Includes a special dinner buffet and wine. Cost is \$32 or +25. Call 535-3202 for more details.

Lajes Idol V: Set for 8 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Top of the Rock Club. For more details, contact Rudy Wallace at 535-5216 or rudolph.wallace@lajes.af.mil.

African-American Heritage Banquet: Set for 6 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Top of the Rock Club. The program begins at 6:30

p.m. Tickets are \$16. For more details, call Senior Master Sgt. Pamela Crittenden at 535-3818 or Tech. Sgt. Lisa Nelson at 535-6282.

New Beginnings: This new weight loss support group meets at 3:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of every month in the Health and Wellness Center. The next meeting is set for Feb. 28. For more details, call Capt. Lisa Tauai at 535-3889 or Angie Erickson at 295-549-528.

Spiritual Fitness

AWANA Grand Prix Workshop, 3 p.m. Sunday; **Protestant Women of the Chapel monthly fellowship,** 7 p.m. Monday; **Catholic Women of the Chapel meeting,** 6 p.m. Feb. 14; **Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast,** 8 a.m. Feb. 17; **Catholic Youth of the Chapel lock-in,** Feb. 18-19.

All events take place at the chapel unless listed otherwise. Call 535-4211 for details.

Education

OU course/graduation: Registration is open for "Planning Issues in Organizations," a three-hour on-site elective for the University of Oklahoma's Master of Human Relations degree program. The course dates are April 10-15. The last day to add/drop this course is March 12. Thursday is the deadline to submit a graduation application for Spring 2007. Call Kate Etheredge at 535-3171 for more details.

Free Portuguese class: The Education Office will be sponsoring a conversational Portuguese class Feb. 26 to March 23. This class meets from 11 a.m. to noon each weekday in Bldg. T-146. Students will receive a free Portuguese dictionary as well. To sign up or for more information, contact the ACE Center or call Lucia Soares at 535-1115.

Term IV ERAU classes: Term IV classes will begin at the end of March. Classes include MGMT 420: *Management of Production and Operations*, and SFTY 409: *Commercial Aviation Safety*. Call Shannah McQuary at 535-3375 for more details.

AFA spouses scholarship: The Air Force Association offers

\$2,500 scholarships to spouses of Air Force active duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel. Active-duty members are not eligible. The application deadline is April 30. Applications are available at the Education Center (T-146). For more details, call Mike Schendel at 535-1125.

MOAA scholarship program: The Military Officers Association of America has officially opened its 2007 Base/Post Scholarship program and will be offering individual grants to 25 dependents of active-duty personnel worldwide. For more information, call Mike Schendel at 535-1125.

Jobs/Volunteer

Education advisor: The 65th Contracting Squadron is competitively soliciting quotes for an education advisor non-personal service. Closing date is 4 p.m. Feb. 21. For more information, contact Senior Airman Ashley Clark at 535-3104 or ashley.clark@lajes.af.mil.

AAFES snack bar workers: The base theater is taking applications for snack bar workers. Applications can be picked up at any AAFES facility or in Bldg. T-800. Applications should be turned in to the theater supervisor during regular theater hours or to the human resources representative in Bldg. T-800. Call 295-573-634 for more details.

Miscellaneous

New podcast program: The AFN Europe broadcast ministry is launching a new podcast program called "Awakening." The program will be available each week starting Sunday afternoon. For more information, visit www.afneurope.net and click on pod-casting.

WICO Overseas: The Womens, Infants and Children Overseas program is now open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. WICO is located in Room 122 of Bldg. T-425. Call Becky Heerema at 535-1440 for more details.

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. Notify the Crossroads editor when items have been sold.

Wanted: Donations of household items (i.e. kitchenware, towels, bedding, etc.) for a missionary and his wife moving to the island to serve the American and Portuguese communities. If you have questions or an item to donate, call Elizabeth at 295-57-9092, 96-312-2492 or e-mail ers_slp@yahoo.com.

For sale: AFN satellite dish and receiver with remote. Used for only two months. Retail \$458. Asking \$350 or best offer. Call 295-549-650.

For sale: 1991 Black BMW 520i, automatic, sunroof, new tires, good condition. Inspection good through August. Asking \$3,700. Call Mark Cave at (W) 535-3546, (H) 295-549-351.

Items for sale: 25" color TV w/ remote, \$75 OBO. Microwave, \$15. Tall office shelf, \$20. Computer desk, \$40. Side table w/ drawer, \$5. Contact Ruby at ruby.ferren@lajes.af.mil or after 5 p.m., 295-549-759.

For sale: Live on base and get cash in your pocket when you PCS. Get 100% cash back in BAH/COLA. 2 bedrooms, 1 Bath. Approximately 900-square feet of living space. Fireplace. 2 storage units plus full attic. Parking steps from your door. Fully fenced-in yard. Beautiful ocean views. Remodeled kitchen and bathroom. Available May 1. Call Dean at 295-549-824. If no answer, leave a message.

For sale: Dr. Brown's baby bottles. The best anti-colic/anti-spit-up bottles on the market. Patented design to help prevent colic and gas. I have ten 4 oz. bottles and inserts (used for two months), 12-8 oz. bottles and inserts (used for two weeks), 15 level two nipples, 19 level one nipples, 21 bottle tops, 21 travel disks, and six brand new cleaning brushes. Originally paid over \$150; will sell for \$45. Contact Merin at 295-549-824.

For rent: New 2-bedroom apartment. Has small garden. Equipped with intruder alarm. Located five minutes from base at Rua da Saude, 51F, Praia da Vitoria. Contact Cláudia at 91-224-7834 or 295-513-714.

PCSing to Eglin or Hurlburt? House for sale or rent. Two miles west of Hurlburt's main gate. Priced below appraisal. Large lot. Secluded. Sound side Hwy. 98. Enclosed swimming pool and lanai. 2,400 SF. 4 BR/2 BA/2C. Possible lease w/option to buy. Call 535-3914, 967-034-617 (cell), or 295-516-084 (home) if interested.

New Duralast semi-metallic rear brake pads, \$10; new Duralast ceramic brake pads, \$20 (both for Chevy truck — Tahoe, Avalanche, Silverado, GMC Yukon); Baby Trend 3 position recline/6 position height adjustment w/ dishwasher safe tray \$30; umbrella stroller \$5; newer baby car seat, \$20; Cross Terrain backpack child carrier; used one week, \$50; fire wood, \$20; small charcoal grill, \$10; large charcoal grill, \$20; kid's table with center storage, \$10; toddler's electric four wheeler, \$50; island bomb four-door car available March 4. Call Monica at 96-893-6399 for details.

Looking for automatic, 4-door vehicle in great condition. Must have been purchased from Portuguese market and not subject to duty tax. E-mail azoresborn@yahoo.com.



Youth bowling league

From 3 to 5 p.m. Sundays through April 15 at the Hillside Lanes. For ages 5-18.

Cost is a \$13 sanction fee or \$5 per week. Sign up at the front desk.

Call Luci Lima or Jesse Davis at 535-6169 for more details.



Valentine's Day special

Cosmic bowling from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hillside Lanes. Cost is \$5 for two hours; shoe rental is \$1.

Call Luci Lima or Jesse Davis at 535-6169 for more details.

Spring soccer sign-ups

Sign-ups ongoing at the youth center for ages 3-18. Registration fee is due Feb. 23. The season begins March 17. Call Cheryl Karnes at 535-1197 for more details.

Cherry Tree Chopping 5K

Set for Feb. 16. Showtime is 7:20 a.m. in front of the Chace Fitness Center. The run kicks off at 7:35 a.m.

For more details, call the fitness center staff at 535-1290.

Judo, tumbling, gymnastics

Registration continues for the Lajes Youth Center's upcoming judo, tumbling and gymnastics lessons.

Judo 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.

Tumbling and gymnastics 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.

Survival Challenge

The Chace Fitness Center is holding a survival challenge to encourage all of Team Lajes to stay focused on fitness during the winter months.

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 already registered in FitLinX are also welcome to participate.

Visit the fitness center in Bldg. T-333 for sign up or registration information.

Basketball championships

The 2007 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Large Units Basketball Championships are scheduled for March 4-10 at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom. Call Tony Baptista at 535-1290 for more information.

Volleyball championships

The 3rd Allied Air Component Command Headquarters Ramstein Volleyball Championships are scheduled

Chace Fitness Center

Updated

Hours of Operation

The Chace Fitness Center hours of operation are now:

Weekdays
5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Holidays, Goal Days and Down Days
8 a.m. to 9 p.m.



for March 19-22 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. For more details, call Tony Batista at 535-1290.

Ultrabodies VIII

RAF Mildenhall holds this body-building competition at 6 p.m. June 23 at the Galaxy Club. Entry fee is \$40. Open to ID cardholders ages 18 and up.

Call Calvin Dixon at 535-6126/1290 for more details.

Sports Shorts



Armchair Quarterback Challenge

Bill Miller, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, and **Richard Barnett**, 65th Air Base Wing, were both eight points off of the total combined score for Super Bowl XLI and are this week's co-champions. Bill said

the score would combine to make 38 and Richard said 54. The number was 46.

Congratulations to this season's winners and thanks to all who participated. See you next year!

"I won, you didn't. I have no need for trash talk. Why? Did I mention I won and you didn't. Yeah..."

Bill Miller
729th Air Mobility Squadron



"I'd like to thank those who played and lost. I'd also like to ask Flores, Lara and Paris, who's the Champion?"

Richard Barnett
Wing Plans/Programs and Antiterrorism/Force Protection

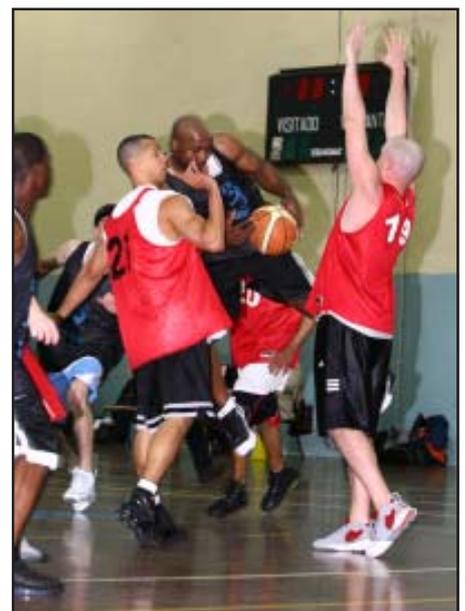




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(Left) Timothy Chisholm, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, rises for a lay-up during the semi-final game against SMACSS Jan. 29 in the American High School Gym. (Above) Kellen Buss, 65th CES, completes a lay-up on a fast break.



Derrick Clarke-Edghill, 65th CES, dominates the boards against SMACSS defenders.

Civil Engineers edge SMACSS 46-44

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

Teamwork, a strategic passing strategy, and an aggressive defensive attack helped the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron edge SMACSS 46-44 during the semi-final intramural basketball action Jan. 29 in the American High School Gym.

Every member of the team came together as one cohesive unit, according to Christopher Dooley, 65th CES coach.

"From the starting center down to the last man on the bench, everybody contributed to this win," Coach Dooley said. "It was a team effort."

The Civil Engineers took the talk about how good their opponents were and used it as a motivation factor.

"We as a team had a chip on our shoulders because all season we've been hearing how good SMACSS is and how they're the best team," Coach Dooley said. "We knew what our team was capable of doing. Once we got our key players back, we continued to show everybody who doubted us from the start just how good we were."

Two members of the team have proved instrumental to CE's success this year – Donald Andrade and Ken Little.

"With Andrade's basketball knowledge and Little's wild playing, we've been very successful," Coach Dooley explained. "Little is our loose cannon."

SMACSS gets a chance for redemption as they take on the Civil Engineers at 7 p.m. today in the high school gym; this time, it's for the championship trophy.