



A Portuguese bullfighter positions a bull during an arena bullfight Saturday night at the bullring in Angra. Arena and street bullfights are among the events planned for this year's Praia Fest, which kicks off Aug. 3. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)

Island preparing for Praia Fest 2007

By Eduardo Lima

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This year's Praia Fest takes place Aug. 3-12 in Praia da Vitória.

Unlike the Sanjoaninas Festival in Angra, Praia Fest doesn't have a long tradition. It first began in 1978 and has been held in Praia ever since – first, every other year and later, every year.

This is the eighth consecutive year Praia Fest has included an international food fair. The food fair will feature restaurants from the island, mainland Portugal and Brazil, each representing the cuisine of their region or country.

All parades take place in Praia's main street, main square, and water front. The main concerts will take place inside the old soccer field, which will also be the location of the Dream Zone tent where DJ's will perform every night after midnight. There will also be an arts and crafts fair open everyday from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the waterfront.



Below are highlights for the first three days of Praia Fest 2007. Visit www.lajes.af.mil or see next week's issue for more scheduled events.

□ **Aug. 3: 6 p.m.** – Official opening of arts and crafts fair (waterfront); **9:20 p.m.** – Parade by Praia's marching band followed by the official Praia 2007 marching dancers; **9:30 p.m.** – Parade of floats featuring "La belle Epóque" theme; **11:45 p.m.** – Concert by "Banda Agosto" from the island of Pico (waterfront); **midnight** – DJ music in Dream Zone tent

□ **Aug. 4: 5 p.m.** – Speedball tournament (main beach); **6 p.m.** – Bullfighting festival (bullring in Angra); **10 p.m.** – Parade by Praia firefighters' brass band; **10:30 p.m.** – Concert by two concert bands (main square); **11 p.m.** – Concert by Portuguese singer André Sardet (old soccer field); **midnight** – Flamenco show "El Plateo" (Dream Zone)

□ **Aug. 5: 2 p.m.** – Sail boat rides (main beach); **9:30 p.m.** – Parade of Mardi Gras dancers followed by performance at main square; **10 p.m.** – Hot air balloon rides (old soccer field); **11 p.m.** – Concert by 4 Taste rock band (old soccer field)

Mishap Stats



Last Reportable Mishap: *June 21*

FY '07 Total: 4

DUI/DWI Stats

Last DUI/DWI: *May 6*

FY '07 Total: 3



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Saves in FY '07: 30

Weather Forecast

Saturday

Mostly cloudy

Rain

High 82

Low 64



Sunday

Cloudy

Rain

High 81

Low 63



Courtesy of the
65th OSS Weather Flight



An e-mail thanking Lajes warriors

Team Lajes,

The words below from the Squadron Commander of VMAQ-2 say it all. Thank you for executing our primary mission with precision and professionalism and reminding our sister service warriors what the Airman's Creed is all about. If the rest of the Air Force could only see you through my eyes!! Well Done!

Col JL Briggs
Commander, 65th ABW

From: Bew Lt Col Richard T (ACE VMAQ-2 CO)
To: Briggs, Jack L Col 65 ABW/CC
Subject: Well done

Sir –

I want to thank you and the warriors from your Wing for what was certainly the finest support I have ever seen in any of my many TRANSLANT or TRANSPAC evolutions. Meeting us on our arrival set a positive tone that was carried through our 36-hour stay.

While it is obvious to all Lajes is a critical/strategic waypoint, it may sometimes be forgotten that the high quality of service and professionalism there also sets the tone and boosts the morale for the long deployment to come (or the return from one).

Thanks again for starting us off right – the 65th is an asset for a successful deployment that can't be measured on paper alone.

V/R

Lt Col R. T. "Otter" Bew
CO VMAQ-2

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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.



Col. JL Briggs

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. JL Briggs
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing



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101 CDS: Six milliseconds to save your life

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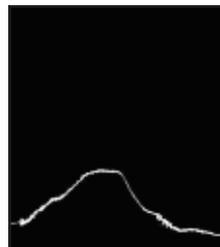
I'm sure we have all heard it before, "Wear a helmet; it could save your life."

In USAFE, all U.S. personnel must wear an approved helmet while riding a bicycle, skating or rollerblading on installations.

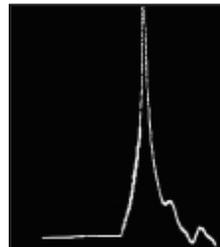
Here are the physics behind the requirement. Without a helmet, it only takes a 3-foot drop to injure your brain permanently.

What that means for all of us is if we are sitting on a bike and tip over, without even moving, the potential exists to incur major head trauma. Remember, a head trauma unit isn't available on Terceira.

With a helmet, the energy spike generated is stretched-out over 6 milli-seconds



With a helmet



Without a helmet

(thousandths of a second). Without a helmet, the impact "hits" your brain in less than a millisecond.

If you graph the impact, you will see a smooth curve extending over 6 milli-seconds (on the left), and a huge spike in the first milli-seconds for the bare head (right). Somewhere about half way up that spike is where permanent brain damage begins; that's a huge difference. And all it took was six milliseconds. Do you have the time to spare?

Wearing a helmet can save your life. Don't forget it.



Meet The New Commander



Maj. Anthony Lomelin
65th Contracting Squadron

Hometown: Griffith, Ind.

What do you look forward to the most during your time here? I'm pleased to see that "team" is not just a four letter word at Lajes. From the moment I stepped off the plane to now, my family and I have been extremely impressed with the warm welcome and the quality of services at Lajes. I'm excited about being a part of this team and leading a truly top-notch squadron that has a great reputation for delivering spot-on business advice to all Team Lajes warfighters. We are also looking forward to learning about the Azorean culture, making new friends, and taking advantage of all the recreational activities the islands have to offer, especially fishing.



Goals for the 65th CONS: USAFE Outstanding Contracting Squadron (Small); Outstanding UCI rating; enhance 65th CONS personnel's knowledge of customer's mission; enhance existing contract training programs for our personnel and our customers; and enhance esprit de corps for squadron members and their families.

Good To Know

Bldg. T-112 renovations

Beginning Monday, Bldg T-112 (MSG Consolidated Support Center) will undergo an extensive renovation project. The back alley and the upper parking area (facing Bldg. T-100) will be closed for parking/pedestrian traffic.

During the first phase of the renovations, the 65th Mission Support Squadron's Civilian Personnel Flight will relocate to Bldg T-400; the SVS Human Resources Flight will relocate

to Bldg T-167 (Services Marketing building); and the MPF Customer Support Section will relocate within T-112. The MPF Customer Service office and 65th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration office will not relocate during this phase.

The main entrance into Bldg T-112 will be redirected to the northwest entrance (facing the Chapel). In-processing and other functions within Bldg. T-112 should remain unaffected.



Getting a shot

U.S. Army SGT James Costin, Lajes veterinarian, gives 8-year old Reggie a shot with help from the cocker spaniel's owner, Patricia Arnold, in the Veterinarian Treatment Facility Tuesday. The VTF, located in Bldg. T-459, will only be open for retail sales Aug. 6-31. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)

Lajes Salutes

Congratulations to Team Lajes' Quarterly Award winners for April through June:
Category I, Portuguese Civilian – **Joao Dutra**, 65th Mission Support Group; *Category I, U.S. Civilian* – **Amber Schindele**, 65th MSG; *Category II, Portuguese Civilian* – **Filomena Silva**, 65th Medical Group; *Category II, U.S. Civilian* – **Max McAllister**, 65th MSG; *Honor Guard Member* – **Airman 1st Class Michael Landis**, 65th MSG; *Military Member Volunteer* – **Tech. Sgt. Joshua Franklin**, 65th Air Base Wing; *Civilian/Spouse Volunteer* – **Angie Erickson**; *Airman* – **Airman 1st Class Timothy Stephens**, 65th MSG; *NCO* – **Tech. Sgt. Joshua Franklin**, 65th ABW; *Senior NCO* – **Master Sgt. Leatha**

Goodridge, 65th ABW; *CGO* – **Capt. Richard Palmer**; and *Dorm Room* – **Airman 1st Class Megan Horvath**, 729th Air Mobility Squadron.

Way to go to **Jose Raposo**, 65th Air Base Wing, for earning a Master's Degree in Environmental, Health and Safety through the University of the Azores last week. In 1998, he completed his Masters in International Relations through Troy State University.

Congratulations to **Lee Caldwell**, **Arnaldo Candido**, **Bobby Jones**, and **Jonathon Matlack**, 65th Communications Squadron Team #1, for taking first place in the Lajes Field Billiards League's 2007 tournament.



Movie Schedule

Today, 7 p.m. – Surf's Up (PG, 90 minutes); 10 p.m. – Waitress (PG-13, 108 minutes)

Saturday, 7 p.m. – Surf's Up; 10 p.m. – Waitress

Sunday, 2 p.m. – Surf's Up; 7 p.m. – Waitress

Thursday, 7 p.m. – Surf's Up

Synopsis: Visit www.aafes.com/ems

In The Community

Bullfights: 6:30 p.m. today, Largo da Fonte, São Sebastião; 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Santa Rita Hill (just before AFN station); 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Largo da Fonte, São Sebastião; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Estrada 25 de Abril; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Largo da Fonte São Sebastião; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fontinhas

Around Lajes

Wing Recognition Ceremony: 1 p.m. Aug. 3 in the TORC Ballroom

Pool tournament: 2 p.m. Sunday in the Community Activity Center. Open to all, race to 5. Single elimination.

POC: Tech. Sgt. Lee Caldwell, 535-7665

Spiritual Fitness

Combined Worship Service and Barbeque at TTU Beach: 11 a.m. Sunday; **Women's Bible Study:** noon Fridays at the Nascido do Sol housing (T-1417B).

POC: Chapel, 535-4211

Lajes Facilities

EDIS: EDIS has moved from Bldg. T-425 to the Health and Wellness Center in Bldg. T-133.

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

Commissary: The Commissary will be closed Aug. 11 for Praia da Vitoria Day and Aug. 15 for Assumption Day.

VTF: The Veterinary Treatment Facility will not see patients from Aug. 6-31. The VTF will not be able to fill any prescriptions during that time. The VTF will continue to be open for retail sales.

Jobs/Volunteer

Thrift Shop: The shop, located in Bldg. T-125, needs volunteers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Con-

signments or donations are also accepted during this time.

POC: Valerie Dickison, 535-4146

Cub Scout volunteers: Lajes Cub Scout Pack 1605 needs volunteer leaders, including: a secretary, pack committee members, Den leaders, an event coordinator, etc. Volunteers do not have to be a scout leader or have a son in the program.

POC: René Arnold, wmrene@msn.com

Soccer coaches and referees: The Lajes Youth Program is looking for people interested in coaching or being referees for the fall soccer season. Coach training begins Monday; 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.

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

Free/reduced lunches: Parents interested in the Free/Reduced School Lunch Program for school year 2007-2008 should e-mail yolanda.castro@lajes.af.mil or call 535-1314. Families who participated in the program last year need to re-apply.

School bus transportation: Families who live off base should e-mail yolanda.castro@lajes.af.mil or call 535-1314 for a School Bus Registration Form. Students riding the school bus need to receive a bus pass and complete an application.

Education

Language testing: Computer-based testing for Chinese – Cantonese, Portuguese – Brazilian, Portuguese – European, and Ukrainian originally scheduled for July 1 has been delay until Aug. 15.

POC: Michael Schendel, 535-3355

Miscellaneous

Warrior Day 2007: The "Amazing Race" meets the *Airman's Manual* during Warrior Day Aug. 10. Teams of eight from each squadron compete against each other in different events.

Combat Dining In: People are encouraged to find or purchase their "weapon of choice" (water gun, etc.) and for this event scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 10 in the 65th LRS Compound. The uniform will be BDUs (older set recommended).

Build-A-Boat Challenge: 3 to 6 p.m. Aug. 31 at the base pool. Sign up at the Community Activity Center by Aug. 17.



Up to the challenge

Antônio Telles, professional horseman, challenges a bull during the arena bullfight in Angra Saturday night. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)

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: Entertainment center in good condition, \$45. Hold's max 36" TV, two bottom consoles, two bottom drawers, and three cubical shelves with a glass panel door. 27" Sony TV in good condition, \$40. For both items, \$75. Call Monte at 295-549-483 or 535-5122.

For sale: 110-volt dehumidifier in good condition, \$25. Call David at 295-549-680 or 535-1486.

For hire: Excellent nanny available. 7 years of experience and speaks great English. She is excellent with my kids. She is willing to work whenever and whatever time you need her. She also does the house cleaning and cooks for the kids. Has her own transportation and loves to take the kids on field trips. Call Tania at 965-598-061 or Christina at 295-549-623.

Amazing nanny/housekeeper: Maria Meneses has been part of our family for two years. She is wonderful with children and home. She is kind, caring, prompt and reliable. Call her at 295-513341 or cell 96-314-0950 to schedule an interview.

For sale: 1991 Opel Vectra. Inspection good until September 2008. CD/radio, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, 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 August 2008. 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.

For sale: Silver 2005 Chevy Cavalier. Only 30,500 miles. 2.2 liter, 4 cylinder, automatic transmission. Power locks and windows. \$9,000 OBO. Inspection good through September 2009. 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.

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.