

Crossroads



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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: 32

Weather Forecast

Saturday

Cloudy

High 77
Low 68



Courtesy of the
65th OSS Weather Flight



Daniel Callens looks over a schedule prior to showing new Lajes American School students other areas of the school Monday. (Photo by Senior Airman Taylor Marr)

New school year kicks off Monday

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



Students here are making final preparations for the 2007-2008 school year, which kicks off Monday.

Ginny Briggs, Lajes American School principal, said she and Mary Waller, the school's new assistant principal, are excited about having the hallways filled with students and teachers.

"On Monday, we'll see students back in classrooms, teachers teaching once again, and focused learning taking place everywhere we look," Ms. Briggs said. "There is no doubt that we can look forward to a student body of outstanding students and a supportive community."

Some of the new students gave their thoughts on the upcoming school year.

"I am excited about going to the sixth grade," said Cody Linville, 11. "I know it's going to be fun meeting new teachers and students. I have already

made some friends over the summer. 2007-2008 will be a rockin' time."

"I want to keep up my grades and make new friends," said Audrey Coleman, 11, who's also going into the sixth grade. "It's going to be fun. I'm going to enjoy Lajes."

"I'm looking forward to making new friends and getting good grades," said Kylie Lomelin, 12, who's going into the seventh grade. "My goals are to always make the honor roll, improve my math grades and to not get detention."

"My goal will be to get all A's and no B's," said Brynne Coleman, 15, who's going into the 10th grade. "It's going to be interesting going to a much smaller school. I'm sure we'll have a tight circle of people at school."

Ms. Briggs welcomed both new and returning students.

"On behalf of the faculty and staff of Lajes American School, we are proud to welcome all of our students to SY 2007-2008," she said. "We'll continue the great tradition of excellence that drives our mission. Go Falcons!"



Explore island's beauty by bike

By Staff Sgt. Bryan McQuary
65th Operations Support Squadron

There are many ways to enjoy your leisure time here on Terceira.

Perhaps one of the most scenic and healthful ways is from the seat of a bicycle.

You can explore numerous off-road trails and roads on the island, but as with any activity there are certain preparations to take care of beforehand and other factors to remember throughout the course of your ride.

Before setting out for any ride, no matter the length of the ride, always inspect your bicycle to ensure that it'll operate at its best.

Some of the smallest problems can quickly lead to the biggest problems. Other important points of inspection before the ride include:

- Tire pressure and tread
- Brakes (to include cables and levers)
- Excessive wear to the chain and/or gears

Welds (a crack is a weak point)
As with any physically demanding activity, ensure that your body is properly prepared and capable for the ride that you plan on doing.

Hydration is very important. Regardless if you're going for one hour or 10, you should always take water with you.

If you plan on going for more than a couple of hours, then you should also carry some form of carbohydrate and electrolyte replacement.

Cramps are no fun when you're not even halfway through your ride.

If you're planning a road trip, ensure you wear bright clothing or reflective devices that will make you more visible to motorists.

Follow the same rules as if you were driving. For example, pedestrians still have the right-of-way and listening to traffic can help you recognize danger.

If you're planning an off-road excursion, know your limits. There's nothing worse than carrying your bike over the trails because it's too technical for your skill level.

Since there are typically more hazards involved with off-road courses, it is recommended that you wear

more protective devices such as knee and elbow padding since there is an increased chance of falling off.

Regardless of where you're planning on riding, always wear a helmet. It's a requirement for active duty at all times, and for family members when on base.

Have fun while riding your bike but always keep safety at the forefront. I'm sure you'll enjoy more of this island than you ever realized was there.



Get your children to school safely

By Tech. Sgt. Josh Franklin
65th Air Base Wing Safety

The back-to-school season can be a fun and exciting time for both parents and students. Getting to school, whether by bus or by walking, should be safe for everyone involved.

Here are a few tips on getting your children to school safely:

- Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Try to avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas and parks where there aren't many people.
- Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress the importance of crossing the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards, when they can.
- Encourage children to walk to school or



the bus stop with a sibling or friend, and to wait at bus stops with other children.

- Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them or accept gifts from them, without your permission.
- Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school they should tell an adult.
- Help children memorize their phone number and home address. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.

On the bus:

- Have your children arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to pick them up.
- Make sure children know to stand on the sidewalk or on the grass while waiting for the bus.
- Teach children to make sure they can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see them before crossing in front of the bus. Tell them to never walk behind the bus.

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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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Meet The New Commander



Maj. Brad Coley

65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Hometown: Umatilla, Fla.

Previous assignment: Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Job at previous assignment: Air Command and Staff College student

What do you look forward to the most during your time here? Lead the outstanding men and women of the 65th LRS.

Goal(s) for the unit:

- Build on the exceptional foundation laid by my predecessor in meeting our squadron and the wing's mission.
- Smartly navigate our squadron through the many changes the Air Force is experiencing.
- Help all our squadron members continually improve themselves and the processes they are involved with.



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Good To Know

Lost and found property

Lajes residents are reminded to store property such as children's toys and bicycles inside their storage shed/garage or in their house. The housing guards will pick up any and all property not located in the direct vicinity of a housing unit. Property is held for a minimum of 45

days and is then either destroyed or donated. If you are missing any property and believe it may have been picked up by the housing guards and you can give a detailed description, call Security Forces Investigations at 535-1324/1116 or the Security Defense Coordination Center at 535-3222.



Sports Physical Day

Tech. Sgt. Kelly Rupert, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, gives Alexis Oldham a shot during the 65th Medical Group's Sports Physical Day Tuesday. (Photo by Senior Airman Taylor Marr)

Lajes Salutes

Congratulations to **John Ochoa**, Lajes American School teacher, for earning his Master of Education degree from Framingham State College in Naples, Italy, this summer.

Way to go to **Capt. Monica Marte**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron for scoring a 100 on her annual physical fitness test.

Congratulations to graduates and award recipients of First Term Airman Center Class 07-E: **Airman 1st Class David Butler**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Airman 1st Class Kyle Mull**, 65th CES; **Airman 1st Class Bryon Wilant**, 65th CES; **Airman 1st Class Nanaasabre Baffoe**, 65th Comptroller Squadron; **Airman 1st Class David Edwards**, 65th CPTS; **Airman John**

Shaw, 65th CPTS; **Airman Joshua Morgan**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Airman 1st Class James Swanson**, 65th CS; **Airman Brittany Davis**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron (*Essay Winner*); **Airman Basic Jeremy Garner**, 65th Medical Support Squadron (*Professional Pride Award Winner*); **Airman 1st Class**

Sonya Smith, 65th MDSS; **Airman 1st Class Alexis Bunkley**, 65th Security Forces Squadron; and **Airman 1st Class Timothy Ryan-Stone**, 65th SFS.

Way to go to **Airman 1st Class Kyle Mull**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, for scoring a 91 on his Career Development Course end-of-course test.





Movie Schedule

Today, 7 p.m. – License To Wed (PG-13, 100 minutes); 10 p.m. – 1408 (PG-13, 104 minutes)

Saturday, 7 p.m. – Live Free Or Die Hard (PG-13, 130 minutes); 10 p.m. – 1408

Sunday, 2 p.m. – License To Wed; 7 p.m. – 1408

Thursday, 7 p.m. – Live Free Or Die
Synopsis: Visit www.aafes.com/ems

In The Community

Bullfights: 6 p.m. Saturday, São Bras; 6 p.m. Saturday, Canada da Fonte, Biscoitos; 6 p.m. Sunday, Cabouco, Fontinhas; 6 p.m. Sunday, Rua Biscoito, Fonte de Bastardo; 6 p.m. Monday, Vila Nova; 6 p.m. Tuesday, Vila Nova; 6 p.m. Tuesday, São João de Deus, Angra; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Rua das Pedras, Cabo da Praia; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Vila Nova; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Santa Barbara; and 6 p.m. Thursday, Rua das Pedras, Cabo da Praia.

Around Lajes

Build-A-Boat Challenge deadline: Today is the deadline for teams (one per squadron) to sign up at the Community Activity Center for this event scheduled for 3 to 6 p.m. Aug. 31 at the base pool.

“Cooking Off” the School Year: 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the Lajes Youth Center. Event to feature drinks, food, games, prizes and music.

POC: Rachel Cookerly, 535-1192

OSC reservations deadline: Reserve a seat by noon Monday to lajesoscreseervations@yahoo.com for an Officers’ Spouses Club membership meeting set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the TORC. Dinner will be sponsored by the OSC.

POC: Kate Etheredge, 535-3171

Smooth Move: 2 to 4 p.m. Monday in the Airman & Family Readiness Center. This mandatory briefing is for all active-duty members (except for E-7 and above and O-4s and above) departing the island.

POC: A&FRC, 535-4138

Spiritual Fitness

Women’s Bible study, noon Fridays at the Nascero do Sol housing (T-1417B); **can food drive during Mass,** 10:30 a.m. Sept. 2; and **Catholic Youth of the Chapel meeting,** 6 p.m. Sept. 7.

POC: Lajes Chapel, 535-4211

Lajes Facilities

New Legal hours: The 65th Air Base Winging Legal office is now open from 8 a.m. to



Go green!

Lajes Girl Scouts and Daisies participate in a game of recycling lacrosse Monday as part of this week’s Girl Scout Day Camp at the Chapel. This year’s theme was “Go Green.” (Photo by Capt. Michelle Coumbs)

4:30 p.m. each weekday except Wednesday. On Wednesdays, the office closes at 3 p.m. Walk-in hours for notary services and power of attorney remain the same (9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday).

New Pass and Registration hours: Beginning Monday, the 65th Security Forces Squadron’s Pass and Registration Section will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Lajes American School

School hours: School hours will be as follows: Grades 6-12, 7:50 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.; and grades K-5, 8 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

School calendar: Monday, first day of school for grades 1-12; Sept. 4, first day of school for kindergarten; 3:30 p.m. Sept. 6, open house for grades 6-12; and first day of school for preschool Sure Start students, Sept. 10.

Jobs/Volunteer

Bus monitors: Volunteer bus monitors are needed for school year 2007-2008. For information, contact Yolanda Castro at yolanda.castro@lajes.af.mil or 535-1314.

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. Monday is the deadline for receipt of applications.

POC: Kate Etheredge, 535-3171

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

Miscellaneous

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

POC: Angie Erickson, 295-549-528

USAF 60th Anniversary memorabilia: The 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs office has a limited supply of U.S. Air Force 60th Anniversary memorabilia available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit Room 240 of Bldg. T-100 to see what’s currently available.

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.

Free TV available: Moving back to U.S. soon? Sony 60" Widescreen TV. Internal mirror/screen broken during move. Parts unavailable on island. Will work when parts are replaced. You take away. Call 295-549-228.

For Sale: RCA 13" Color TV with remote. Works well. \$25. Sealfie Reefmaster Land and Sea Camera Kit Works underwater to a depth of 164 Ft / 50 Meters: Bought New - Never Used: \$50. The Singing Machine Karaoke Machine W/ 5" built in TV CD/Cassette. \$40. Intercoller Fan for Xbox 360. Works (Used) - \$10. Step 2 Floor level folding rocking chair (used) - \$25. Call 295-549-228.

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.