



### New 65th MDG commander

Col. Amir Edward, right, accepts the guidon for the 65th Medical Group from Col. JL Briggs, 65th Air Base Wing commander, during the 65th MDG Change of Command Ceremony July 26 in the Top of the Rock Club. Colonel Edward comes to Lajes Field from Baghdad, Iraq, where he served as the Multi-National Security Transition Command Surgeon and lead partner to the Iraqi Surgeon General. (Photo by Guido Melo)

### DUI/DWI Stats

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



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

### Lajes In The Fight (June 2007)

- Space-required passengers handled 1,108
- Space-available passengers handled 732
- Cargo tons handled 230
- Mail tons handled 24
- Originating shipments, pieces handled 199/268
- Terminating shipments, pieces handled 286/2,248
- Aircraft handled 97

## Post office discusses APO restrictions

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

Postal officials here want to remind patrons of some restrictions associated using the APO system. One restriction involves the sending and receiving of mail.

“Authorized patrons can mail packages for someone else from one APO to another if and only if that person is also an authorized APO patron,” explained Tech. Sgt. Elpidio Abaya, Lajes postmaster. “Allowing unauthorized personnel to use your address to receive mail is illegal and can be constituted as a postal offense.”

Authorized patrons include active-duty members and their families. U.S. Department of Defense organizations and their U.S. citizen employees and command-sponsored family members are authorized military post office privileges if they

### APO System Restrictions

For more information about these and other restrictions associated with using the APO system, call the post office at 535-POST (7678).

possess a Government ID card or are on DoD invitational travel orders.

Sergeant Abaya said using the free-mail option — known as IDS/MPS — to transport personal property in conjunction with temporary or permanent moves and assignments is prohibited.

“The only exception is uniforms and personal gear required to perform official duties at the next duty station,” he said. “When mailing items for TDY/PCS moves, patrons must pay the local postage rate and other applicable fees.”

### Weather Forecast

#### Saturday

Cloudy

High 68  
Low 63



#### Sunday

Cloudy

Rain  
High 68  
Low 53



Courtesy of the  
65th OSS Weather Flight



## Proper training, gear vital to riding

By Tech. Sgt. Jessie Ojeda  
65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

It's time to dust off your motorcycle and do some riding.

But before going off into the sunset, ensure you're properly trained and that you have the proper gear to arrive alive.

### Motorcycle rider courses

Lajes now offers a Beginner Riders Course and an Expert Riders Course.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe personnel — to include members of the U.S. military, Air Force civilians and non-appropriated fund civilians — who operate motorcycles, motor scooters or mopeds, must complete a motorcycle safety course every three years.

The safety staff may issue an AF Form 483, *Certificate of Competency*, to members completing refresher training instead of a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course completion card.

### Gear up for a safe ride

Proper gear is essential to safe riding.

Wearing the right protective clothing from head to toe always makes the sport more enjoyable and more comfortable as well.

### Helmet safety

Around the block or around the world, it makes sense to leave home with a helmet on your head. It's one of the best items of protection you can use, so wear it!

And don't forget to fasten the strap every time you throw a leg over the motorcycle.

According to USAFE's supplement to AFI 91-207, all personnel who operate or ride as a passenger on a motorcycle must wear a protective helmet which, at a minimum, meets certification requirements of

Economic Community of Europe (ECE) 22.05.

### Eye protection

Riding with bare eyeballs is a gamble. Your eyes are precious and it doesn't take much to injure one. Proper eye protection means an approved shield on your helmet, a pair of goggles with shatterproof glass.

Make sure your eye protection is clean and unscratched. If you use a tinted lens or shield for riding in the bright sunlight, take a clear

lens along in case you are still riding after dark. Windshields or eyeglasses are not forms of proper protection.

### Jacket

Motorcycle jackets are made in many sturdy materials: denim, nylon in its various guises, corduroy, and leather. A hide of a cow or any other commonly used leather offers the most protection when it comes to abrasions. You can buy leather jackets with zippered vents, which are comfortable to wear even in hot weather as they allow a breeze to flow through.

### Pants

These should be made of a thick material such as leather. They resist abrasions and provide protection from the elements.

A pair of loose, light cotton pants that flap in the wind is not a very good choice for riding gear. A number of companies sell leather riding pants, and you can get pants and jacket combinations that zip together.

### Gloves

Always wear full-fingered gloves ... even in hot weather. A car in front of you may throw up a stone that hits your fingers. Ouch! Your first reaction to falling is to put your hands out, so make sure they are protected.

### Boots

Over-the-ankle boots preferably made of strong leather. Your ankles are very complicated; protect them. A boot with a slippery sole could cause embarrassment when you put your foot down at a greasy gas station. Rubber soles, with a good tread design, offer better gripping possibilities.

### High visibility gear

The better people see you, the less likely they are to run into you. Brightly colored clothing is now a requirement during the daytime. You can buy specially designed vests designed to make it easier for others to see you.

For night time, you must wear reflective clothing and don't cover it up with a backpack. It also helps to put reflective strips on your helmet and the back of your boots. Every little bit helps.

### Don't drink and ride

Finally, mixing alcohol with motorcycles is like putting nitro with glycerin; it's an accident waiting to happen.

For more details, call Wing Safety at 535-6214 or visit <http://www.msf-usa.org>.

535-4240

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*problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.*

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### Stocking the shelves

Marcio Sousa, sales store checker, stocks shelves in the new shoppette Monday. The new military clothing sales store, beauty shop, and barber shop are also co-located within the facility. The shoppette is open seven days a week. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus McDonald)

## 2nd Annual Combat Dining In wraps up Warrior Day Aug. 10

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

Lajes Airmen will live and breathe the Air Force's new "warrior ethos" Aug. 10 as Warrior Day concludes with a Combat Dining In at 6 p.m. in the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron Compound.

Both events give participants a chance to prove they have what it takes to be a warrior, leader and wingman.

"Warrior Day is where the Airman's Manual meets the Amazing Race," said Master Sgt. Tonya Boone, Warrior Day president. "Fourteen squadron teams will compete in a series of combat-inspired competitions to see who is best."

If there are ties for first, second, or third place during Warrior Day, the tying teams will perform a series of "special tasks" at the Combat Dining-In, Sergeant Boone explained.

"These teams will compete until the tie is broken and a clear winner is determined," she said.

Warrior Day medallions will be presented during Lajes' 2nd Annual Combat Dining In — an event that will give Airmen a chance to intermingle, according to Senior Master Sgt. Gregg Mowrer, organizer of this year's Combat Dining In.

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Organizer, Combat Dining In

maraderie, good fellowship, and help establish a rapport with co-workers and leadership in an informal setting," Sergeant Mowrer said. "It's also the perfect forum to recognize the winners of the 2007 Warrior Day Challenge."

This year's event — open to any military member — will introduce reporting instructions and a "mock" mobility line to mimic an actual deployment.

"There will be a 'must-see' obstacle course for those who choose to violate the rules of the mess and prison controlled by the Sergeant at Arms for those who commit 'war crimes,'" Sergeant Mowrer explained. "Everything is designed to generate camaraderie, establish rapport and most importantly, have fun."

For tickets to the Combat Dining In, see list of unit representatives in the Weekly Bulletin.



### Festival Highlights

**Editor's note:** Last week's issue gave highlights of the first three days Praia Fest 2007, which kicks off today. Below are highlights for the remainder of festival.

□ **Monday:** 2 p.m. - Sail boat rides (main beach); 3 p.m. - Hobby Cat rides in Praia bay; 10 p.m. - Concert by concert band (main square); hot air balloon rides (old soccer field); 11 p.m. - Concert by Portuguese singer Tony Carreira (old soccer field); Midnight - Concert by Biscoitos Light Orchestra (waterfront)

□ **Tuesday:** 4 p.m. - Praia basket (waterfront); 5 p.m. - Street bullfight at Juncal; 8:30 p.m. - Arena bullfight in Angra's bullring; 10 p.m. - Parade of local folklore dancers followed by performances at main square; hot air balloon rides (old soccer field); 11 p.m. - concert by Brazilian singer Vanessa da Mata (old soccer field); Midnight - Samba in the fridge, Brazilian music (waterfront)

□ **Wednesday:** 11 a.m. - 13th National Hobby Cat Championship (Praia bay); 4 p.m. - Praia basket (waterfront); 6 p.m. - Street bullfight at Juncal; 10 p.m. - Parade of marching dancers; hot air balloon rides (old soccer field); 11 p.m. - Concert by local rock band "Stream" (old soccer field); Midnight - Concert by Portuguese comic band Kumpanhia Algazarra (waterfront)

□ **Thursday:** 9:30 a.m. - 1st International Praia Fest Golf Tournament; 11 a.m. - 13th National Hobby Cat Championship (Praia bay); 6:30 p.m. - Street bullfight at Quatro Ribeiras; 9:30 p.m. - Motorcycle parade; 10 p.m. - Hot air balloon rides (old soccer field); 11 p.m. - Concert by Portuguese rock band "Blind Zero" (old soccer field)

□ **Aug. 10:** 9:30 a.m. - 1st International Praia Fest Golf Tournament; 11 a.m. - 13th National Hobby Cat Championship (Praia bay); 6 p.m. - Street bullfight at Rua Padre Lino Fagundes, Lajes; volleyball tournament (main beach); 9:45 p.m. - Childrens' parade of floats featuring the theme "Disney's Classic tales"; 10:30 p.m. - 3rd Praia Blues Festival "Lid 'Ed and the Blues Imperials" (old soccer field); Midnight - Concert by Portuguese world-music band "Dazkariah" (waterfront)

□ **Aug. 11:** 12:30 p.m. - Ethnographic parade 5 p.m. - Volleyball tournament (main beach) 6 p.m. - Street bullfight at Cemetery road next to Modelo Store; 10 p.m. - Parade of marching bands; hot air balloon rides (old soccer field); 11 p.m. - 3rd Praia Blues Festival featuring the rock and blues band "Ten Years After" (old soccer field); Midnight - Concert by Why Not Band (waterfront)

□ **Aug. 12:** 1 p.m. - Yachts regatta (Praia bay); 4 p.m. - Youth concert featuring the bands Lidhium and Manifesto (waterfront); 6 p.m. - Bullfight at the beach; 9:30 p.m. - International Folklore of the Azores (parade and performances); 11 p.m. - Concert by Grupo Pactis singing the music of "Abba" (waterfront); Midnight - Closing of Praia Fest with fireworks over Praia bay



## Movie Schedule

**Today, 7 p.m.** – Ocean’s Thirteen (PG-13, 129 minutes); 10 p.m. – Knocked Up (R, 122 minutes)

**Saturday, 7 p.m.** – Ocean’s Thirteen; 10 p.m. – Knocked Up

**Sunday, 2 p.m.** – Ocean’s Thirteen; 7 p.m. – Knocked Up

**Thursday, 7 p.m.** – Ocean’s Thirteen

## In The Community

**Bullfights:** 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Rua Guarita, Angra; 6 p.m. Sunday, Largo da Fonte, São Sebastião; 6 p.m. Monday, Terreiro, Terra Cha; 5 p.m. Tuesday, Juncal; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Juncal; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Quatro Ribeiras; 6 p.m. Thursday, Quatro Ribeiras

## Around Lajes

**Collection of recyclables:** Recyclables will not be collected during Praia Fest (today through Aug. 12). People are encouraged to continue using the recycling bins/trailers during this time. Pick-up service resumes Aug. 13.

**EDIS open house:** From 12:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Health and Wellness Center (Bldg. T-333)

## Spiritual Fitness

**Can food drive during Mass:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday; **Women’s Bible Study:** noon Fridays at the Nascero do Sol housing (T-1417B)  
*POC: Chapel, 535-4211*

## Lajes Facilities

**Limited TORC hours:** Through Aug. 15, the TORC’s operating hours will change. Lunch hours will remain as normal but there will be no evening dining. Caravela’s Donuts will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday Brunch is cancelled throughout the remainder of August. The lounge will be open from 4 to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.  
*POC: Kent Jenkins, 535-3202*

**CPO relocation:** On Monday, the Civilian Personnel Office will be open on the second floor of Bldg. T-400. Entrance is through the middle entrance facing the running track.

**Limited VTF services:** The Veterinary Treatment Facility will not see patients nor fill prescriptions Monday through Aug. 31. The facility will be open for retail sales.  
*POC: VTF, 535-3134*

**Renovation project:** Bldg T-112, the MSG Consolidated Support Center, is un-



## ESOH in action

Members of the Lajes Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health team visit a South Tank Farm contractor construction site last week to help ensure compliance with ESOH regulations. (Photo by Maj. Brian Walker)

dergoing an extensive renovation project to the roof and external structures of the building. The back alley and the parking area facing Bldg. T-100 will be closed for parking and pedestrian traffic. See the Weekly Bulletin for more details.

**Commissary closure:** The Lajes Commissary will be closed all day during Praia da Vitoria Day and Assumption Day (Aug. 11 and 15).

## Lajes American School

**New school year:** Aug. 27 is the first day of school for grades 1-12.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Jobs/Volunteer

**Day camp volunteers:** Organizers are looking for parents interested at assisting with a Girl Scout day camp set for 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 20-24 at the Lajes Chapel.

*POC: Michelle, gmcoumbs@yahoo.com*

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

## Education

**Commissioning briefing:** Enlisted commissioning program briefings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Lajes ACE Center (Bldg. T-146). The next briefing is set for Aug. 14.  
*POC: Mike Schendel, 535-3355*

**Enrollment deadline:** Monday is the deadline to enroll in the first fall onsite class for the University of Oklahoma’s Master in Human Relations program and most online courses.

*POC: Kate Etheredge, 535-3171*

## Miscellaneous

**Missoula Children’s Camp:** Aug. 13-17 at the LYP for ages 6-18. Auditions begin at 9 a.m. Aug. 13. Cost is \$30.

*POC: Kristi Kennell, 535-3273*

**Youth golf camp:** The Lajes Youth Program will hold a golf camp for children 6-18 Aug. 20-24. Cost is \$30 per participant.

*POC: Diana Sousa, 535-3273*

## 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: 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: 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 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.

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: 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.

Amazing nanny/housekeeper: Maria 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 295-513-341 or cell 96-314-0950 to schedule an interview.