



Space-A flight changes Wednesday

By Tech. Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

Lajes personnel who have traveled to the United States or Europe with the rotator will see a change Wednesday.

The routine flights to Baltimore-Washington International have changed for the new fiscal year. Under the new contract, Lajes will still have Space-A opportunities to the Continental United States, but one of the destinations will now be Norfolk Naval Air Station, Va.

These flights will be part of the Patriot Express mission which brings troops to and from the theater. "The new carrier is North American Airlines," said Master Sgt. Greg Boykin, 729th Air Mobility Squadron, Air Terminal Operations NCOIC. "We expect the same services that Miami Air provided."

The Space-A flights to and from Lajes will continue to be offered on a weekly basis. "Every Friday we will have an opportunity to travel to Norfolk Naval Air Station," Sergeant Boykin explained. "Every Wednesday we have an opportunity to travel from Norfolk."

Most importantly, the seat availability will be about the same Lajes currently has, according to Sergeant Boykin. This is approximately 45-55 seats weekly.

Space-A passengers will still need to be aware of peak travel times and high PCS season. Summer months, or any time school is out are historically difficult for Space-A movement.

The passenger terminal here is currently working on getting information

on what travelers can expect when they arrive at Norfolk NAS.

"The commercial airport is approximately 15-20 minutes away," said Sergeant Boykin. They Lajes terminal expects to be able to offer similar handouts like the ones currently available that list taxi and shuttle information for other AMC terminals.

One change travelers can expect is that the flight times will vary weekly for security purposes. Flight arrival and departure times are listed in 3-4 hour windows as a force protection measure.

In addition to the variation in time, there are two different routes the mission will follow when traveling eastbound. The first, scheduled to begin Wednesday is the Sigonella Route which originates in Norfolk late Tuesday night, travels to Lajes Field, Sigonella, Sicily and Souda Bay, Crete before continuing downrange. This route then returns from its downrange locations, stopping at Lajes on Friday before returning to Norfolk. The second route is the Naples Route which begins Oct. 10 and departs Norfolk early Wednesday morning, stops at Lajes, and continues to Naples, Italy and Souda Bay, Crete, before heading downrange.

Regardless of the route they take, travelers can expect to depart Norfolk late Tuesday or early Wednesday on a red-eye type flight.

The only real difference with the rotator is the destination.

"We still have a means of traveling to Europe without having to spend a ton of money as well as a weekly flight to the

States," Sergeant Boykin said. "If members are trying to go overseas, the opportunities are great," he said. "You can go to Sigonella or Naples and return in two weeks. Or you can travel to Souda Bay and return weekly. It really depends on what type of traveling you want to do."

"I highly recommend folks try the flight to Souda Bay," said Col. Jeffrey Derrick, 65th Air Base Wing vice commander. "It's a great place to see."

The Patriot Express route isn't the only opportunity people from Lajes have to travel to Europe.

The 100th Air Refueling Wing from RAF Mildenhall, offers flights to England on the first and second Wednesday of each month. The next flight traveling to England is also on Wednesday and is scheduled to return to Lajes on Oct. 10. "Generally, the 100th ARW will send a KC-135 to Lajes on the first Wednesday of every month with return to Mildenhall. The second Wednesday of every month, the plane returns from Mildenhall to Lajes giving you in effect a roundtrip opportunity," explained Lt. Col. Robert Wagner, 65th Operations Support Squadron commander.

The Sunday DC-8 flight to BWI and McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. will continue on the weekends.

Lajes Personnel can be certain that even with the change, the terminal here will continue to serve Lajes personnel in the best manner possible.

Space-A flights are subject to change. For details about flights, call the passenger terminal at 535-3227.

DUI/DWI Stats

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



Need a ride?
Call 964-955-992
Saves in FY' 07: 44

Mishap Stats



Last Reportable
Mishap: June 21

FY '07 Total: 4

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Watch. Report. Protect.

Toyland Grand Opening

Don't miss the Grand Opening of Toyland 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Flightview BX. There will be free layaway and drawings for prizes.





Hobbins to receive highest enlisted corps honor

By Tech Sgt. Corey Clements
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — The U.S. Air Forces in Europe enlisted corps will bestow their highest honor on the USAFE commander Nov 17 when they induct him into the command's Order of the Sword.

Gen. William T. Hobbins accepted the invitation in the presence of the men and women of the USAFE headquarters staff during an appreciation barbeque he threw for them on September 14th.

Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant, and the USAFE command chief master sergeants formally presented General Hobbins with the invitation on behalf of the enlisted corps. Chief Coleman said the decision to honor the general was without a doubt, earned and necessary.

"Since taking command of USAFE, Gen Hobbins has been a devoted advocate of the enlisted force in his command," said Chief Coleman. "He instituted many quality of life initiatives and notably the first of its kind Enlisted Heritage Room honoring the blood, sweat and tears of the enlisted Airmen spanning this command's great history."

General Hobbins, a 37-year Air Force veteran who has commanded USAFE since December 2005, will become only the 17th recipient honored with the USAFE Order

of the Sword when the enlisted corps formally inducts him in November.

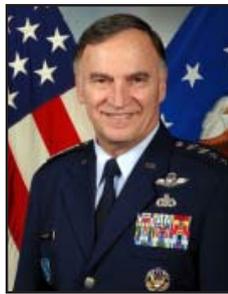
"This award is something the enlisted corps holds in the highest regard," Chief Coleman said. "It is fitting to present this award to General Hobbins as we are honoring his leadership, vision and enduring commitment to the men and women of USAFE."

The award came as a surprise to the general and he is very appreciative. He thanked the hundreds of Airmen and their families in attendance at the picnic for their selfless dedication and service to the Nation and the war on terror.

"I am humbled to accept this honor. It is my privilege to serve with the fine men and women of USAFE who sacrifice so much, every day, to execute our mission to ensure freedom's future," said Gen.

Hobbins.

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor the Air Force enlisted corps can bestow upon an individual. The tradition dates back to medieval times, when non-commissioned officers presented their leaders with a sword as a symbolic gesture of loyalty. It is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded in Europe during the Middle Ages — the Royal Order of the Sword and the Swedish Military Order of the Sword. Both orders still exist today.



Gen. William Hobbins



Col. JL Briggs

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Col. JL Briggs
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing



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AFSO21

Lajes wing leadership and key AFSO21 personnel attend week-long AFSO21 training this week at the Education Center. (Photo by Guido Melo)



National Stamp Collecting Month begins Monday

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – October is National Stamp Collecting Month. The United States Postal Service began this program in 1981 as a way to introduce children ages 8-12 to the hobby. The program also is aimed at increasing awareness about the recreational benefits of stamp collecting among all age groups.

USAFE Air Force post offices are commemorating National Stamp Collecting Month with a variety of activities and promotions in October, including giving away free commemorative stamp products to eligible patrons. "Promotions at each post office will be unique, they may include stamp collection displays, post office tours, or stamp design contests for elementary school students," said Yvonne Radloff, project coordinator for



the 2d Air Postal Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

For more than a decade USAFE has observed the occasion, Yvonne Radloff said. "We have over 25 different items to present to the customers, contact your local postmaster to see what is going on at your location."

"Stamp collecting is a hobby that can be enjoyed by the entire family,

young and old alike," said Mr. William Hossack, 2d Air Postal Squadron postal operations flight chief. It is a fascinating pastime that's both educational and entertaining. Promotional contests, events and prizes will vary at participating post offices and we hope interested customers will participate.

The Lajes Post Office has obtained products and commemorative stamp stock to give away to authorized postal service customers," said Tech. Sgt. Elpidio Abaya, 65th Communications Squadron postmaster. "There will be free drawings in the Post Office lobby, Postal trivia through AFN radio, CAC, and the Weekly Bulletin.

To view the stamps in the 2007 U.S. commemorative stamp program, visit the postal store at www.usps.com/shop and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collector's Corner.

Lajes youth compete in community exhibition soccer game

By Tech. Sgt. Christin Michaud
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The Lajes Junior soccer team competed against an off-base community team last week.

"The Lajes Tornados were invited to play a friendly exhibition game against a local Portuguese team," explained Juan Carranza, Tornados coach.

The Tornados competed against Fontinhas' 9 and 10 year old soccer team coached by Jorge Dias.

"I'm glad my son had an opportunity to play with our Portuguese friends," said 10-year-old Richard Barnett's father Richard Barnett. "This game was great chance to improve Richard's soccer skills. The Fontinhas team worked our team hard and gave us a new appreciation of 'futebol.'"

The team coach echoed these comments. "Anyone watching the game would have not guessed it was just an exhibition game as both teams played to win," Carranza said. "Even though Fontinhas came out on top, the Tornados left the field knowing they had just played a great game, he added. "This will be a memorable experience for these Lajes youth."



The Lajes Tornados and the Fontinhas soccer team play an exhibition game Sept. 17 in Fontinhas. (Courtesy photos)



Lajes Tornados



Fontinhas



Movie Schedule

Today, 7 p.m. – Underdog (PG); **10 p.m.** – Who's Your Caddy? (PG-13)
Saturday, 7 p.m. – Bratz (PG); **10 p.m.** – Who's Your Caddy? (PG-13)
Sunday, 2 p.m. – Bratz; **7 p.m.** – Underdog?
Thursday, 7 p.m. – Who's Your Caddy?
Synopsis: Visit www.aafes.com/ems

In The Community

Bullfights: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Canada Caldeiro, Biscoitos; 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Rua Capitao Mor, São Mateus; 5 p.m. Monday, São Carlos (near Angra); 5 p.m. Wednesday, Figueiras do Paim, Praia; and 5 p.m. Thursday, Figueiras do Paim, Praia.

Facility Closure

Clinic closed this afternoon: The Clinic will close at 2 p.m. today for an official function. Lajes personnel can still book appointments on-line at www.tricareonline.com and for emergencies, dial 911 (on base) or 295-57-1-911 (off base). To reach the after hours PCM on-call dial 91-936-5999.

Housing Flight closure: The housing flight will close from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday for a squadron function.

Mission Support Squadron closure: All offices of the 65th MSS (A&FRC, Civilian Personnel Flight, Educational Flight, Military Personnel Flight and Manpower and Organization Flight will close at noon Oct. 5 for an official unit function. Contact the appropriate Flight /CC or the MSS Supt at 961-143-265 for emergency services.

Around Lajes

Breast Cancer Awareness Open House: 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at the clinic.
Youth Flag Football and Cheerleading Registration/Coaches and Referees: Flag Football and Cheerleading Registrations end Oct. 10. Volunteer coaches and referees needed. Training required and provided. Registration deadline for coaches and referees is Oct. 5. Ages 18 and above.

Rib-A-Palooza BBQ Competition: 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at the CAC Ballroom. Entry fee of \$25 per team (includes all meat, cash prizes and trophies). Registration forms and rules of engagement available at the CAC, Bldg. T-307. Registration deadline is Oct. 3.

POC: Rudy Wallace, 535-5216

New FCC Providers: Two new family child care homes are now open. They are licensed to provide care for children from 6 weeks to 12 years old and provide full-time, part-time and hourly care, Volunteer Care, PCS Care and Expanded Child Care. *POCs: Kelly Badger, 295-549-543 and Christina James, 295-549-623*

Hispanic Heritage Month: OLA is sponsoring Hispanic Heritage Month. Events include a TORC event Oct. 5, with a band and Tostada plate w/ rice and beans or chicken rice with beans for \$5.

Girl Scouts: Lajes Girl Scouts are throwing a Welcome Back Bash for Girl Scouts, their families, and those interested in joining from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday in the Lajes Elementary school cafeteria. Hot dogs, drinks and s'mores will be provided; please bring a side dish (no desserts please). RSVP to Cathy McNeely at cathymcneely@yahoo.com.

New Library Hours: Effective Monday the library hours will change to Monday 4 to 8 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays and Portuguese Holidays. The Reading Enrichment Program will change to 3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

POC: Sheryl Hunt, 535-3688

Darren and McGruff: Darren the DARE Lion and McGruff the Crime Dog will be in base housing (Nascer de Sol 1 to 2 p.m. and Beira Mar 2-3 p.m.) Saturday. Security Forces Pass and Registration team will have a table set up (near Bldg. T-1555 Pavilion) to register bikes.

Conversational Portuguese Class: Register now for the next class beginning Oct. 8, sponsored by the Education office. The 4-week class is held 11 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday.

POC: 535-3355

Education

AFOQT/AFCT: The MPF will administer the Armed Forces Officer Qualification Test Thursday Oct. 4 and again Dec. 18. They will administer the Armed Forces Classification Test Nov. 15. To sign up, e-mail james.souther@lajes.af.mil at least two days prior to test date.

Jobs/Volunteer

Services NAF positions: The following positions are available: Human Resources Assistant, Child Development Program Assistant, CDC; Recreation Aid, Youth Center; School Age Program Assistant, Youth Center; Recreation Aid, Community Activities Center. Visit <http://www.lajes-services.com/jobs/jobs2.doc> or call 535-5200/6582.

Armchair Quarterback

Congratulations to week three winner Michael Flores who led the way this week with 13 out of 17. This week's You Don't Know Jack Winner is Donald Johnson.

"The Champ is here to stay."

—Michael Flores



E-mail picks to news@lajes.af.mil before kickoff Sunday. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.

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 when items have been sold. Lajes personnel may also post ads at Lajesads.com. This site is not affiliated with the Crossroads.

For sale: Archos Designs MP3 Player 4 GB Like New \$100. Ask for Paul 295-549-809

For Sale: 2 Kenmore 35 Pint Dehumidifiers w/automatic humidistat control, front-removable bucket & bucket-full indicator, plus automatic defrost control. Energy Star® compliant, washable air filter, bucket full indicator lamp, & button fan-speed selection. Original price is \$149.99 each. One is brand new asking \$90, the other one is 4 months used, asking \$70. Boxes & owners manual included. Call 963 777 769

Moving sale: 220v Fridge - \$250; 220v Gas Stove - \$300; 220v Washer - \$100; 110 Dryer - \$50; 110 Washer - \$50; 220v Microwave - \$40; 220v Toaster - \$15; 220v DVD Player - \$60; Wardrobe - \$50; Wardrobe w/drawers - \$50; Single Mattress w/ Box and Frame - \$90; Single Mattress w/Box and Frame - \$90; Full Mattress w/Box, Frame and Headboard - \$120; Dining Room Table set with 4 chairs - \$200; Kid Book Case - \$15; Kid Book Case - \$15; Two Desks - \$35ea; Two Chairs - \$10ea; Serving Cabinet/Changing Table - \$40; Two Small Couches - \$200ea; Big Couch - \$300; End Table, End Table, Coffee Table Set - \$120; Three Ficus Trees - \$15ea; Kitchen Table Set w/4 chairs - \$200; Formal Shelving/Display Unit - \$100; Glider Chair w/ Ottoman - \$30; Single Bed and Box - \$50; Three Bedside Tables - \$25ea; Crib - \$40; High Chair - \$25; Baby Swing - \$20; 30 inch Flatscreen TV - \$250; TV Stand - \$40; Four Plastic Chairs - \$5ea; Five Area Rugs - \$25ea; Carved Chest - \$80; Two 10speed Bikes - \$50ea; Three Small Bamboo Stick Shelves - \$15ea; 220v medium oil heater - \$40. Call 295 989 361 evenings, 967 701 187 daytime, or e-mail nathan.walker@toltest.com.

Free dog: Friendly medium sized dog. German Shepard mix. Brown in color. Comes with toys, bowls, etc. Housebroken, kennel and leash trained. Kennel may be purchased for \$40. Please call Bill at 295-549-228

1994 Red Toyota Starlet, 4 door. Great motor, decent body. Regular oil changes, no mechanical issues. Has only had two owners. Asking \$2,000. Call 295 989 361 evenings, 967 701 187 daytime, or e-mail nathan.walker@toltest.com.

For sale: Yamaha 750 Streetbike 1982. Good condition, excellent motor. Very good island bike, bass pass is current and inspection is valid until Aug 2008. Asking 2,000 euros. Please call 967 701 187 daytime or 295 989 361 evening.

For sale: 3-wheel stroller. In excellent condition. Blue multi-color stripes. Comes with sun roof, cup holder, rain cover and umbrella. Rear brakes. Great for outdoors. Call 295-549-651.

InStep single jogging stroller for sale \$80. Barely used. Great shape. Call 295-549-623 ask for Christina.

Nanny available: Jennifer Meneses is 31 years old, very caring, reliable and speaks great English. Call 295-513 341 or 967 561 889 for more information.