

# Crossroads



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## DUI/DWI Stats

Last DUI/DWI: May 6  
FY '07 Total: 3



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Saves in FY' 07: 23

## Mishap Stats



Last Reportable  
Mishap: April 10

FY '07 Total: 3



### International Day of the Child

Renato Tomás Meneses, 4, watches as Lara Joelma Rodrigues Costa, 5, receives a face painting from Raquel Lima during International Day of the Child activities at Santa Rita Hill Elementary School last week. This annual event, which promotes a childhood filled with confidence and safety, is celebrated in countries around the world. Lima works for Teatrinho, an Outdoor Recreation contractor at Lajes. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)

## Weather Forecast

### Saturday

Partly cloudy

High 66  
Low 59



### Sunday

Cloudy

High 66  
Low 59



Courtesy of the  
65th OSS Weather Flight

## Class of '07 graduates today in Praia

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

Fourteen students from the Department of Defense Dependent Schools and one home-schooled student receive their high school diploma during the Class of 2007 Commencement Ceremony at 5 p.m. today in the Praia Auditorium.

Graduating from Lajes American School are Amanda Babb, Brigitte Brantley, Autumn Canning, Thomas Costin, Kevin Davis, James Earp, Iain Henry, Jason Marino, Phylisia Martinez, Shane McMonagle, Becky Nilsen, Stephen Pears, Kylie Rathbun, and John Winston.

Dan Nilsen will graduate from the Academy of Home Education headquartered in Greenville, S.C. John Allan and Virginia Briggs, Lajes American School co-principals, said the graduates should be

proud of reaching this milestone in life.

"The Class of 2007 is the first class to graduate from the unified Lajes American School," Mr. Allan said. "These students continue in the great tradition of excellence that is integrated into the very fabric of our school."

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**John Allan**  
Co-principal

"They have focused on learning, met all graduation requirements, and as a result, are prepared for a bright and successful future," Ms. Briggs added. "Congratulations to outstanding group of young men and women. They will be missed."



# Reflection on 20 outstanding months

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

As my boss, friend and wingman, Colonel Winston is getting ready for his change of command ceremony on June 20, I reflect back on the last 20 months as we served as wingmen for each other.



Shortly after my arrival at a senior leadership off-site to discuss the wing's mission, vision and goals, I was asked what my

personal goals were as the command chief.

My answer was simply "whatever my boss' goals are and to make this wing and Team Lajes better, those are my goals."

Here are just a few of those accomplished goals: an outstanding effort and performance by our team with 61 identified "Strengths" and 23 "Awards of Excellence" and "Pat on the Back" awards of which the U.S. Air Forces In Europe Inspector General Team gave us an "Excellent" rating on Lajes Field's first Operational Readiness Inspection; an "Excellent" rating on (Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Program) inspection and an "Outstanding" rating on ATSEP (Air Traffic System Evaluation Program) inspections, which all recognize our people.

I wish I had a nickel for every award we won at the major command, Air Force and DoD levels. If so, I'd be a rich man.

Some include a 12 Outstanding Airman of

the Year (the only one from USAFE selected to that honor in 2006, USAFE Senior Civilian of the Year, CINC Installation Excellence, Best Collocated Club in the Air Force. The list goes on and on!

We had huge promotion rates that were well above the Air Force average on all ranks, including 3 STEP promotions; tremendous quality-of-life improvements in family housing, dormitories, fitness center, education center, Airman & Family Readiness Center, youth center, chapel, swimming pool, ball field, running track, and in many customer service areas, such as Bldg T-112.

I will PCS soon to my 10th assignment and have had countless TDYs in my almost 24 years of service. I would not have traded the last 20 months that I've enjoyed here for anything else, any where, at any level.

This is, by far, my most favorite and most enjoyable time of my life. I contribute this to the really wonderful people I've crossed paths with during my tour here, both American and Portuguese, military and civilian, but mostly I give credit to my boss ... my friend and my wingman.

Colonel Winston, sir, thank you for your vision and your leadership, most importantly, thank you for your friendship to our entire team.

You've taught us to pay attention to details and to demand and expect only the very best in all we do ... to close the deal.

Because of you, our team has established a high level of excellence, is well-respected and recognized

by leaders at USAFE and Air Force headquarters.

You certainly have put "Lajes in the Fight!"



*Cecilia Vicente, Caravela's Donuts Coffee Shop and Food, makes a galão Monday morning. The club, which includes the Top of the Rock Club staff, Caravela's, and the Oceanview Island Grill staff, was recently named best consolidated club in the U.S. Air Force. This accomplishment is among several others made by Team Lajes over the past 20 months. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)*

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**Col. Robert Winston**  
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing

### Who to call for assistance

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Commissary .....	535-6174
Dining Facility .....	535-2256
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	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
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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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### Senior Spotlight **Becky Nilsen**

Becky Nilsen is among Lajes American School's Class of 2007. After graduating today in Praia, Becky will attend Philadelphia Biblical University, Pa. (Courtesy photo)



### Senior Spotlight **Dan Nilsen**

Dan Nilsen will be graduating today from the Academy of Home Education. After graduation, Danny will also attend Philadelphia Biblical University, Pa. (Courtesy photo)



### Senior Spotlight **Kevin Davis**

Kevin Davis is among Lajes American School's Class of 2007. After graduating today in Praia, Kevin will attend Delaware State University, Dela. (Photo by Rick Velez)



### Senior Spotlight **Amanda Babb**

Amanda Babb will attend the University of Colorado after graduating today in Praia. Amanda received a special Girl Scouts' Gold Award "Zink The Zebra" this year. (Photo by Rick Velez)

## Lajes Salutes

□ Congratulations to Lajes' promotees for June: *To Senior Airman - **Jeremy Young**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **James McGuffin**, Det. 6, American Forces Network; **Nathan Wagoner**, 65th Communications Squadron; **To Chief Master Sergeant - **Todd Katz**, 65th CES; **To First Lieutenant - **Colin Kerrigan**, 65th CS; **To Captain - **Kathryn Maurer**, 65th CES; **To Lieutenant Colonel - **Paul Pellegrino**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron*********

□ Way to go to the graduates and award recipients of First Term Airman Center Class 07-D: **Stephen Butler**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron; **Cory Cunningham**, 65th Security Forces Squadron; **Carnell Earvin**, 729th AMS; **Megan Horvath**, 729th AMS; **Britini Jennie** (Essay winner), 65th Medical Operations Squadron; **Airmen 1st Class Noel Magtanong**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Jessica Mayer**, 65th Operations Support Squadron; **David Synder**, 65th CES; **Marcea Thomas** (Professional Pride Award winner), 65th MDOS; **Jeremy Vaughn**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Heidi Vukasin**, 65th CES; **Stacy Whitmire**, 65th CS; **Amanda Wowk**, Det. 6, American Forces Network; **Airmen James Garrison**, 729th AMS; **Robert Kozakiewicz**, 65th SFS; **Chad McAuliff**, 65th CES; **Jonathan Porter**, Det. 6, AFN

□ Congratulations to **Elizabeth Flowers** for being selected as Lajes' Family Child Care Provider of the Year

□ Congratulations to Lajes graduates of the Kisling NCO Academy at Kapaun Air Station, Germany: **Tech. Sgts. David Beyer**, 65th Operations Support Squadron; **Richard Corey**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **William Patrick** (Distinguished Graduate), **Robert Urquidez**; 729th Air Mobility Squadron; **Tracie Carter**, 65th Medical Support Squadron

□ Way to go to **Staff Sgt. Tara O'Brian** and **Senior Airman Troy Davis**, Det. 6, American Forces Network. Sergeant O'Brian



Chief Master Sgt. Katz, Lajes fire chief, gets his new stripes "tacked on" by his wife, Diane, left, and daughter, Samantha, during his promotion ceremony last week in the TORC. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)

was selected as the Outstanding Broadcast NCO of the Year and the "Best of the Best" in the 2006 Public Affairs Achievement Awards competition; Airman Davis was named the Outstanding Broadcast Airman of the Year

□ Way to go to recent high scorers on their Career Development Course end-of-course test: **Airman 1st Class Ty Miller**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, scored a 96; **Marco Rosa**, 65th CES, scored a 94; **Joao Fragueiro**, 65 CES, scored at 93; **Staff Sgt. Novi Demiar**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, scored a 90

□ Congratulations to the **65th Services Squadron** for winning the Achieving Top Levels At Sponsorship Award, a monthly U.S. Air Forces in Europe Award recognizing organizations achieving a top-quality sponsorship program



## Movie Schedule

**Today, 7 p.m.** – Blades of Glory (PG-13, 93 minutes); **10 p.m.** – Path Finder (R, 99 minutes)

**Saturday, 7 p.m.** – Path Finder; **10 p.m.** – Perfect Stranger (R, 119 minutes)

**Sunday, 2 p.m.** – Blades of Glory; **7 p.m.** – Perfect Stranger

**Thursday, 7 p.m.** – Blades of Glory  
*Synopsis: Visit [www.aafes.com/ems](http://www.aafes.com/ems)*

## In The Community

**Bullfights:** 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Porto Martins; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Rua São João, Lajes; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, São João de Deus (near Angra); 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Praia's sandy beach; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, São João de Deus

## Around Lajes

**ESC meeting:** The Enlisted Spouses Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eddie's Place. All enlisted spouses are welcome.

POC: [lajes\\_esc@yahoo.com](mailto:lajes_esc@yahoo.com)

**Thrift Shop:** Shop has re-opened in Bldg. T-125 (behind the Airman & Family Readiness Center).

POC: Valerie Dickison, 535-4146

**Base pool:** The base pool is now open.

## Spiritual Fitness

**Protestant Women of the Chapel monthly fellowship,** 7 p.m. Monday; **Mothers Study** based on Pope John Paul II's Familia Concortio, 11 a.m. June 15; **Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast,** 8 a.m. June 16

POC: Chapel, 535-4211

## Jobs/Volunteer

**Cookout:** Lajes' Parent Teacher Organization is looking for volunteers to help set up and serve lunch during a Middle School/High School cookout from 10:45 to 11:10 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Wednesday in the Lajes American School.

POC: [mrsremal@juno.com](mailto:mrsremal@juno.com)

**VBS volunteers:** Adult and teen volunteers are needed to assist with this year's Vacation Bible School June 18-22.

POC: Lee Fagundes, 535-6774

## Lajes American School

**Last day:** Students will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, the last day of school for students in kindergarten through the 11th grade.



## Playing a classic

Evan Helbig, 16, plays his classic guitar during a recital in the Community Activity Center Saturday afternoon. Evan has been taking guitar lessons at the CAC for almost two years and plays fifth-year level music. He was the only American to perform during a recital June 1 in Ladeira Grande, a town near Angra. (Photo by Sarah Helbig)

**Sure Start:** Applications are being accepted for next year's program.

POC: Lajes American School, 535-4151

## Education

**SOAR eligibility:** Applicants for the Scholarship for Outstanding Airmen to Reserve Officer Training Corps program no longer have to meet the 1 to 6 year time in service requirement.

POC: Maria Tristao-Rocha, 535-5291

## Upcoming Closures

**65th Medical Group:** Closes at 3 p.m. Thursday (official funtion). Also, the clinic will not open until noon June 20 (65th Air Base Wing Change of Command Ceremony).

**Finance customer service counter:** Closes at 11:30 a.m. Thursday (official funtion). Also, the counter will not open until 1 p.m. June 20 (65th Air Base Wing Change of Command Ceremony).

## Classified Ads

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

For sale: 1996 Citroen Ax. Asking \$1,900. 4-door w/ hatchback, 4-speed manual, power windows/locks. In good condition. Clean, reliable, new tires and tune-up. Inspection good through September. Call Tim at 295-576-104 or 962-859-841.

For sale: 1995 Clio Renault. Asking \$1,800 OBO. Manual transmission. Runs great. Inspection good through 2009. Call Ken at 918-583-276 or 295-549-722.

For sale: 1996 Audi A6 Wagon. Asking \$5,500 OBO. Call Maj. John or Laura Griffiths at 295-549-505 or 968-93-4997.

Nanny available: Natalia is a responsible, professional and caring nanny who is available in August. Call Sarah or Chris Helbig at 295-549-482 to find out more.

For sale: AFN decoder, \$200; 76 inch by 36 inch armoire, \$80; 220/110 transformer 1000 watt, \$35; oil-filled radiator style electric heater 220v, \$30, 25 meter (\$15) and 15 meter (\$10) 220v extension cords. Call 969-239-454.

For sale: 1992 Toyota Aristo (Lexus GS300 equiv.) for sale. Keyless entry, Power Everything, CD Player/I-Pod, New Tires, Remote Start. Great condition asking \$4700. Call 295-549-737 if interested.

For rent: 3-bedroom house at the end of Lajes village, fully furnished, good barbeque area, large garden, large car entrance. Asking 750\* per month but negotiable. Call Dr. Christina 918-768-415.

Cleaning services: If you are PCSing and need someone to clean your house in preparation for your final inspection, call Sandra at 96-955-2644 or 535-5216.

For sale: 2005 Jeep Wrangler X hardtop. Very low mileage. 6-speed transmission. In great condition. Sad to see go. Call 295-549-613.

For sale: 1996 Fiat Cinquecento 2-door, manual transmission. Power locks and windows. In good running condition. Looks great, no rust. Asking \$1,800. Call 295-549-195 if interested.

For sale: Tan BMW 520i, new tires, CD, standard, four-door, sunroof, inspection good through April '09. Asking \$3,500 OBO. Call 96-941-5327 or 535-4210.

1994 Hyundai/Pony (Red) 4 door, manual transmission, inspection good until December 2008. Asking 1,500 Euros. Call 96-650-9766 if interested.

Three vehicles for sale: 1997 Jeep Wrangler Sport. Not an island bomb. A must see. Only 49,000 miles. KBB: \$9,240. NADA: \$9,875. Your bargain: \$8,700 firm. Available now. 2000 Dodge Grand Caravan ES. Fully loaded. Seats seven. In great condition. Only 63,000 miles. KBB: \$8,445. NADA: \$9,025. Your bargain: \$8,300 firm. Available NLT July 3. Inspection good until 2008. 1987 BMW 325. European Specs. Very reliable car. 154,000 miles, 2 door, sunroof, electric doors, new AM/FM/CD stereo. KBB: \$1560. NADA: \$2,500. Asking \$1,500 firm. Inspection good until August. Call 914-38-0666.

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

For sale: Used tires, mostly new. Size 185/70 R14. No re-treads. Asking \$10. Teal-colored 9 x 12 rug. Asking \$15. Bob Jones homeschool material also available. Call 295-517-507.