

# Crossroads XTRA

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## Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha  
Threat Level: Low

## 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: 31

## Weather Forecast

### Saturday

Mostly cloudy  
Rain  
High 72  
Low 64



Courtesy of the  
65th OSS Weather Flight



## To the grog!

Col. JL Briggs, 65th Air Base Wing commander, right, and Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams, 65th ABW command chief, go through the obstacle course on their way to the grog during the 2nd Annual Combat Dining In Aug. 10 in the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron Compound. The event wrapped up Warrior Day 2007. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Timothy Sanford)

## 53 Lajes E-4s selected for promotion

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

The Air Force has selected 53 eligible senior airmen at Lajes for promotion to staff sergeant.

Col. JL Briggs, 65th Air Base Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams, 65th ABW command chief master sergeant, gave the staff selects their expectations.

"As the Air Force's newest frontline NCO's, you are marking a transition in your life from follower to leader," Colonel Briggs said. "Your peers will expect more from you and I'm sure you're up to the challenge. We'll provide training and opportunities to hone those new skills. My challenge to each of you is to be very proud, set high standards, and choose to sacrifice for others."

"As staff sergeants, you will now be formal leaders in our Air Force," Chief Williams added. "Much is expected and required of you. Chapter 4.1 of AFI 36-2618 (The Enlisted Force Structure) lists the general responsibilities of NCO's with 4.2.1 listing specific responsibilities of staff sergeants. Know what they are and live by them. We're depending on you."

Score notices are now available on the virtual Military Personnel Flight and the Air Force Portal. The complete list of selectees can be found on the Air Force Personnel Center's enlisted promotions Web page.

### Lajes Senior Airmen Selected

- ❑ 65th Civil Engineer Squadron — David Cantu, Lori Dicarolo, Marvin Galvez, Derico Hood, Wade Smith and Kelli Werner
- ❑ 65th Communications Squadron — Douglas Cleary, Eric Green, Jered Klodt, Donovan Leistner, Elijah Reynolds, Samantha Shirley
- ❑ 65th Comptroller Squadron — Christine Johnson, Mathew Reindl and Shirlnita Newsome
- ❑ 65th Security Forces Squadron — Justin Hayes and Brian Smith
- ❑ 65th Mission Support Group — Christina Rivas
- ❑ 65th Operations Support Squadron — Katherine Gerner, Joseph Gurien, Isaac Ibarra, Eric Ruiz, Joshua Vincent and Christopher Weightman
- ❑ 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron — Nicholas Anderson, Gared Bowers, Ronald Dominguez, Christopher Noll and Kyle Ostwald
- ❑ 65th Medical Support Squadron — Tiffany Kornegay and Melody Porter
- ❑ 65th Medical Operations Squadron — Terah Clifford, Christopher Dozler, Michelle Fleet, Portia Les Pere and Aisha Smith
- ❑ 65th Services Squadron — Dusty Black
- ❑ 729th Air Mobility Squadron — Stacey Murray and Carl Wiley



## U.S. Air Force's Top Priorities

The U.S. Air Force's top priorities are:

- Winning the Global War on Terror
- Developing Airmen
- Recapitalization and Modernization



**Note:** Lajes Airmen are encouraged to clip this out and keep with them.

## CC Line addresses water, animals

### Question

*Recently my landlord's family informed me that I shouldn't be internally consuming the local water as there is a question about the quality in various locations on the island.*

*I have been in this location for more than a year, and this is the first I heard of the pesticides being found in the water. Since I, and many others, live on the economy, I have been trying to get straight forward accurate information on this concern and have been unsuccessful.*

*If this is true, shouldn't we have been informed about this situation upon entry to this assignment so we could make the appropriate actions to protect our health? If it is untrue, who checks the water quality off base and how often? Are the reports made public or is the housing office told of the results periodically? Thank you for your assistance.*

### Response

Thank you for your concern.

This question was in concern for the presence of pesticides in Praia's drinking water. Bioenvironmental Engineering only monitors the Lajes Field public drinking water system. However, the Civil Engineer Environmental Flight obtained and provided the most recent drinking water sampling results (Jan 07 – Mar 07) for Praia's system as published by Praia Ambiente, E.M., the operator of Praia's public drinking water system.

The drinking water was analyzed for the concentration of sixteen specific pesticides. Not only were all pesticide concentrations less than the regulatory limits, all were found to be lower than their respective limits of detection.

Please contact Praia Ambiente, E.M., for additional sample results and/or questions regarding the operation of Praia's public drinking water system.

If you have any questions regarding the health risks associated with contaminated drinking water, please call the bioenvironmental flight at 535-6206.

Additionally, the housing office now has a copy of the water statistics in the lobby of the housing office and in the off-base housing brochure.

### Question

*I have an issue that has been weighing on my mind for weeks now. I have lived here nearly two years and I've not once had any issues thru security forces as far as being too loud, my dog barking or anything for that matter. I have been given a direct order from the commander of security forces that I can not even put food outside for my dog. I feel this goes against all my rights and I'm not happy with that. It is true that there is a stray dog around base housing and she eats my dog's food as well as at least five other peoples. The food is put out for my dog and I feel I have a right to continue to put food out for my dog as long as I have her. It is not fair to me nor to my pet to have someone tell me that outside my own house I can't even give my dog a rawhide.*

### Response

Thank you for the opportunity to address this topic. It is clear that we need definitive community guidance regarding stray and abandoned animals.

First, I would like to assure you that Security Forces were not specifically targeting you for any type of surveillance or harassment. Their sole purpose is to prevent to the maximum extent possible danger to residents and their pets from stray animals.

The animals of concern in this case were frequently seen in the vicinity of your residence and as a result, this is where SFS focused their efforts to capture these animals. The intent is to capture these animals and give them to the local animal control facility so they can be humanely disposed of.

Over the past several months, we have had several complaints of dogs attacking pets and behaving in a threatening manner toward residents both in Nascer do Sol and the Portuguese neighborhood adjacent to Nascer do Sol. There is also a particular problem with rodents in the area and leaving food outside can attract rats and mice and make for unsanitary living conditions.

Civil Engineers, Security Forces and their Air Base No. 4 counterparts are developing a comprehensive stray/abandoned animal policy which will be the definitive guidance for residents in military family housing.

535-4240

[actionline@lajes.af.mil](mailto: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](mailto:actionline@lajes.af.mil).*



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## Warrior Day 2007

Airmen from the 65th Communications Squadron pull a fire truck during Warrior Day 2007 here Aug. 10. At the end of this day of combat-inspired competition, the 65th Security Forces Squadron came out on top, the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron took second place, and the 65th Services Squadron placed third. (Photo by Senior Airman Taylor Marr)

## Good To Know

### Canned food recall

Castleberry's Food Company recently released a voluntary recall on canned good products. Persons who have recently eaten Castleberry's brand recalled products are advised to immediately contact their health care provider. See article at [www.lajes.af.mil](http://www.lajes.af.mil).

### Kosovo Campaign Medal

Servicemembers who participated in or were in direct support of Kosovo operations within established areas of eligibility may be awarded the Kosovo Campaign Medal and campaign streamers for their accomplishments. See article at [www.lajes.af.mil](http://www.lajes.af.mil).

### Want more news?

Visit Lajes' public Web site at [www.lajes.af.mil](http://www.lajes.af.mil) for updated local, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Department of Defense news coverage.

## Notes prepare Lajes students for 2007-2008 school year

### Orientation

An orientation to welcome all new students in grades 1-12 to Lajes American School will take place at 10 a.m. Monday in the school cafeteria. Current Lajes students will escort new students on a tour of the school while parents take part in an informational meeting.

An orientation to welcome kindergarten students is set for 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the cafeteria. Kindergartners will get a chance to meet teachers, and parents will sign up for home visits and be provided an overview of kindergarten life at Lajes American School.



received copies of their new schedules at the end of last year or as they registered, but copies will be distributed on the first day of school as they enter the building. Any class changes, glitches or concerns can be addressed during the first two weeks of the school year.

### Open house schedule

There will be an elementary open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 24. All parents and students in grades 1-5 are invited to come to school to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms.

You are invited to proceed directly to your classrooms. AAFES will be on site to sell supply bags. This is an annual occurrence and enables parents to buy all the supplies for the grades K-5 list at one time in one bag.

An open house for middle and high school (grades 6-12) students will take place at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 6. There will be a brief informational meeting in the cafeteria and then you will experience a mini-version of your child's schedule. More information will be sent in an upcoming Electronic Falcon.

### School Lunch Program

AAFES will continue to provide school lunches for students. Parents are encouraged to open lunch accounts for their children at the Ocean View BX. Information regarding

the lunch program can be obtained there. AAFES will allow a student to charge a lunch if there is no money in his/her lunch account, but this should rarely happen.

Ensure your child has a lunch or money in their account each day. Students may also bring a sack lunch from home.

### Student/Parent Handbook

All families will receive a copy of the Student/Parent Handbook, which will be mailed during the first week of school. The handbook is also posted on the school's Web site at [www.laje-ehs.eu.dodea.edu](http://www.laje-ehs.eu.dodea.edu).

All policies, expectations, and general information are included; parents and students are asked to familiarize themselves with its contents.

### School Advisory Committee

The School Advisory Committee, comprised of elected parent and educator representatives who work together to advise the principal on school issues, is looking for parents to run for election as a parent representative. SAC is another way the Lajes American School community can voice their opinions and make suggestions regarding school improvement.

To have your name on the ballot, call the main office at 295-57-4151 or 535-4151. (Information courtesy of Lajes American School)

### Kickoff of new school year

Aug. 27 is the first day of school for students in grades 1-12. Kindergarten students begin on Sept. 4. Class begins for students in grades 6-12 at 7:50 a.m. and students in grades K-5 will begin at 8 a.m. All students will dismiss at 2:35 p.m. There is no supervision provided in the courtyard area before 7:40 a.m., so parents are reminded that students should not arrive before that time.

### Class lists, class schedules

Class lists for grades K-5 will be posted at 2 p.m. on the elementary wing doors on Thursday. All middle/high school students



## Movie Schedule

**Today, 7 p.m.** – Ratatouille (G, 92 minutes); 10 p.m. – Evan Almighty (PG, 90 minutes)

**Saturday, 7 p.m.** – Ratatouille; 10 p.m. – Evan Almighty

**Sunday, 2 p.m.** – Ratatouille; 7 p.m. – Evan Almighty

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

## In The Community

**Bullfights:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Estrada 25 de Abril; 6 p.m. Sunday, Cemetery Road, Praia; 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feteira; and 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Fonte do Bastardo.

## Around Lajes

**Sign up deadline:** Teams (one per squadron) must sign up by today at the Community Activity Center for the 2nd Annual Squadron Build-A-Boat Challenge set for 3 to 6 p.m. Aug. 31 at the base pool.  
*POC: CAC, 535-5216/4135*

**Sports Physical Day:** The 65th Medical Group holds a Sports Physical Day for school-aged children from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday. Appointments can be booked online at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com) or by calling 535-3261.  
*POC: Capt. Brenda Bryant, 535-5077*

## Spiritual Fitness

**Men's Spiritual Leadership Training/Breakfast,** 8 a.m. Saturday; and **SUM Dinner,** 5:30 p.m. Thursday.  
*POC: Lajes Chapel, 535-4211*

## Lajes Facilities

**New TORC dining hours:** Evening dining hours for the Top of the Rock Club are now as follows: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays (Mongolian BBQ); and 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays (prime rib on special).

**Renovation project:** Bldg T-112, the MSG Consolidated Support Center, is undergoing a renovation. In-processing and other functions within T-112 should be unaffected during this period. See the Weekly Bulletin for more details.

## Jobs/Volunteer

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



## Taking a shot

*Col. Jeff Derrick, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander, takes a free throw shot during the Chace Fitness Center Grand Opening here Aug. 9. (Photo by Senior Airman Taylor Marr)*

**Classroom set-up:** Lajes American School is looking for volunteers to help teachers set up classrooms Wednesday. All volunteers should meet at the school office at 9 a.m.

**OU temporary site manager:** The University of Oklahoma is seeking applicants for a temporary site manager to work 30 hours a week beginning approximately Oct. 20 and ending Jan. 11. Aug. 27 is the application deadline.  
*POC: Kate Etheredge, 535-3171*

## Lajes American School

**Girls HS volleyball:** Begins at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the High School Gym. Girls are asked to bring a copy of their athletic physical with them.

## Education

**Term 1 registration:** The University of Maryland University College's Term 1 registration ends today.

**CTC registration:** Central Texas College course registration ends today.

## Miscellaneous

**Back To School Bash:** Weather permitting, the 65th Services Squadron will be showing Ultimate Avengers & Ultimate Avengers II Aug. 22 in the field across from Bldg. T-100.

**Sponsorship training:** Scheduled for 10 to 11 a.m. Aug. 24 in the Airman & Family Readiness Center.

**New Beginnings:** This weight loss support group meets at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 29 in the Health and Wellness Center.

*POC: Angie Erickson, 295-549-528*

## 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: 1987 Volkswagen Golf and 1992 Hyundai Excel. Great island cars. Spearfishing equipment, \$250. Includes wet suit, mask, gun, weights and buoy.  
Call Chris or Joane at 295-549-753 or 963-180-743.

Medela Pump In Style Advanced Breastpump Backpack in good condition with accessories. Asking \$80. Violin with carrying case and song book. Asking \$50.  
Call Brenda Clark at 295-549-664.

For sale: 2002 BMW 316 Ti Compact w/ 30,000 km automatic transmission, power locks and windows, 3 doors. Inspection good through January 2008. In very good condition. Asking 20,000 Euro.  
Call 96-626-3408 or 295-218-978.

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.

Nanny available: Laura is extremely caring, reliable, and flexible. She has been with our family for nearly three years and we highly recommend her.  
Call 295-542-263 for an interview.

Amazing nanny/housekeeper: Maria Silveira has worked for Americans for the past 20 years.  
Call 295-542-265 to schedule an interview.

Friendly, productive housekeeper for hire: Guida is a wonderful housekeeper who pays attention to every detail. She'll clean behind the fridge, stove, couches and other hard-to-clean areas. Call her at 968-826-813.

Excellent nanny available: She has seven 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.