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Mishap Stats



Last Reportable Mishap: *June 21*

FY '07 Total: 4

DUI/DWI Stats

Last DUI/DWI: *May 6*

FY '07 Total: 3



Need a ride?
Call 964-955-992
Saves in FY '07: 30

Weather Forecast

Saturday

Partly cloudy

High 82
Low 64



Sunday

Partly Cloudy
Afternoon rain

High 81
Low 63



Courtesy of the
65th OSS Weather Flight



Hands-on experience

Cadet 2nd Class Anthony Hughes checks the oil on aerospace ground equipment at the 65th Operations Support Squadron last week. Cadet Hughes and 11 other U.S. Air Force Academy cadets took part in Operation Air Force 2007 here June 25 through Wednesday. The program gives cadets an opportunity to get hands-on experience outside of their normal classroom environment. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Megan Ward)

Tops in Blue performs today at Lajes

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

Tops in Blue – the U.S. Air Force’s premiere entertainment group – performs for Team Lajes at 9 p.m. today in the grassy area across from Bldg. T-100.

The team of 40 vocalists, musicians, dancers and technicians visits here as part of this year’s 27-country, 140-performance tour commemorating the Air Force’s 60th anniversary.

“This will be an unforgettable musical perfor-



Info

For more details

- ☐ Call 535-5216
- ☐ Visit www.topsinblue.com

mance by talented Airmen,” said Col. JL Briggs, 65th Air Base Wing commander. “I guarantee you don’t want to miss it.”

Each year, active-duty Airmen stationed around the world compete in a multi-level competition for the right to be selected as a member of the Tops In Blue team.

People are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on at the event.



Commander's Line

Colonel answers medical supply question

Question: "I have an appointment at the clinic for a procedure that keeps getting postponed because of a light bulb. I realize that I am just a civilian employee and you have many more important issues to deal with, but this is important to me and my well being in my job and my family. I hope it can be resolved quickly. Thank you very much for your assistance."

Answer: Due to our location, we have some unique issues with the medical supply chain.

The turn-around time for most medical supply products is approximately 14-21 days. However, some non-medical supplies and hazardous supplies may take months to arrive.

For specialty-type items that aren't ordered on a routine basis, such as these particular light bulbs for a specific type of equipment, the delivery time varies depending on the item and the vendor.

In the case of these light bulbs, replacement bulbs have been shipped and we expect them to

arrive on the island next week. The vendor took four weeks to process the order; it wasn't until last week that they finally shipped the bulbs.

The 65th Medical Group takes full responsibility for not anticipating the need and maintaining a supply of bulbs on hand. They have remedied this problem so as to prevent future occurrences.

Regarding your appointment, we apologize postponing due to this supply issue.

Patients can always rest assured their care plans are individualized and none of our providers would allow a supply issue to jeopardize their health or welfare. We would pursue other alternatives to prevent any delay in appropriate treatment.

Thank you for bringing your concern to our attention.

— Col. JL Briggs

65th Air Base Wing commander



535-4240
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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.



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Commander, 65th Air Base Wing

Five minutes or five months; which would you prefer?

By Staff Sgt. Steven James
65th Air Base Wing Chapel

On a sunny day, I like nothing better than going for a ride on my motorcycle. Joining with a group of friends makes the experience even better.

Recently, I was enjoying such a ride here on the island. Rounding a turn on a country road, I noticed a small amount of gravel on the road — no big deal. This thought was immediately followed by my unexpected and rather sudden departure from the bike. They say that flying through

the air at moments like this is the most peaceful thing in the world ... it's the sudden stop that stinks.

Apparently I flew through the air, landed on my left side then slid another five feet on my face. The day just took a turn for the worse. However, this could have been a really bad day if I was not wearing the proper safety gear.

I know that it's a pain to put on the proper safety gear and it takes a few extra minutes, but it saved me from possibly months of pain,

rehabilitation, or worse. Five minutes of preparation is better than five months of rehabilitation.



Besides the dented pride and \$800 repair bill, I got up with only scratched and swollen knees. When I first purchased my bike, I got the matching helmet, jacket and pants with foam armor. Yes, the sales person made his commission off of me that day.

After a couple of jokes and comments, I stopped wearing the pants to save

myself the ribbing every time I rode. Had I worn all the items on this particular day, I would have saved the sore knees. Thankfully my wingmen were with me and, after they checked me from head to toe, they helped me pick my bike up.

Some lessons don't come cheap or totally pain free. In the future, I will wear all of my personal protective equipment regardless of how I look or being the source of amusement for my friends. However after seeing that safety gear works, I think the jokes will stop.

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Good To Know

Kosovo Campaign Medal

To be awarded the Kosovo Campaign Medal, a servicemember must have been assigned to a military unit for 30 consecutive days, or 60 cumulative days, in support of one of the following operations:

❑ Operation Allied Force: March 24, 1999 through June 10, 1999

❑ Operation Allied Harbor: April 4, 1999 through September 1, 1999

❑ Operation Shining Hope: April 4, 1999 through July 10, 1999

❑ Operation Noble Anvil: March 24, 1999 through July 20, 1999

❑ Operation Joint Guardian: June 11, 1999 to a date to be determined

The Kosovo Defense Campaign refers to any ground operations, in support of Kosovo peacekeeping efforts, which have taken place in Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, and Macedonia. U.S. military members are also authorized to receive the NATO Medal for peacekeeping services rendered in Kosovo.

Visit www.lajes.af.mil for more information.

Digital signatures

A new Air Force policy on encrypting and digitally signing e-mails is now in effect to ensure security and reliability of information as the battle for cyberspace dominance continues.

Examples of when to use a digital signature include formal direction to a government employee or contractor, messages that stipulate an Air Force official position on any matter and messages that commit to, authorize or deny the use of funds in some manner, according to the policy.

E-mail messages that contain sensitive, but unclassified information or mission critical information should also be encrypted with the PKI certificates to ensure confidentiality, according to the policy.

Examples include e-mails containing for official use only information, Privacy Act Information or personally identifiable information, according to the policy.



Fired up!

(Right) Joao Pedro Silva breathes fire during Lajes' Freedom Fest celebration July 4 at the Security Forces Field. (Photo by Robyn Weightman) Fireworks (above) capped off the day's activities. (Photo by Senior Airman Taylor Marr)



Lajes Salutes

Congratulations to the Team Lajes' promotees for July: *To Airman 1st Class:* **Stephanie Gaona**, 65th Mission Support Squadron; **Suzanne Rayle**, 65th MSS; **Eduardo Gonzalez**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Keyona Little**, 65th CS; **Michael Whiting**, 65th CS; *To Senior Airman:* **Rafael Gatlin**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; *To Technical Sergeant:* **Joshua Franklin**, 65th Air Base Wing.



Way to go to Lajes teens USAFE selected to attend Space Camp in Belgium: **Jessica Walker** (*Youth of the Year*), **Macy Walker**, **Cisalee Oldham**, and **Brittnee Jones**.

Congratulations to Lajes Airmen who received an 'Excellent' score (90 or above) on their annual physical fitness test: **Senior Airman Joshua Bush**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 100; **Capt. Aaron Johnson**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, 100; **Senior Airman Christine Johnson**, 65th Comptroller Squadron, 97.5; **Airman 1st Class Charles Boyd**, 65th Communications Squadron, 95; **Tech. Sgt. Russell Michaud**, 65th Security Forces Squadron, 95; **Airman 1st Class Andrew Anderson**, 65th CS, 93.5; **Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald**, 65th Air

Base Wing, 93.5; **Senior Airman Tiffany Kornegay**, 65th MDOS, 93; **Senior Master Sgt. John Brantley**, 65th LRS, 92; **Staff Sgt. Ervin Caldera**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, 90.5; **Staff Sgt. Joseph Brandt**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, 90.5; **Staff Sgt. Jeremy Pazdyk**, 729th AMS, 90.45; **Airman 1st Class Rafael Gutierrez**, 65th MDOS, 90.25; **Master Sgt. Jose Fuentes**, 65th CS, 90; and **Staff Sgt. John Hair**, 65th LRS, 90.

Way to go to **Det. 6, Air Force News Agency** for winning the Achieving Top Levels at Sponsorship Award; the award recognizes organizations who achieve a top-quality sponsorship program.

Congratulations on recent high scorers on their Career Development Course end-of-course test: **Rogério Aguiar**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, 97; **Jose Cardoso**, 65th CES, 95; **Airman 1st Class Jason Littlefield**, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 93; **Senior Airman Enrique Garza**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, 93; **Airman 1st Class Dustin Huggins**, 65th Services Squadron, 92; **Paulo Azera**, 65th CES, 91; and **Airman Simon Gravelle**, 65th LRS, 91.



Movie Schedule

Today – Theater closed due to today's 9 p.m. Tops In Blue performance

Saturday, 7 p.m. – Shrek The Third (PG, 98 minutes); 10 p.m. – Bug (R, 107 minutes)

Sunday, 2 p.m. – Shrek The Third; 7 p.m. – Bug

Thursday, 7 p.m. – Bug

Synopsis: Visit www.aafes.com/ems

In The Community

Bullfights: 6:30 p.m. today, Porto Judeu de Cima; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Bairro Joaquim Alves, Porto Judeu de Cima and Corpo Santo, Angra; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Bairro Joaquim Alves and Senhora da Ajuda, Vila Nova; 6:30 p.m. Monday, Port of Porto Judeu; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Port of Porto Judeu; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Refugo, Porto Judeu and São Bento; 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Refugo, Porto Judeu.

Around Lajes

Angra Military Regiment Relay Race: Sunday is the deadline to sign up for this 14k relay race set for July 21 in Angra. Teams are made up of four people.

POC: Tony Batista, 535-2426

Quarterly Awards Ceremony: 4 p.m. Thursday in the TORC Ballroom.

Senior NCO Induction Ceremony: 7 p.m. July 20 in the TORC. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. See first sergeants to sign up.

Free computer classes: The Airman & Family Readiness Center offers free computer classes in July: Beginning Excel – 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday; Intermediate Excel – 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday.
POC: A&FRC, 535-4138

Lajes Facilities

Women's Health Clinic closure: The Women's Health Clinic will be closed through July 29. Those needing immediate/urgent care should make an appointment with Family Practice by calling the appointment line.

Limited VTF services: The Veterinary Treatment Facility will not see patients and not be able to fill any prescriptions Aug. 6-31. The facility will be open for retail sales.

Jobs/Volunteer

Soccer coaches, referees: The Lajes Youth Program is looking for indi-

viduals interested in coaching or being referees for the fall soccer season. Coach training begins July 30. Referee training is Aug. 6.

POC: Cheryl Karnes, 535-1197

PFCU job: Pentagon Federal Credit Union has a job opening for a Branch Service Representative. DEROs must be after February 2009. Apply at Bldg. T-202 or call 295-513-221.

Thrift Shop: The shop, located in Bldg. T-125, needs volunteers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Consignments or donations are also accepted during this time.

POC: Valerie Dickson, 535-4146

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

Spiritual Fitness

Family Camp, July 23-28; Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast, 8 a.m. July 21.

POC: Chapel, 535-4211

Catholic worship schedule: Mass, 10:30 a.m. Sunday; daily Mass at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursdays; **Protestant worship schedule:** Evangelical Service (blending Liturgical and traditional worship styles; communion weekly), 9 a.m. Sunday; Praise Service (blending Contemporary and Gospel worship styles; communion first Sunday of each month), noon Sunday.

POC: Chapel, 535-4211

Miscellaneous

Fall Soccer League: Registration for the Lajes Youth Programs' Fall Soccer League is underway for children 3-18. Cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members.

POC: Cheryl Karnes, 535-1197

Running track open: The running track is now open. Runners are asked to use the outside lanes for training and the inside lanes for PT tests to reduce wear.

Kennel reservations: The Atlantic Island Kennels would like to remind personnel planning to PCS this summer to make kennel reservations at least 30 days in advance.

POC: Ronalee Moses, 535-3855

Legal assistance: Servicemembers can receive free legal assistance to ensure their personal legal matters are taken care of now and before deploying. Attorneys are available to talk about family law, wills, powers of attorney, landlord/tenant law, Service-member's Civil Relief Act and other legal topics as well as local legal issues.

POC: Legal office, 535-3546



Celebrating freedom

Tania Sousa, member of the Heart of the Island Hula Dancers, performs during Freedom Fest 2007. (Photo by Senior Airman Taylor Marr)

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: 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier. 12,200 miles, silver, auto, a/c, CD player. Asking \$8,000. Call David at 295-549-680 or 535-1486.

For sale: 1991 Opel Vectra. Inspection good until September 2008. CD/radio, 4 cyl 5sp, power windows, new tires, new muffler, fresh oil/filter, dependable. Asking \$1,500. Call 295-542-341.

For sale: 1994 Buick Regal, Automatic, 98,100 miles. Inspection sticker good until Aug 08. In good running condition. \$2,000 OBO. Ready for pick up July 3. Call 535-3017 or 962-074-273.

For Sale: Graco Pack n' Play- Brand new, light green, collapsible for travel. Comes with nature sounds music will play MP3s, bassinet, carrying case, and vanilla colored fuzzy bear mobile. Originally \$120, asking \$70. Call Jenny at 295-549-811.

Looking for a great nanny? Laura has been with our family for more than 2 years and we highly recommend her! For more information, call Susan at 535-6794 or 295-549-822.

For sale: 1991 Toyota Corolla; \$1,500, inspection good until September. Standard, 4 dr, sunroof, power locks and windows, and CD player. Available after July 30. Call Lis at 963-168-163.

For sale: Silver 2005 Chevy Cavalier GREAT GAS MILEAGE 30,500 miles, 2.2 liter 4 cyl Auto. tran., power locks and windows \$9,000 OBO Inspection good through Sept 09. Call Dave at 963 800 604 or 969 239 307.

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: 1994 Mitsubishi RVR "Wild Gear". Asking \$1,700 OBO. Automatic transmission. Japanese specs. Tinted windows. Inspection good through August '08. Available in September. Call Marcus at 295-579-626 and leave a message 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: 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: InStep double jog stroller in exc. condition. Only used a few times. \$75. Call 295-549-819 if interested.