



Mishap Stats



Last Reportable Mishap: April 10

FY '07 Total: 3

DUI/DWI Stats

Last DUI/DWI: May 6

FY '07 Total: 3



Need a ride?

Call 964-955-992

Saves in FY '07: 23

Weather Forecast

Saturday

Partly cloudy



High 75

Low 63

Sunday

Cloudy



High 77

Low 64

Courtesy of the

65th OSS Weather Flight

Tech, Master results released

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force selected 6,002 of 24,115 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, and 7,314 of 39,797 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant.

Lajes Field had 32 out of 90 technical sergeants selected for master sergeant for a promotion rate of 36.56 percent and 31 out of 148 staff sergeants selected for promotion to technical sergeant for a rate of 20.95 percent.

The Air Force master sergeant selection rate, 24.89 percent, rose 5.03 percent from last year, while this year's technical sergeant rate, 18.38 percent, rose 1.62 percent.

The average master sergeant selectee score for the 07E7 master sergeant test cycle was 339.07 points. The average master sergeant selectee has 4.27 years time in grade and 17.02 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant from August to July 2008.

The average technical sergeant selectee score for the 07E6 technical sergeant test cycle was 317.17 points.

The average technical sergeant selectee has 5.25 years time in grade and 10.91 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to technical sergeant from August to July 2008.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)



Technical Sergeant

- 65th Air Base Wing
 - Dwayne Bell
 - Jeffrey Linville
- 65th Civil Engineer Squadron
 - Cona Billyzone
 - Michael Sierra
- 65th Contracting Squadron
 - Bruce Davis
 - Thomas Deppa
- 65th Comptroller Squadron
 - Mercedes Hicks
- 65th Communications Squadron
 - Mario Alvarez
 - Richard Barnes
 - Lynetta Jackson
 - Daniel Jacobson
 - Daniel Jirsa
 - Frederic Sanon
- 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 - Christopher Pruett
- 65th Medical Support Squadron
 - Michael Buongiorno
- 65th Medical Operations Squadron
 - Monica Carranza
 - Juan Cortez
 - Crystal Goff
 - Larry Lemons
 - Jerry Thompson

- Kelvin Waiganjo
- Amanda Wholly
- 65th Operations Support Squadron
 - Christophe Anthony
 - Jesse Crose
 - James Gaylor
- 65th Security Forces Squadron
 - Anthony Jones
 - Jemal Jones
- 729th Air Mobility Squadron
 - Phillip Abernethy
 - John Frith
 - Jeremy Pazdyk
 - AFN Det. 6
 - Colleen Armstrong



Master Sergeant

- 65th Air Base Wing
 - John Casterline
- 65th Civil Engineer Squadron
 - William Arcuri
 - Chester Berry
 - Richard Bruce
 - Stephen Burroughs
 - Daniel Callens
 - Carlos Nurse
 - Gregory Steverson
- 65th Contracting Squadron
 - Barry Snyder
- 65th Communications Squadron
 - Ransom Tyndall
- 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron
 - Larry Arnold
 - Patrick Clark
 - Tamara Jones
 - Brian Kush
 - Michael Turner
- 65th Medical Support Squadron
 - Michael Deleon
 - Robert Lucas
 - Derrick Luckey
 - Casey Merrington
 - Sandra Nunes
- 65th Mission Support Squadron
 - Jose Cantu
 - Jeremy Carney
 - Yvonne Fischer
 - Chrystal Harris
- 65th Operations Support Squadron
 - Benjamin Rouse
- 65th Security Forces Squadron
 - Russell Michaud
- 729th Air Mobility Squadron
 - Spencer Carter
 - Sergio Goodridge
 - Adam Morgan
 - Nicholas Shore
 - Stephen White
 - AFN Det 6
 - Pachari Lutke



Two years commanding USAFE's finest wing

By Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing commander

It has been my honor to serve as commander of the 65th Air Base Wing for the past two years.

We have worked very hard together and have a long list of accomplishments that show the effectiveness of our team and that Lajes is in the Fight.

During these past two years we have passed every USAFE Inspector General evaluation we have had, including an "Outstanding" rated Air Traffic System Evaluation Program inspection, an "Excellent" rated Logistics Standardization and Evaluation program inspection and an "Excellent" rating on our first-ever Operational Readiness Inspection.

We began deploying members of our team to the front lines in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other forward areas in this fight to destroy the Islamo-fascists. We stood alert for U.S. Space Shuttle launches. We had four Operational Readiness Exercises as well as security exercises with the Portuguese Air Force and Army.

We have improved our infrastructure and facilities through construction projects that have given us better housing, a renovated gymnasium, a running track, improved aircraft parking, a renovated education center, and even an improved school building for our children.

Ongoing improvements are the repairs to the breakwater, a new fire station, renovations in the Beira Mar housing and a new in-ground fuel hydrant system.

Individuals and units have won USAFE, Air Force and DoD-level awards.

Our promotion rates are on par or better than the Air Force averages. Our team members have helped out in the local community with projects that have helped orphanages and schools. Various groups on base have held fund raisers that have funded donations to worthy causes on base and off base.

We have accomplished all this while maintaining focus on our mission of supporting warplanes, warfighters and global communications going to and from the fight.

Lajes Field/Base Aérea 4 has been open 24-hours-a-day to get this vital mission done. I am very proud of this team and what we have done and will continue to do.

I want to thank the great leaders who have made this possible. From the vice-



Colonel Winston receives training from Airman 1st Class Jessica Descaper, 65th Security Forces Squadron, on how to properly clear an M-9 during Airman's Readiness Day. The event helped prepare the wing for Lajes' first ORI in March. (File photo by Guido Melo)

wing commander down to our frontline supervisors, leadership at all levels has made this wing successful. I am very blessed to have had Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams at my side.

Our American civilians are the most creative people I have ever worked with. Our Portuguese workers are the bedrock that has always kept "Lajes in the Fight" and always will.

I have enjoyed working with the Portuguese Air Force and thank Major General Tareco and Colonel Sampaio for their help and friendship.

I thank my friends in the community, our judo club, and our church who welcome us all with open arms.

I thank the workers who came to me with issues, advice, complaints and ideas; they provided me with vital feedback to improve our team.

I thank my family – Kim, John and Willie – for their support and love.

I thank our Triune God for putting me with this amazing team that made the past two years the finest two years of my Air Force career.

535-4240
actionline@lajes.af.mil

The Commander's Line is your 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



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Good To Know

65th ABW Change of Command

Command of the 65th Air Base Wing changes during a ceremony at 10 a.m. Wednesday in front of Bldg. T-100 as Col. Robert Winston relinquishes command of the wing over to Col. Jack Briggs II.

In inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the Portuguese Air Force hangar on the flightline.

OHA survey extension

Due to low participation, the Per Diem Committee has extended the 2007 Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Move-In Housing Allowance Survey to June 25.

In order for Lajes' OHA Utility and MIHA to be considered for rate change, there has to be maximum participation.

Those eligible are encouraged to go to <https://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oha/survey/mayoha.html> to access and complete the survey.

Consolidated help desk

Lajes users needing computer assistance should first contact the USAFE Consolidated Help Desk at 478-HELP (4357) or helpdesk@ramstein.af.mil.

Ident-Bike

Team Lajes can register their bikes with the 65th Security Forces Squadron every Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. at Pass and Registration in Bldg. T-112.

Bikes should be clean and carefully brought into the facility.

Call Airman 1st Class Kathryn Willson at 535-3611 for more details.

Dance classes

Dance classes are available for all ages in the Community Activity Center Ballroom. The schedule is below:

☐ Tuesdays — 4 to 5 p.m., ballet for 6-9 year olds; 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., ballet for adults

☐ Wednesdays — 3 to 4 p.m., combo for 3-5 year olds; 4 to 5 p.m., ballet/jazz combo for 10-13 year olds; 7:15 to 8:45 p.m., tap for adults

☐ Thursdays — 3 to 4 p.m., tap for 4-8 year olds; 4 to 5 p.m., jazz/modern for 6-8 year olds; 7:15 to 8:45 p.m., jazz/modern for adults

Call Nicole Watson at 295-549-271 or the Lajes Youth Center at 535-3273 for more details.

Dois anos a comandar o melhor destacamento do USAFE

By Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing commander

Foi para mim uma grande honra servir como comandante do Destacamento 65th Air Base Wing durante os últimos dois anos. Trabalhámos juntos arduamente e temos uma longa lista de feitos que mostram a eficácia da nossa equipa e de que as Lajes está na luta. Durante estes dois últimos anos ficámos aprovados em todas as inspeções do USAFE que tivemos, incluindo uma classificação acima de excelente ("Outstanding") na Inspeção do Programa de Avaliação do Sistema de Tráfego Aéreo, uma classificação "Excelente" na Inspeção da Uniformização da Logística e Programa de Avaliação e também uma classificação "Excelente" na nossa primeira Inspeção de Prontidão Operacional (ORI).

Começamos a deslocar militares da nossa equipa para as linhas de combate no Iraque, Afeganistão e outras zonas avançadas nesta luta para destruir o fascismo islâmico. Ficámos em alerta durante os lançamentos do vaivém espacial (space shuttle). Tivemos quatro exercícios do ORI bem como exercícios de segurança com a Força Aérea Portuguesa e Exército Português.

Melhoramos as nossas infra-estruturas através da construção de projectos que nos deram melhores habitações, um ginásio renovado, uma pista de atletismo, melhoramento da placa de estacionamento de aviões, renovação do centro de ensino e até um edifício escolar para as nossas crianças.

Os Melhoramentos em curso incluem as reparações no molhe militar da Praia, um novo aquartelamento de bombeiros, renovações na zona residencial Beira-Mar e um novo sistema subterrâneo de abastecimento de combustível.

Ganhamos prémios do USAFE, da Força Aérea e do Departamento de Defesa a nível individual e das organizações.

As percentagens de promoção dos nossos militares são iguais ou mesmo

melhores do que a média da Força Aérea. Os membros da nossa equipa ajudaram a comunidade local com projectos de ajuda a orfanatos e escolas. Vários grupos na base realizaram angariações de fundos que ajudaram as ofertas a causas merecedoras tanto na base como fora dela.

Conseguimos tudo isso enquanto concentrando-nos na nossa missão de apoio aos aviões de combate, tropas de combate e comunicações globais a caminho ou voltando das zonas de conflito.

O destacamento norte-americano ou Lajes Field como é conhecido entre nós e a Base Aérea No. 4, têm funcionado 24 horas por dia para concretizar esta missão vital. Tenho muito orgulho nesta equipa e do que fizemos e continuaremos a fazer.

Quero agradecer aos grandes líderes que tornaram isto possível. Desde o segundo-comandante até aos supervisores imediatos, a liderança a todos os níveis tornaram este destacamento bem sucedido. Sou abençoado por ter tido o Sargento-mor Laten Williams ao meu lado.

Os nossos civis norte-americanos são as pessoas mais criativas com quem já trabalhei. Os nossos trabalhadores portugueses são a base que tem mantido sempre as "Lajes na Luta", e continuarão sempre a sê-lo.

Tive prazer em trabalhar com a Força Aérea

Portuguesa e agradeço ao Major-General Tareco e ao Coronel Sampaio por todo o seu auxílio e amizade.

Agradeço aos meus amigos na comunidade local, ao nosso clube de judo e à nossa igreja que nos receberam de braços abertos.

Agradeço aos trabalhadores que me contactaram com as suas questões, opiniões, queixas e ideias; eles proporcionaram-me os pontos de vista essenciais para melhorar a nossa equipa.

Agradeço à minha família – Kim, John e Willie – pelo seu apoio e amor.

Agradeço ao Nosso Deus trino e uno por me colocar com esta equipa extraordinária que fizeram os últimos dois anos os melhores anos da minha carreira da Força Aérea.





Movie Schedule

Today, 7 p.m. – In The Land of Women (PG-13, 97 minutes); **10 p.m.** – Fracture (R, 113 minutes)

Saturday, 7 p.m. – In The Land of Women; **10 p.m.** – Vacancy (R, 97 minutes)

Sunday, 2 p.m. – In The Land of Women; **7 p.m.** – Fracture

Thursday, 7 p.m. – Vacancy

Synopsis: Visit www.aafes.com/ems

In The Community

Bullfights: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Largo São João, Lajes; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Largo São João, Lajes and Corpo Santo, Angra; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Vila Nova

Around Lajes

Teen summer schedule: Beginning today, the teen schedule at the Lajes Youth Program will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

POC: Youth center, 535-1197

Bicycle rodeo: Cub Scout Pack 1605 holds a bicycle rodeo at the AEF Ramp from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

POC: Jesse Richardson, 295-57-6286

Summer Reading Program: “Get a Clue at Your Library” activities begin at 3 p.m. Tuesday for grades 1 through 6. Story hour continues at 3 p.m. each Thursday for preschool through kindergarten.

POC: Library, 535-3688

A&FRC classes: Improve Your Credit class, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday; sponsorship training, 10 to 11 a.m. June 22

POC: A&FRC, 535-4138

Facility Closures

Optometry clinic: The clinic will be closed Monday through July 4.

POC: 535-3261, option 1, 4

65th MDG: The 65th Medical Group will be closed until noon Wednesday.

Finance customer service: The 65th Comptroller Squadron’s finance customer service counter will not open until 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Spiritual Fitness

Men’s Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast: 8 a.m. Saturday; **Vacation Bible School,** Monday to June 22

POC: Chapel, 535-4211

Education

Lunch and Learn: This presentation on



Sitting in

Deb Rogers, wife of Maj. Gen. Marc Rogers, U.S. Air Forces in Europe vice commander, sits in on a ballet class taught by Nicole Watson Tuesday in the Community Activity Center. (Photo by Guido Melo)

“Domestic Violence and Readiness of Batterers to Change” is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium of the education center (Bldg. T-146).

POCs: Master Sgt. Lisa Bryant, 535-6197; Kate Etheredge, 535-3171

Jobs/Volunteer

VBS volunteers: Adult and teen volunteers are needed to assist with next week’s Vacation Bible School.

POC: Lee Fagundes, 535-6774

Catholic coordinator: The 65th Con-

tracting Squadron is soliciting interested persons through 4 p.m. June 22 for the position of Catholic religious education coordinator.

POC: Staff Sgt. Cesar Suarez, 535-3104

Services NAF positions: See vacancies or anticipated vacancies within the 65th Services Squadron at <http://www.lajes-services.com/jobs/jobs2.doc>.

Lajes American School

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

POC: Lajes American School, 535-4151

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.

Three vehicles for sale: 1997 Jeep Wrangler Sport. Not an island bomb. A must see. Only 49K miles. \$8,000 firm. Available now. 2000 Dodge Grand Caravan ES. Fully loaded. Seats seven. In great condition. Only 63K miles. \$8,000 firm. Available now. Insp. good until 2008. 1987 BMW 325. European Specs. Very reliable car. 154K miles, 2 dr, sunroof, electric doors, new AM/FM/CD stereo. Asking \$1,500 OBO. Insp. good until August. Call 914-38-0666.

For sale: 1996 Audi A6 Wagon. \$5,200 but negotiable. Automatic, AC, and lots more. Seats five with a gigantic cargo area. Definitely not an island bomb. Call John Griffiths 968-934-997 or Laura Griffiths 966-105-259.

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: 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.

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 w/ remote, \$150 OBO. 1993 Renault Twingo, \$1,000. Great little car in good condition. Inspection good through September. Available June 30. Call 295-903-510 if interested.

TV show seasons for sale: Nip/Tuck Season # 1, Millennium Season #1, 24 Season #3, Medium Season #1, Oz Season #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Rescue Me Season #1. \$20 for each season. If interested, call 295-549-248.

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 if interested.

Nanny available: We are looking for a new family for our dependable and experienced nanny, Maria. Call Heidi at 295-549-630 or Maria at 295-543-279.

For sale: AFN decoder, \$200; 76 inch by 36 inch armoire, \$80; 220V 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: 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: 1992 Toyota Aristo (Lexus GS300 equivalent). Keyless entry, power everything, CD player/i-Pod, new tires, remote start. In great condition. Asking \$4,700.

Call 295-549-737 if interested.