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In working order

Senior Airman Sean Fletcher, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, repairs a fire engine. See page 4 for an article on how Lajes vehicle maintainers keep emergency responders mobile. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Shannon Ofiara)



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Lajes Is In The Fight!

ORI Countdown

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Final ORI Tips

- ❑ Know that effective communication will be vital to Team Lajes' success. Push and pull for information.
 - ❑ Carry your *Airman's Manual* and reflective belt with you at all times. Wear your reflective belt only during hours of darkness, inclement weather or reduced visibility.
 - ❑ React to each scenario as if it were real.
 - ❑ Be proud. Show what you know!
- Courtesy of 65th ABW Inspections*

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

OPSEC

- ❑ Be careful what you throw in the trash. When possible, use a shredder.

Weather Forecast

Today

Partly cloudy

High 68
Low 57



Saturday

Mostly cloudy

High 70
Low 55



Welcome U.S. Air Forces In Europe Inspector General Team

Lajes In The Fight!



PERSPECTIVE

Team Lajes, let's close the deal

By Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing commander

The world needs people who close the deal. By the term "close the deal," I mean leaders who see an action through to completion.

Everyone has ideas and critiques, but those people who close the deal are the ones who make the world better for all of us.

One example of someone who knows how to close the deal is Senhor José Soares, who had an idea about how to conserve energy and save money for our wing.

He didn't just talk about the idea. He took the time to research the idea and get facts that showed why his idea was worth taking action on. His well-reasoned idea will save our wing thousands of dollars while reducing needless consumption of valuable energy. I was proud to sign his cash award. Senhor José Soares knows how to close the deal.

This past week, the contract aircraft that brings our Commissary shipment from Germany was delayed due to flight coordination issues.

It looked as if the Lajes community was going to have to go without some basic groceries for a week or more. But then the deal closers went to work.

Col. Jeff Derrick spent hours on the telephone with USAFE, AMC and DECA officials to coordinate a short-notice C-17 mission from Ramstein to bring us our groceries. He was joined in his efforts by Lt. Col. Marissa Lucero of AMS, Jim Marino of the Commissary, and our U.S. Embassy Defense Attaché Office to close the deal.

I am sure that many other deal closers will go unmentioned, but all great efforts have unsung heroes.

There is one more chapter to this story.

The C-17 landed Saturday evening as the Commissary was closing. Over 90 percent of the Commissary workers volunteered to stay overtime to unload the supplies and make sure

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Colonel Winston

that we would have our groceries available.

These wonderful people went the extra mile to take care of us. They know how to close the deal!

Next week, inspectors from all over USAFE will be watching Team Lajes to see how well we close the deal. The Operational Readiness Inspection is one of the most demanding evaluations that any wing can be challenged with. We will be accomplishing our mission

under simulated wartime conditions. It will be stressful and will require out-of-the-box thinking by each individual. All Airmen will need to step up to be the leaders that our country needs us to be.

Whatever the challenge, we will take ownership and then close the deal by completing all actions to a logical conclusion, or by getting positive hand-off to the right people who will complete action.

Someone may ask, "what is my area of responsibility?" Our answer is that the entire Air Force is our AOR!

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Lajes is in the Fight! Fight's On!

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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PERSPECTIVE

Let's all keep our newest Airmen in the Fight

By Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams
65th Air Base Wing
command chief master sergeant

When I think about the Olympics, I'm reminded of processes where we work to get our absolute very best athletes to compete and represent the Red, White, and Blue. Each country does similar.

Our Air Force does the same. We recruit and retain only the finest that America has to offer ... those who volunteer to serve.

There are several screenings that are done to make sure you have a certain level of education, physical and emotional stability, and others.

Make no mistake about it, when you are world-champions like we are, you have to go after the very best. We do and we get them.

Upon completion of Basic Military Training and Technical School, our Airmen are fully pumped, motivated, and disciplined ... they are "in the Fight!"

They arrive at their first duty station ready to go.

Their sponsor is at the airport to greet the Airman and take them to their temporary or permanent quarters.

Shortly after their arrival, they enter the First Term Airmen Center (FTAC). There again, our Airmen get energized and

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focused. They usually have discussions with leaders such as the wing commander, command chief, first sergeants, and others who deliver consistent messages to our newest warfighters.

After graduating from FTAC, our Airmen report to their duty section and meet their NCOIC and/or supervisor. They are trained up to this point and are ready for the Fight. Here's where we have to be careful so we don't lose all the momentum we and many others have built thus far.

As soon as possible, we need to sit down with and tell our bright and shiny Airmen what the standards and expectations are.

Lay the foundation for success right in front of them from the start. Get to know what's important to your Airmen. What

are their goals, not just for the Air Force, but also what do they hope to achieve in life?

Find out what motives and drives them. Teach them about simple things such as how to use the chain of command.

Demand they always use sir and ma'am in communications, be on time for duty, look sharp, and be professional at all times, 24/7.

Create a culture of responsible choices, to include the use of alcohol if they chose to indulge.

Set the standard high and hold them accountable for their actions. I promise they'll meet your expectations.

Recognize their accomplishments and when necessary, provide corrective actions to set them back on the right track for success.

I am extremely proud of our Airmen with whom I serve with on a daily basis and those I've served with in the past.

As a Chief, I draw a great deal of energy and fuel from all of you. I need you ... we all need you, to stay focused and on the team. Together we not only stay in the Fight, but remain the undefeated, undisputed champions of the world.

We are the United States Air Force and no one, I mean no one, comes close. Airpower!

Personnel records readiness: Are you ready?

By Maj. Gen. Tony Przybylski

Air Force Personnel Center
commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Because change is the one thing you can count on, take time now to review your personnel records to ensure they are ready for whatever is around the next corner.

Air Force Personnel Center officials are establishing an annual campaign to encourage Airmen to review their records at the beginning of each year to make sure they remain complete, current and accurate.

Consider what could happen if you fail to update your virtual Record of Emergency Data, or vRED, and become a casualty. Rather than receiving notification through Air Force channels, your next of kin may learn of the situation through

the news media or another unofficial source.

Even worse, what if your parent is ill and is not able to deal with the stress of your injury? Documenting these types of details on your vRED enables Air Force responders to correctly follow your instructions in the event you become a casualty.

Equally distressing would be if you failed to update your Servicemembers Group Life Insurance beneficiary information. An oversight like this could lead to your family members not receiving insurance benefits from the Air Force.

Keeping your records current is not only applicable for a deployment. Unfortunately, accidents on- and off-duty occur all too frequently. Vehicle, motorcycle and recreational sporting accidents

occur almost daily.

Personnel records also need to be reviewed as they directly impact your promotion potential. Look at your records and understand what is documented and what should be documented. Individual performance counts! It's critical that your records accurately reflect your performance. When your records meet a promotion board, we need your help to ensure the board views your complete and accurate record of performance.

Airmen should review their records and physically account for their decorations and performance reports. Just because this information appears in your electronic personnel record or SURF doesn't mean the information is also in your hard copy record. It never hurts to check.

Also, consider the impact on career development for an officer who fails to keep a Transitional Officer Development Plan current. Development teams can only conclude that the last entry in the record is what matters. If we don't know what your career goals are, they won't be a factor as we'll match you to the needs of the Air Force.

Many portions of your personnel record can be reviewed or updated at a time and place of your choosing through AFPC's virtual Military Personnel Flight or by contacting the Air Force Contact Center.

When we are all ready as Airmen, we become an Air Force ready to complete the mission our country calls upon us to accomplish, while ensuring our families have the best care possible.



Air Force officials announce E-8 selections

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials have selected 1,282 Master Sergeants for promotion to senior master sergeant.

Those selected from Lajes Field include: **Antonio Rita**, 65th Air Base Wing; **Christopher Thurlow**, 65th Communications Squadron; **James Britt**, 65th Medical Support Squadron; **Shannon Parker**, 65th Mission Support Squadron; and **David Dock**, 65th MSS.

The complete list of those selected is available on the Air Force Personnel Center web site at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/sitemaps/enlisted/promotions.asp>.

The board, which convened here Feb. 5 to 23, considered 14,626 master sergeants, for an 8.77 percent select rate. Last year's selection rate was 8.63 percent.

The average score for those selected was 663.89, with an average time in grade and time in service of 4.50 and 20.53 years respectively.

The average score was based on the following point averages:

- 134.99 for enlisted performance reports;
- 32.88 for time in grade;
- 21.52 for time in service;
- 21.12 for decorations;
- 65.42 for Air Force supervisory examination;
- 387.97 for board score.

Score notices are available on the virtual military personnel flight, or vMPF.

Those selected will be promoted to E-8 beginning in April. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)



O-4, O-5 selects

The Air Force also selected three 65th Air Base Wing Airmen for promotion to O-4 and O-5.



To Major
Capt. Anthony Spratley



To Lieutenant Colonel
Maj. Thomas Angelo
Maj. Brian Walker

LRS Airmen keep vehicles mobile

By Airman 1st Class Shannon Ofiara
Det. 6, Air Force News Agency

Aircraft stop at Lajes Field every day to refuel and crews are on 24-hour watch to respond to any emergency situation.

A group of Airmen from the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron help ensure these emergency crews and their vehicles are ready for any challenge.

"If a fire truck doesn't have the capabilities to stop a fire, it shuts down the entire flightline," said Senior Airmen Sean Fletcher, vehicle maintainer.

"This, in turn, stops the process of getting supplies to and from the fight and back," the Airman said.

Vehicle maintainers keep all the vehicles on the flightline fully maintained, repaired and ready for anything.

"Whether the vehicle takes cargo on and off the aircraft or supplies it with fuel, we're the ones who keep the operation moving in and out of Lajes," Airman Fletcher said.

New survey to assess, improve information delivery to Airmen

By Maj. Robert Pope
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – The Secretary of the Air Force Office of Communication at the Pentagon has launched a study to find out how Airmen want to get information about the Air Force.

A randomly selected group of Airmen and Air Force civilian employees will receive an e-mail invitation from Brig. Gen. Erv Lessel, Air Force director of communication, asking them to complete an online questionnaire to share their views on several information sources, products and technologies.

"This is a very important project for the Air Force because we're working hard to improve our Air Force information delivery channels and products so Airmen get the information they want and need, when and how they want it," General Lessel said.

"If we hear from Airmen that some of the information channels are working well while others are broken, we'll know where to focus our attention," he said. "If Airmen tell us they flat-out can't get some of the information they really want or need, we'll look hard at ways to fix that."

Researchers anticipate the results of this "Where Airmen Get Information" survey will

be used to focus Air Force Public Affairs attention on the products Airmen use and value most, permitting the Air Force to cease publishing less-desired products or stop operating less-used channels.

"It's been almost three years since we last surveyed Airmen about their information wants and needs. If you think about how the information environment has changed during that time, with new media and new technologies coming on line, you see why this study is both essential and overdue," General Lessel added.

According to Steve Everett, principle researcher in the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs assessment division, the survey relies on hearing from all invited participants.

"If we hear back from only the Airmen who have computers on their desks, we won't have anywhere near an accurate, complete understanding of Airmen's information preferences," he explained.

"The Air Force is going to extra lengths to get the word out about this survey so invited Airmen will know it's the 'real deal' and their supervisors might give them 15 minutes of computer time to complete the survey if Airmen don't have computer access of their own," Dr. Everett said. "Otherwise we risk getting input only from Airmen with easy computer access, to the exclusion of people in career fields who don't have easy access to the Internet at work."





Trabalhadores portugueses recebem mais dinheiro nos seus vencimentos

Por Eduardo Lima

Relações Públicas
Forças Estados Unidos nos Açores

Os trabalhadores portugueses ao serviço do destacamento norte-americano nas Lajes começaram a receber mais dinheiro nos seus vencimentos a partir de 2 de Março deste ano. Este acréscimo não é, todavia, resultado de um aumento salarial mas sim devido a uma recente mudança na forma como o subsídio de transporte é pago aos trabalhadores.

“Antes o subsídio de transporte era adicionado ao salário mensal e tributado no IRS pelo fisco português,” disse o Dr. Nuno

Lemos, advogado português ao serviço do Gabinete de Justiça deste destacamento.

De acordo com o Dr. Lemos, o pagamento de imposto IRS sobre o subsídio de transporte foi um erro administrativo devido a uma interpretação errada da lei portuguesa. O Dr. Lemos verificou que não havia nada na legislação portuguesa que determinasse que o subsídio de transporte fosse incluído no montante sujeito a tributação e recomendou que esse procedimento fosse alterado.

“Com o subsídio de transporte sendo adicionado ao montante salarial sujeito a ser tributado pelo IRS, resultou que muitos

trabalhadores vissem o seu escalão de descontos ser aumentado, resultando assim no pagamento de mais imposto IRS,” disse o Dr. Lemos.

“Esta diferença no salário não é um aumento salarial, mas antes uma mudança administrativa uma vez que o subsídio passou a estar isento de tributação do IRS o que se traduz num aumento dos rendimentos do trabalhador,” acrescentou o Dr. Lemos.

Hoje, os trabalhadores portugueses receberam também pagamento retroactivo do imposto IRS indevidamente cobrado sobre o subsídio de transporte entre o mês de Janeiro e o dia 2 de Março de 2007.

Portuguese workers see extra money in pay checks

By Eduardo Lima

65th Air Wing Public Affairs

The Portuguese workers at Lajes Field started seeing extra money in their pay checks March 2.

This increase was not due, however, to a pay increase but rather to a recent change in the way their monthly transportation subsidy earnings are handled.

“Before, the transportation subsidy received by the Portuguese workers was being added into their monthly salary and was subject to taxes by the Portuguese government,” said Dr. Nuno Lemos, the Portuguese lawyer at the 65th Air Base Wing Legal Office.

Paying taxes on the transportation subsidy was an administrative error due to a erroneous interpretation of the Portuguese

law. When Dr. Lemos started working for the base, he noticed there was nothing in the Portuguese law that required the transportation subsidy to be taxed, and made a recommendation to have this changed.

“With the transportation subsidy included in the salary’s amount to be taxed,” Dr. Lemos explained. “This caused many workers to be accessed at a higher tax bracket, causing them

to pay even more taxes.”

“This is not a pay increase, but rather an administrative change in the way the workers’ monthly earnings are taxed, which translates into an increase of the worker’s monthly income,” he added.

Today, the Portuguese workers will also see a retroactive pay for the taxes deducted from their transportation subsidy between January and March 2, 2007.

NCO, Airman win Air Force broadcasting awards

By Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald

65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A Lajes NCO and Airman from Det. 6, Air Force News Agency, recently took Air Force-level honors for their efforts in broadcast journalism in 2006.



O'Brian

Staff Sgt. Tara O'Brian, training NCOIC, and Airman 1st Class Troy Davis, broadcast producer, said they were surprised when they were told the news.

“It’s always a little bit of a shock when something like this happens, but it’s a pleasant surprise,” said Sergeant O'Brian, who was named the AFNEWS NCO of the Year and Public Affairs Broadcast NCO of the Year.

“Everyone likes to know they are contributing to the overall mission,” she continued. “I guess this is an affirmation of that.”

“It was very overwhelming,” echoed Airman Davis, who was named the AFNEWS Public Affairs Airman of the Year. “It’s also very exciting to do the simple things, such as putting in 100 percent effort at work and doing things around base.”

Sergeant O'Brian and Airman Davis said the support and mentorship of those around them directly contributed to their success.

“No one in broadcasting receives these kinds of awards without contributions from the rest of the team,” Sergeant O'Brian explained.

“A lot can be said about one person’s accomplishments, but I feel the only reason



Davis

“... having two broadcasters win an Air Force-level award speaks volume about the quality of the team we have at AFN Lajes.”

Sergeant Lehman

Det. 6, AFNEWS superintendent

I’ve been so successful is because NCOs I work with set that example,” Airman Davis said.

Master Sgt. Sean Lehman, Det. 6, AFNEWS superintendent, said Sergeant O'Brian and Airman Davis’ awards are a reflection on the entire AFN Lajes team.

“With such a small station, and in a remote location, having two broadcasters win an Air Force-level award speaks volumes about the quality of the team we have at AFN Lajes,” he said.

Sergeant O'Brian’s package will now compete for one of the 12 Outstanding Airman of the Year slots for 2007.



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

5K cancellation, fitness center hours: The Family 5K race scheduled for Saturday has been cancelled. Also, the Chace Fitness Center will be open next week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Base in-processing: Base in-processing will not take place next week due to the 2007 Operational Readiness Inspection. A mass base in-processing briefing is set for 10 a.m. March 26 in the basement of Bldg. T-112 for everyone arriving on island next week. For more details, call Airman 1st Class Tabatha Mahaffey at 535-5143.

Spiritual Fitness

Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast: 8 a.m. Saturday; **Mothers Study based on Pope John Paul II's Familia Concortio:** 11 a.m. March 23.

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

Women's retreat: The Protestant Women of the Chapel hold a women's retreat March 30 to April 1 at Hotel do Caracol in Angra. All women of the Lajes community are invited. Call Angie Miller at 295-549-790 or Angie Erickson at 295-549-528 for more details.

Education

UMUC Term IV registration: The University of Maryland University College - Europe holds registration for Term IV through March 23. Also, the Learn & Earn textbook rebate offer is extended to students in Term 3. Call Johnny Bryant at 535-4187 for more details.

ERAU Term IV classes: Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Term IV class MGMT 420: *Management of Production and Operations*, is March 30 to April 5. The class dates for SFTY 409: *Commercial Aviation Safety*, are April 19-26. Registration for these classes is underway. Call Shannah McQuary at 535-3375 for more details.

University of Phoenix: The

university offers the Master of Business Administration and several Master of Arts in Education programs to the Lajes community. Classes are only six weeks long and a degree can be completed in less than 24 months. No thesis or entrance exams are required. Contact Etleva Davis at 535-1970 or etleva.davis@phoenix.edu for more details.

CTC courses: Central Texas College offers the following vocational-technical courses in the upcoming term: CDEC 1356: *Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood*, March 26 through May 18; CJSA 1342: *Criminal Investigation*, March 28 through April 14; and CJSA 1322: *Introduction to Criminal Justice*, April 15-30. Term IV registration has been extended through March 23. Contact Anneke Cerri at 535-6722 or lajes@europe@ctcd.edu.

Spouse Tuition Assistance Program deadline: The deadline to apply for Term V (summer term) STAP is April 27. Applications are available at the Education Center. Call Lucia Soares at 535-1115 for more details.

Jobs/Volunteer

Substitute teachers: Lajes American School is looking for substitute teachers. Applications are available at the school office. Visit the school office or call Michelle Rodrigo at 535-4151 for more details.

NAF jobs: The 65th Services Squadron has the following non-appropriated jobs available: club operations assistant at the Top of the Rock Club; recreation aid at the Community Activities Center; Child Development Program assistant at the Child Development Center; and School Age Program assistant at the Youth Center. Call Donna Costin at 535-5200 for more details or visit the Human Resources Office in Bldg. T-112.

Miscellaneous

Daylight saving time: In the United States, daylight saving time was observed Sunday. How-

ever, in the Azores and throughout Europe, daylight saving time will be observed March 25. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour starting March 25.

2007 billiards season: Billiards leagues begin April 3. The entry deadline is March 28. No entries will be accepted after this date. A team meeting for all coaches and team captains is set for 10 a.m. March 28 in the Community Activity Center. Call Tony Batista at 535-1290 for more details.

Used car locator: The Airman & Family Readiness Center now offers a used car locator binder where people can post a flyer when selling a vehicle. This can be especially beneficial currently as there is an increase of families PCSing to Lajes needing a vehicle. Call Sandy Rocha at 535-4138 for more details.

OLA: Latin Americans are looking for dedicated, enthusiastic members to help share its Latin Heritage with Team Lajes. Cinco de Mayo will be the organization's top priority. Call Tech. Sgt. Sandra Nunes at 535-3635 or e-mail sandra.nunes@lajes.af.mil for more details.

New pick-up window hours:

The Lajes Post Office's pick-up window is now open from noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. Also, parcels can now be picked up until 6 p.m. weekdays. Call Staff Sgt. Charles Klode at 535-1203 for more details.

Coffee and doughnuts: Lajes spouses are invited to coffee and doughnuts from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month in the Top of the Rock Club. This event, sponsored by the Key Spouses group, is an opportunity to make new friends and meet new people. Call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 535-4135 for more details.

Rising VI: The Lajes Field Rising VI holds its meetings at 4 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month in the Officer's Lounge of the Top of the Rock Club. The organization is open to all E-1s through E-6s.

Massage therapy: Swedish, medical, Reiki, reflexology, sports, chair, aromatherapy and Myofascial release massages are now available through the Chace Fitness Center. To schedule an appointment, call Luis Carneiro at 968-781-843. Call Tony Batista at 535-6126 for more information.

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.

For sale: Beautiful Jenny Lind crib by DaVinci in hard-to-find maple finish. Used for two years and in excellent condition. Mattress not included: \$65. Matching changing table including upgraded pad: \$35. Will accept \$90 for the matching set. Call Sharon or Sean at 295-549-480.

For sale: King size wrought iron sleigh bed in excellent condition, box spring included: \$400. Queen size mattress, \$50. Call Tara at 535-2434.

Used BJU homeschool materials available for all grades. Still in great condition. A list will be available for each item and the year of copyright. Also, *Left Behind* Books: 1-8. Call Cindy at 295-517-507.

For sale: 2-person trail tent, \$10. Brunswick bowling bag, \$5. New shoe rack, \$5. two brown 3'X3' throw pillows, \$10. New 295/60 R14 Firestone tire, \$20. Call 295-542-341.

For sale: 1991 BMW 535i (Silver) in excellent condition. Automatic. European Specs. 126K miles. Sunroof. CD player. Asking \$5,900. Call Tara at 535-3497 or 965-234-320

For sale: Schwimm stationary exercise bike. \$100. Only used twice. Bought here at BX. Cost over \$400 brand new. Has digital readout. Call Don at 295-57-9126 or Brenda at 295-57-6582.

For sale: AFN decoder + satellite dish. \$215. Used for 2 years. Call 967-034-617 or 535-3914 if interested.

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.

For sale: AFN decoder. \$100. Call 295-516-376 or 535-3339 if interested.

For sale: Xbox 360 with box, 2 wireless controllers, 2 headsets with microphone, and 2 games. Used twice. Asking \$400. Call Joe or Deb at 295-549-705.

Wanted: Donations of household items for a missionary and his wife moving to the island to serve the American and Portuguese communities. Call Elizabeth at 295-57-9092, 96-312-2492 or e-mail ers_slp@yahoo.com for more details.

House for rent: Three-bedroom house on the main road going to Biscoitos (10 minutes from base by car). House 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. E-mail q_uaresma@hotmail.com or call 918768415 for more details, house visit or photos. Price negotiable.



☐ **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 5 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

☐ **Crossroads 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.

Hours

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 10 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 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.*



At the movies



Today

7 p.m. – Dreamgirls starring Beyonce Knowles and Jamie Foxx. Three friends from Chicago are a promising singing trio called The Dreamettes. Their talent attracts an ambitious manager who uses unscrupulous tactics to move the girls from backup singers to superstars of their own. The group evolves into a more sophisticated group, The Dreams rise to international stardom. The money, fame, and adulation, however, doesn't bring them happiness. *Rated PG-13 for language, sexuality and drug content (131 minutes).*

10 p.m. – Smoking Aces starring Ben Affleck and Jeremy Piven. Mob boss Primo Sparazza

has taken out a hefty contract on Buddy "Aces" Israel – a sleazy magician who has agreed to turn state's evidence against the Vegas mob. The FBI, sensing a chance to use this small-time con to bring down big-target Sparazza, places Aces into protective custody-under the supervision of two agents dispatched to Aces' Lake Tahoe hideout. *Rated PG-13 for strong bloody violence, pervasive language, nudity and drug use (109 minutes).*

Saturday

7 p.m. – The Queen (tentative showing) starring Helen Mirren and Michael Sheen. A revealing, witty portrait of the British royal family in crisis immediately following the death

of Princess Diana. In the immediate aftermath of the Princess's passing, the tightly contained, tradition-bound world of the Queen of England clashes with the slick modernity of the country's brand new, image-conscious Prime Minister, Tony Blair. *Rated PG-13 for language (103 minutes).*

10 p.m. – Dreamgirls

Sunday

2 p.m. – The Queen
7 p.m. – Smoking Aces

Thursday

No showing due to the ORI.

☐ **Editor's note:** *Call 535-3302 for updated information.*

Jenny, the military spouse





Girl Scout Week

Lajes Girl Scouts of all ages gathered in the Scout Hut Monday to share ice cream and honor the 95th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America. The anniversary celebration marked Lajes' kickoff of Girl Scout Week, which continues through Saturday. (Photo by Capt. Shilo Weir)



Airman's Manual Fitness Challenge

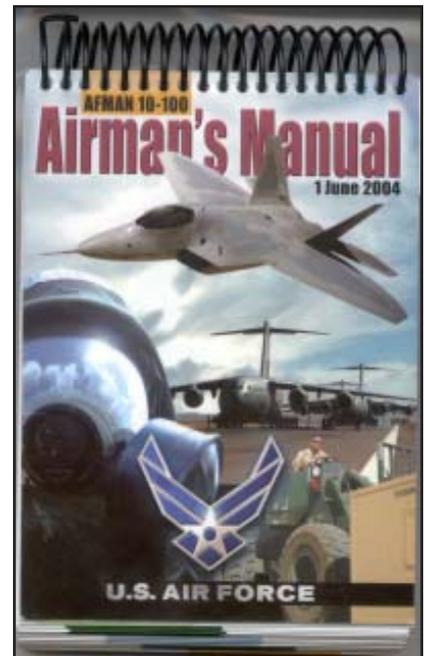
In preparation for next week's Operational Readiness Inspection, the Crossroads continues its Airman's Manual Fitness Challenge.

Congratulations to the winners from Week 2: **Staff Sgt. Elisabete Freitas**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Tech. Sgt. Brian Cain**, 65th Air Base Wing; **Staff Sgt. Adrian Lara**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Master Sgt. Alvin Earp**, 65th ABW; and the entire **65th CS Information Assurance Office**.

To participate in this final week of competition, answer the questions below using your *Airman's Manual* and submit to news@lajes.af.mil. The first five e-mail submissions with the correct answers will win a book of AAFES coupons. The answers will be in next week's issue.

Show what you know, one last time!

1. You're on a convoy and your team is ambushed. What should you do (six steps)?
2. What are the "do's" under the Law of Armed Conflict?
3. What is the wash/wear life for an uncontaminated chemical protective overgarment (CPO)?



The correct answers to last week's questions are below.

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Lajes Is In The Fight!

1. Operations security is everyone's job. When reporting an attack, what are the five OPSEC 'do not's? Use ranks and names of supervisors or commanders; broadcast social security numbers, phone, or credit card numbers; discuss classified information; disclose specific locations; or use profanity
2. What are the symptoms of shock? Sweaty but cool skin (clammy skin); shallow, labored and rapid breath; and weak/rapid pulse
3. What are the four R's when discovering a UXO? Recognize, record, retreat and report