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Summer PCS Tip



❑ Make arrangements to ship your household goods when you receive your orders. The best time is 30-45 days prior to the date you want your property picked up.

OPSEC

❑ Understanding and implementing operational security practices enhances the military's ability to conduct operations safely, securely and effectively.

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

Weather Forecast

Saturday

Cloudy

High 68
Low 48



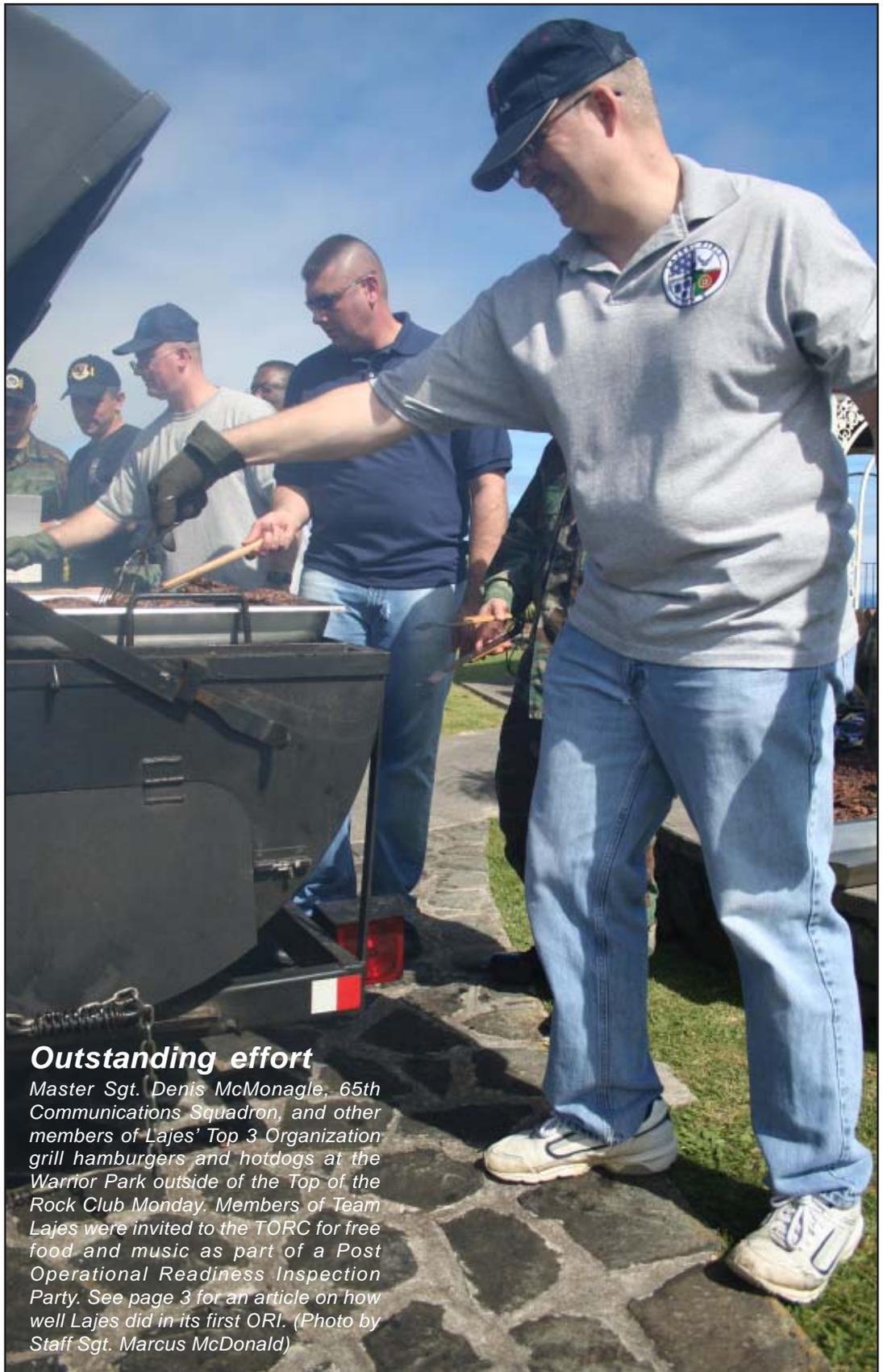
Sunday

Mostly cloudy

High 66
Low 50



Courtesy of the
65th OSS Weather Flight



Outstanding effort

Master Sgt. Denis McMonagle, 65th Communications Squadron, and other members of Lajes' Top 3 Organization grill hamburgers and hotdogs at the Warrior Park outside of the Top of the Rock Club Monday. Members of Team Lajes were invited to the TORC for free food and music as part of a Post Operational Readiness Inspection Party. See page 3 for an article on how well Lajes did in its first ORI. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)



PERSPECTIVE

65th ABW/CC: Reach for the stars

By Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing commander

The Victorian Poet, Robert Browning, said, "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

The poet is saying that we should never put limits on our goals, that attempts to accomplish what may seem impossible are worthwhile.

Team Lajes has done just that.

In the many months of preparation for our first-ever Operational Readiness Inspection, the goal for our team has been to provide an outstanding performance accomplishing our mission.

Our target was an "Outstanding" ORI grade; I told our leadership that anything less than an Excellent grade would be considered failure. We reached for the stars.

Some will say that goals should always be attainable, and that "unrealistic" expectations breed discontent and hopelessness. This sentiment is a recipe for failure.

You don't win wars with average expectations and performance. Daring and audacity along with drive and perseverance are traits of winners.

65th ABW/CC: Apontar Alto!

Pelo Coronel Robert "Dirt" Winston
Comandante do 65th Air Base Wing

O poeta vitoriano, Robert Browning, disse, "Ah, mas o alcance do homem deveria exceder o seu conhecimento, ou para que serve o céu? O poeta diz-nos que nunca devemos colocar um limite nos nossos objectivos, que as tentativas para realizar o que poderá parecer impossível valem bem a pena.

A Equipa das Lajes fez isso mesmo. Nos muitos meses de preparação para a nossa primeira Inspeção de Prontidão Operacional (ORI) de sempre, o objectivo da nossa equipa foi o de ter um desempenho excepcional no cumprimento da nossa missão.

O nosso objectivo era uma classificação do ORI acima do excelente ("outstanding"); eu disse aos nossos líderes que qualquer coisa abaixo de uma classificação de "Excelente" seria considerado um insucesso. Nós apontámos alto procurando o melhor possível.

Alguns dirão que os objectivos deverão ser sempre alcançáveis e que as expectativas "irrealísticas" geram descontentamento e desespero. Este sentimento é uma receita para o insucesso. Não se ganham guerras com expectativas e desempenho médios. Coragem e audácia juntamente com determinação e perseverança são atributos dos vencedores. A nossa equipa é uma equipa vencedora porque

Our team is a winning team because we reach for the stars in everything we do.

Our Team was rated "Excellent" in this ORI by the USAFE inspectors. Team Lajes delivered an "Outstanding" performance. I am so proud to be part of this team.

Everyone proudly declared in both words and actions that "Lajes is in the Fight!" From the rank of Airman Basic to Colonel, everyone was focused on delivering a war-winning effort.

Thank God for our Portuguese workers; they all delivered flawless performances that the inspectors praised as the finest in USAFE.

The Portuguese members of our team will continue to deliver war-winning continuity to Lajes Field long after we in uniform complete our two-year or 15-month tours.

I thank Air Base 4 for their help and support. I also thank the Portuguese Army for their support in this inspection.

I thank the local Azorean community for your support of Lajes Field and all the U.S. personnel who are privileged to live here with you.

I thank each and every member of the 65th Air Base Wing and our tenant units for all you do.

Keep reaching for the stars.

procurámos o impossível em tudo o que fazemos.

A nossa Equipa recebeu a classificação de "Excelente" nesta inspeção ORI pelos inspectores do USAFE. Tenho muito orgulho em fazer parte desta equipa. Todos afirmaram orgulhosamente tanto nas palavras como nos actos que "as Lajes está na luta!"

Desde o posto de soldado ao de coronel todos se concentraram em fazer um esforço vencedor de guerra. Obrigado a Deus pelos nossos trabalhadores portugueses; todos eles tiveram desempenhos impecáveis que foram elogiados pelos inspectores como os melhores no Comando do USAFE.

Os membros portugueses da nossa Equipa continuarão a dar a continuidade vencedora de guerra no destacamento das Lajes muito para além de nós, militares, completarmos as nossas comissões de serviço de 15 meses ou de dois anos.

Agradeço à Base Aérea No. 4 pela sua ajuda e apoio. Agradeço também ao Exército Português pelo seu apoio nesta inspeção. Agradeço à comunidade local açoriana pelo seu apoio ao destacamento norte-americano nas Lajes e ao pessoal norte-americano que tem o privilégio de viver aqui convosco. Agradeço a todos os membros do 65th Air Base Wing e às unidades adidas por tudo o que fazem. Continuem a apontar alto procurando o melhor.

535-4240

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The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution. Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems — but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Line at 535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil.



Col. Robert Winston
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Team Lajes receives 'Excellent' ORI rating

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

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General Team announced Monday that the 65th Air Base Wing received an "Excellent" rating for its outstanding performance during the Operational Readiness Inspection here March 19-23.

During the out brief at the Crossroads Theater, USAFE IG members said Team Lajes was "well prepared."

"An ORI is a difficult and stressful event but we could tell that this wing was ready as is evident in your 'Excellent' rating," said Col. Scott Gillespie, USAFE deputy inspector general. "Ultimately, your time spent in preparing will not only pay off for the 65th Air Base Wing but the entire United States Air Force."

Col. Robert Winston, 65th ABW commander, said he was proud of Team Lajes.

"Look at how far we've come," he said. "We did this whole thing to get this wing ready for war. Lajes is in the Fight!"

The wing also received "Excellent" ratings in the categories of initial response and mission support.

Awards of Excellence went to: Staff Sgt. Kamilah Ballenger, 65th Services Squadron; Master Sgt. Lita Beard, 65th Medical Support Squadron; Tommy Brooks, 65th SVS; Staff Sgt. Kazue Dancer, 65th Security Forces Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Edward Daniels, 65th Mission Support Squadron; Master Sgt. Shannon Parker, 65th MSS;

the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Deployment Control Center; and the 65th Medical Group Public Health Flight.

Also recognized were: Staff Sgt. Kathleen Anderson, 65th Comptroller Squadron; Staff Sgt. Joshua Franklin, 65th ABW; Staff Sgt. Michael Logan, 65th SFS; Staff Sgt. Brandon Mills, 65th SFS; Staff Sgt. Chris Parodi, 65th Communications Squadron; Staff Sgt. Amanda Wholly, 65th MDG; Tech. Sgt. Russell Michaud Jr., 65th SFS; Airman 1st Class Steven Slocum Jr., 65th SFS; 65th MSS Airman and Family Readiness Flight; 65th SVS Food Services; 65th SVS Independent Defense Initiative Operational Training Squad (IDI-OTS) commercial team; 65th CS Information Protection; 65th ABW Augmentee Flight (midnight shift); and the 65th SVS Control Center.



Air Force Services Agency gives Lajes library fifth star

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

Earlier this month, the Lajes library was recognized by the Air Force Services Agency with a Five Star rating for 2006.

The Five Star program recognizes excellence in five areas: operations, programs, training, facilities and customer service.

"It fills the library staff with pride knowing we met the many Air Force library standards to achieve this rating," said Patricia Arnold, library director.

"The library staff worked very hard to meet the requirements of the Five Star program," she said. "It shows that our efforts paid off and that we offer the Lajes community one of the best libraries in the Air Force."

Lt. Col. John Oliver, 65th SVS commander, gave high accolades to the library staff.

"We're fortunate to have a committed and dedicated staff of professionals at the library," he said.

"The entire team made a concerted effort to improve upon the Four Star rating we received [in 2005] and their efforts paid off," he said. "We consistently receive compliments from our patrons on staff's professional-



Ana Fernandes, left, and Jodi Warminsky, library aids, organize books on the shelf at the Lajes library Monday. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)

ism, and it's particularly nice to have validation by receiving recognition like this."

Griselda Black commented on the library's customer service and what it has to offer the Lajes community.

"A friendly and attentive member of the staff always greets me when I go into the library," said Ms. Black, who arrived at Lajes in September 2006. "It's a truly welcoming environ-

ment where you can walk in and sit down to read a magazine, book, or do some research on one of the computers."

Angela Grant said the library is one of the best parts of being assigned to Lajes Field.

"It's conveniently located, is open seven days a week, and has everything a library should have to include recent fiction and Internet service," Ms. Grant said. "The staff is always cour-

teous and professional and the facility is definitely child and student friendly."

Colonel Oliver thanked Team Lajes for helping the library attain this milestone.

"We wouldn't be able to do what we do without our customers," he said. "Once again, Lajes has shown itself as one of the very best wings in the Air Force. I'm very proud to be part of this winning team."



Airman can expect to see combat medal in April

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

WASHINGTON — Since the Air Force started manning convoy operations in support of the war on terror, more Airmen have had an opportunity to put their rifle training to use in real-world scenarios.

Today, explosive ordnance disposal and security forces Airmen, along with those performing in-lieu-of taskings, have joined battlefield Airmen working "outside the wire" in Iraq and Afghanistan and are regularly involved in combat situations as part of their duty...all alongside their fellow Airmen that continue to engage in daily combat, delivering decisive effects from the air.

"We are a warfighting Air Force," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "Our Airmen are doing amazing things in combat operations every single day, both within their core competencies as Airmen, delivering those effects from the air and now on the surface as part of the joint fight."

It is for those Airmen involved in combat operations, on the ground and in the air, that the Air Force has created the Air Force Combat Action Medal, said Gen. Roger A. Brady, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

"There are people coming under enemy fire, but we do not have an Air Force way to recognize the reality of their experience," General Brady said. "So General Moseley has asked us to develop an appropriate recognition, a combat medal, and we have done that."

To develop criteria for the award and to get a better understanding of what Airmen

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Chief of Staff of the Air Force

were looking for in combat recognition, the Air Force consulted with combat-experienced Airmen.

"We gathered feedback from Airmen; active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve members who've been in combat (in the air and on the surface) — some who've received combat recognition from other services, and some who haven't," said Maj. Randall Smith, chief of the Air Force uniforms and recognition branch. "Their feedback was critical in ensuring the recognition we developed met General Moseley's requirements. We also heard from Air Force senior leadership, both officer and enlisted."

General Moseley often meets with Airmen in the field and has frequently called a variety of Airmen to Washington to sit down with him — to get their personal feedback and input. He said "it is important to hear the opinion of Airmen about the AFCAM because the medal is a reflection of the warfighting culture of the United States Air Force and everything we hold dear."

"Combat is a part of our culture and our heritage," General Moseley said. "Our Airmen know this intrinsically and reinforce it through their actions. This award is a way to visibly highlight that part of being an Airman."

General Brady said the AFCAM will be unveiled sometime in April. Then, as part of the unveiling ceremony, some Airmen will be awarded the new medal. At that time, the Air Force will begin to process additional applications for the award.

In order for an Airman to wear the AFCAM, a narrative explanation of the

Airman's involvement in combat activities must be submitted by a person with first-hand knowledge of the incident. The application will be processed through the chain of command and eventually be approved or disapproved by the Commander of Air Force Forces (COMAFFOR).

The AFCAM is for Airmen that have directly participated in active combat, either in the air or on the ground, as part of their official duty. Airmen serving as a crew member on a C-130 providing key support to Coalition forces or Airmen servicing as a convoy escort operation that takes fire, for instance, would be eligible to apply for the award.

"This is for people who are in combat as a part of their duty," General Brady said. "If you are walking across the base at Balad and you are injured by a mortar, you will likely get the Purple Heart. You may even get a Bronze Star, depending on your performance in your duties. But that scenario would not lead to the award of the AFCAM."

The AFCAM will be the highest-level Air Force individual award to not earn points under the Weighted Airmen Promotion System, said Major Smith.

"There was a strong consensus that this recognition should not be tied to promotion points, but should be tied to a meaning greater than that," the major said.

Airman will wear the AFCAM on the mess dress uniform. The ribbon for the AFCAM can be worn on the blue or service dress uniform. These uniforms are usually worn for ceremonies or other duties where it is appropriate to highlight individual achievements.

There will be no patch or badge equivalent for wear on the utility uniforms worn for daily duties and deployments; the emphasis in these cases is better placed on the mission and the team, above self.

Airmen can apply for the award to recognize participation in combat activities dating back as far as Sept. 11, 2001.



Lajes Salutes

□ Congratulations to First Term Airman Center Class 07-B graduates: **Airman Basic Misty Skiles**, 65th Security Forces Squadron; **Airmen Simon Gravelle**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Caitlan Putman** (*Essay Award winner*), Det. 6, American Forces Network; **Lorry Arellano**, 65th Medical Support Squadron; **Ross Downing**, 65th MDSS; **Airman 1st Class Alan Vasquez**, 65th SFS; **Eric Tresslet** (*Professional Pride Award winner*), 65th SFS; **Timothy Capers**, 65th SFS; **Trevor Brewer**, 65th SFS; **Richard Santo-Anaya**, 65th SFS; **Nicole Roberts**, 65th Services Squadron; **Nathan Jones**, 65th SVS; **Joshua Ashford**, 65th SVS; **Clinton Skrdla**, 65th Civil Engineer

Squadron; **Kyle Cooper**, 65th CES; **Thomas Ketchersid**, 65th CES; **James Clark**, 65th CES; **Gwen Nelson**, 65th CES

□ Way to go to the following members of Team Lajes for scoring a 90 or better on their Career Development Course end-of-course test: **Airman 1st Class Ty Miller**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, 98; **Senior Airman Michael Mathews**, 65th CES, 95; **Airman 1st Class Rome Reiswig**, 65th Communications Squadron, 94; **Airman 1st Class Boanerge Mendez-Flores**, 65th CES, 91; **Airman 1st Class Michael Thoms**, 65 CES, 90; **Senior Paulo Fagundes**, 65th CES, 90



USAFE Annual Award Banquet set for April 6

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – Seventy-seven nominees from installations throughout the U.S. Air Forces in Europe will compete for honors in the categories of Airman, Noncommissioned Officer, Senior NCO, Company Grade Officer, First Sergeant, and Civilian (Categories I and II) of the Year at the USAFE Annual Awards Banquet here April 6.

USAFE's top finishers will continue on for possible Air Force-level honors as one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

The nominees from Lajes are:

❑ **Airman: Airman 1st Class Jason Fowler**, 65th Communications Squadron

❑ **NCO: Staff Sgt. Jerry Thompson**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron

❑ **Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Christopher Thurlow**, 65th CS

❑ **1st Sgt: Master Sgt. James Ritchie**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

❑ **Civilian Category I: Chiqui Van Liere**, 65th Services Squadron

❑ **Civilian Category II: Donald Ehrman**, 65th SVS

❑ **CGO: Capt. Derec Hudson**, 65th MDOS

Senior Master Sgt. Henry Parker, 65th Services Squadron superintendent, has had a year now to reflect about being a USAFE nominee and ultimately achieving a seat among the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

"Wow, it was really an awesome and hum-

bling experience because I was representing an all-star team, to include my wing leadership," Sergeant Parker said. "I'm a firm believer that leadership either inflates or deflates an organization. At Lajes, I was not only given an opportunity to excel, but I had my leadership's trust and support all the way."

Already dedicated to his career field, Sergeant Parker said the honor he received only further entrenched his desire and dedication.

"It made me raise my level of professionalism because I know I represent the Services career field and the people that supported me throughout my career. I take a tremendous amount of pride in being a Services specialist and believe that it is hard to match my pride and enthusiasm concerning the Service career field. Therefore, I consider my achievement a team accomplishment because I would be foolish to think I did it alone."

In addition to those he works with now, Sergeant Parker also credits the role of two mentors who've helped him further his Air Force career — George Price and Edward Hood — who are now retired but continue to stress the importance of teamwork and caring for people.

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Senior Master Sgt. Henry Parker
65th Services Squadron superintendent

It's been a great year for Sergeant Parker, and he said he knows this year's nominees will share those feelings.

"I wish all the nominees the best of luck. To reach the USAFE level speaks volumes about their character and professionalism," he said. "I know during my selection any one of the nominees could have easily won, but it was Team Services night and I'm humbled to the fact that there are thousands of Air Force superstars who are doing great things in preserving our freedom and way of life." *(Article courtesy of USAFE News Service. 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs contributed to this article.)*



Arbor Day '07

Lajes American School and Air Base 4 Elementary School students plant trees during Lajes' observance of Arbor Day 2007 March 21 outside of the Main Gate. Thirty five trees were planted as part of the annual environmental effort. (Photo by Susana Simões)



In The Community

Holy Spirit Dinner: This event, sponsored by Terceira's Regional Songs and Dances Group, takes place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in San Carlos, Angra. Cost is •12 for adults and •6 for children ages 6-10. Those 5 years old and under are admitted free of charge. The price also includes access to the festival pavilion. Participants can meet at the Main Gate at 6 p.m. Saturday to carpool. Call Francisco Rosa at 96-630-2479 for more details.

Around Lajes

Alice in Wonderland: Free musical performance set for 6 p.m. today in the Community Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to attend to this show for all ages. Call 535-3357 for more details.

Big Bunny Egg Hunt: Set for 11 a.m. April 7 at the Community Activity Center. Participants will be divided into three age groups: 0-2 years, 3-6 years, and 7-12 years. Call 535-5216 for more details.

Month of the Military Child: Lajes' Family Member Programs hold several upcoming events promoting Month of the Military Child in April: Funny Bunny Walk, 10 to 11 a.m. April 7 beginning at the Child Development Center (all ages welcome); Youth and Teen Talent Show, 4 to 6 p.m. April 14 at the Community Activity Center (for ages 6-18). Call Misty Frith at 535-3188 for more details.

ESC meeting: The Enlisted Spouses Club's April general membership meeting is set for April 17 in the Top of the Rock Club. The social begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. The club will be stamping Mother's Day cards. E-mail Angie Dodge at angela.dodge@lajes.af.mil for more details.

Spiritual Fitness

Protestant Youth of the Chapel 30-hour famine and lock-in, 6 p.m. today; **Palm Sunday worship,** 9 a.m. and

noon Sunday; **Maundy Thursday foot washing service,** 5:30 p.m. April 5; **Good Friday,** 6 p.m. April 6.

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

Lajes Schools

Re-registration: Lajes American School staffing for 2007-08 is based on the number of students who re-register. The school needs all families who even expect their children to come back next year to register them the week of April 9-13. Call 535-3357 for more details.

Kindergarten registration: Parents with a child celebrating their 5th birthday on or before Oct. 31 who would like to enroll him or her in kindergarten for school year 2007-08 should notify the school by calling 535-6216. Registration takes place April 9-13. Parents must bring the child's birth certificate or passport and Social Security number, sponsor's military orders, child's current immunization records and all emergency contact information.

Jobs/Volunteer

Girl Scout positions: The Lajes Girl Scout Committee needs volunteers to fill essential program positions. Current position openings include: secretary, registrar, treasurer and event coordinator. You do not have to be a troop leader or have a daughter in the program to have a positive impact on the girls in our community. Contact Shilo Weir at shilo.weir@lajes.af.mil or 295-549-218 for more information.

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.

Air Force Reserve: Part-time positions available and, in most cases, retraining is an option. Reservists receive 100 percent tuition assistance, and unlimited commissary and BX privileges. Contact Master Sgt.

Dana Logan at DSN 632-4919 or dana.logan@aviano.af.mil for more details.

Education

EPME distance learning policy changes: Beginning Sunday, unit commanders will no longer be able to request a 90-day student enrollment reactivation into Enlisted Professional Military Education distance learning courses. Extension requests must be submitted and updated prior to course expiration or students will automatically incur a mandatory one-year restriction before being eligible to re-enroll. All EPME information will be updated and available online at <http://www.au.af.mil/au/afiad/>.

University of Oklahoma: Earn a Masters degree in 16-24 months with OU. Enrollment for summer is now open. The complete schedule is available at www.lajes.ou.edu. Call Kate Etheredge at 535-3171 or aplajes@ou.edu for more details.

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

Miscellaneous

Volunteer awards: Nominations for the first quarter of 2007 and calendar year 2006 are due April 10. E-mail the DD Form 1206 with five to 10 concise bullets to tanya.greer@lajes.af.mil. Call Tanya Greer at 295-57-4138 for more details.

Online claims services: Most claims, such as household goods and POV shipments, can now be filed online at <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/claims>. Call the claims office at 535-2370 for more details.

Airman Magazine's "The Book": Public Affairs has more than 200 copies of Airman Magazine's 2007 "The Book" available. Stop by room 240 of Bldg. T-100 for your copy.

Official audio/visual support: The 65th Communications Squadron's Global HF work center provides audio/visual support to all organizations for official functions. Examples of official functions include, but are not limited to dining in/out, squadron-level or above change of commands; awards, promotions and retirement ceremonies and VIP visits as recognized by the 65th Air Base Wing commander or Protocol. Call 535-7000 for more details.

Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to news@lajes.af.mil by 5p.m. the Thursday prior to the week you need it published. Notify the Crossroads editor when items have been sold.

Found: Razor Scooter with helmet found on playground in Beira Mar housing. Contact Brenda or Jeremy at 295-549-677.

Free female Spitz to loving home. She is 2 years old, house trained and great with young children. She comes with a kennel, toys and shots up to date. Must get rid of do to child with allergies. Contact Brenda or Jeremy at 295-549-677.

Wanted: Drummer for Rock and Roll band. Drum kit will be supplied. Call Tony at 962-888-775.

Wanted: Double or queen mattress set. Can be used but needs to be in good condition. Carrie Jessop at 295-549-729.

PCS sale: White kitchen hutch with cabinets, \$30; dark wood entertainment center, \$30; white multi-purpose cabinet, \$20. Navy blue slipcovers for standard military-issue couch and loveseat, \$10. Call 964-179-379 if interested.

For rent: Downstairs duplex unit in Porto Martins. Beautiful modern home has 3-4 bedrooms with optional office, 2 full baths, a large eat-in-kitchen, spacious living room with fire place, soaking tub, laundry/utility room off of the kitchen, metal window grates, fenced yard, and a two car garage with storage. Home is great for families with young children due to the one-story layout. Quick walk to the beach. Available end of April. Call Maria (h) 295-515-058 or (c) 969-065-662 for more details.

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

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

For sale: Used BJU home school materials available for all grades. Great condition and very reasonable. 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 if interested.

For sale: Silver 1991 BMW 535i in excellent condition, \$5,900. Automatic, European specs, 126,000 miles, sunroof and CD player. Call Tara at 535-3497 or 965-234-320 if interested.



COMMUNITY

- ☐ **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. – Because I Said So starring Diane Keaton and Mandy Moore. Daphne Wilder is a mother whose love knows no bounds or boundaries. As a single parent, she has raised three fantastic girls – klutzy, adorable Milly, stable psychologist Maggie and sexy and irreverent Mae – to become the kind of women any mom would die to have. The only problem is they're about to strangle her. In order to prevent her youngest, Milly, from



making the same romantic mistakes she did, Daphne decides to set her up with the perfect man. The one thing Daphne decides not to tell Milly, however, is that she placed an ad in the online personals to find him. *Rated PG-13 for sexual content, mature thematic material and nudity (101 minutes).*

10 p.m. – Messengers starring Kristen Stewart and Dylan McDermott. A family moves into a run-down sunflower farm. As the farm begins to revive after years of disrepair, the family



begins to notice uncomfortable and alarming changes in their father's behavior. *Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material, disturbing violence and terror (87 minutes).*

Saturday

- 7 p.m. – Messengers**
- 10 p.m. – Because I Said So**

Sunday

- 2 p.m. – Because I Said So**
- 7 p.m. – Messengers**

Thursday

- 7 p.m. – Because I Said So**
- ☐ **Editor's note:** *Call 535-3302 for updated information.*

Jenny, the military spouse





Stephen Oliver, 10, rides his skateboard at the Lajes Skate Park with the required equipment of a helmet, elbowpads and kneepads. (Photo by Senior Airman Taylor Marr)

Lajes, USAFE requires skaters to wear helmets

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That's the number of times a recent video of a skateboarder crashing into a wall was viewed at a popular video-sharing website in the first week it was posted.

The skateboarder lost most of his front teeth and broke both wrists in an attempt to jump a concrete wall. His friend was kind enough to put down the camera after noticing his wrists bent at an awkward angle.

In an effort to prevent these types of injuries to the USAFE community, the command has directed that all personnel wear an approved helmet while skating (including skateboarding, rollerblading and rollerskating) on USAFE installations.

Helmets, with the chinstrap fastened, are a critical part of the sport.

According to the Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America, 50,000 people visit emergency rooms every year due to skateboarding injuries and many of these injuries are preventable — if helmets and elbow-kneepads are worn.

At the Lajes Skate Park, the wear of elbow and kneepads are required as well as a helmet.

I'll bet that the injured skateboarder that was made famous on the internet now wishes that he had worn his helmet and pads.

Maj. Brian Walker, 65th Air Base Wing Safety chief, fondly remembers skateboarding as a kid.

"I wish they had helmets, knee and elbow pads when I was a teenager," he said. "It would've saved a lot of unnecessary bumps and bruises."



Karate tournament

Set for 3 p.m. April 7 in the Lajes Youth Center (Bldg. T-240). The tournament will be divided into four ages groups: 5-8, 8-10, 11-13 and 14-16 years old.

Call Kimberly Spivey or Glenda Cornillie at 535-1192 for more details.



Super Cycling Weekend

Set for April 14-15 at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

This is the first event in the U.S. Forces Europe Mountain Bike Series and in the U.S. Forces Europe Road Cycling Series.

Visit www.armedforcescycling.org for more details.

Powerlifting championship

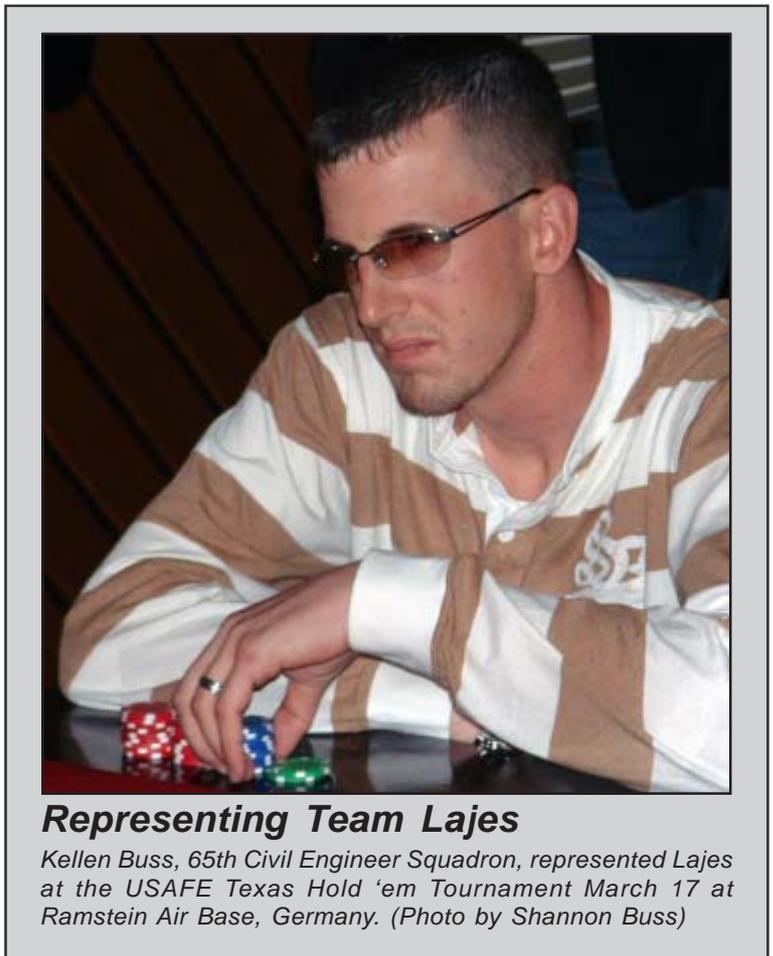
The U.S. Air Forces in Europe's 2007 Powerlifting Championship is set for April 21 at the Freedom Fitness Facility in Bamberg, Germany.

Events, which are open to U.S. ID cardholders, include men's and women's divisions. Participants may enter individually or as a team.

To pre-register, call DSN 469-9086/8890.

Visit www.mwr-europe.com for details and restrictions.

Sports
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Representing Team Lajes

Kellen Buss, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, represented Lajes at the USAFE Texas Hold 'em Tournament March 17 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. (Photo by Shannon Buss)