



Force Protection



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Lajes in the Fight (December 2007)

Space-required
passengers handled
1,668

Space-available
passengers handled
873

Cargo tons handled
147

Mail tons handled
39

Originating shipments,
pieces handled
204/115

Terminating shipments,
pieces handled
302/3,925

Aircraft handled
88

DUI/DWI Stats

Last DUI/DWI: Oct. 27
FY '08 Total: 2



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Children's Dental Health Month



Open Wide



Capt. Leslie Salvaggio, 65th Medical Operations Support Squadron dentist, examines Kyle Michaud, 3, during his annual check up. As part of Children's Dental Health Month, the Dental Clinic is sponsoring an art contest. Children through age six may submit a "What is a Sugar Bug" drawing and children age 7 through 13 may submit a "My First Visit to the Dentist" drawing. Submit to the dental clinic by Feb. 28. Dentists and dental technicians are scheduled to visit schools on and off base, as well as the child development center, teaching children the importance of good oral hygiene. Captain Salvaggio is also compiling a question and answer section on general dental services, fluoride and teeth in general for publication in the next month's issue of Healthy Living. E-mail questions to lesley.salvaggio@lajes.af.mil. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christin Michaud)

BX Check cashing policy changes

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

The base exchange now has the capability to convert checks to an electronic fund transfer.

With the new system, the BX will soon convert checks to an EFT which will debit funds from an individual's account within 24 hours. This will apply to checks cashed at the cashier cage as well as checks used to pay for merchandise.

"We will not start this process for another two weeks or so just to give us time to get the word out," explained Ed Hicks, Army and Air Forces General Manager for Lajes.

This new process will significantly reduce the time it takes for a check to clear from weeks to only hours.

The new system will benefit both the BX and

customers. Customers who had to wait weeks for checks to clear to balance their checkbooks will now be able to balance in a matter of days.

"It's nice to know we don't have to track our checks that haven't been cashed," said Barbara Langmaid, 65th Air Base Wing historian. "We've waited more than a month for checks to clear since we have been stationed here."

Being aware that funds will be debited in as little as a day is important for individuals who have grown accustomed to checks taking time to clear, also known as floating checks.

If the EFT can't be completed because of insufficient funds, AAFES can try to make the transfer up to two times. If this happens, customers will be charged a one-time fee for insufficient funds which will also be debited by EFT.

Signs with information about the new policy will be posted at the register for customers writing checks, explained Mr. Hicks.



Command Chief: We are all warriors

By Chief Master Sgt. Douglas McIntyre
65th Air Base Wing Command Chief

Warrior – we hear that a lot these days. I say it myself almost everyday and it's a big part of the Airman's Creed. I can tell you it wasn't that way 23 years ago when I came in the Air Force. The dictionary defines warrior as a person engaged or experienced in warfare or a person who shows or has shown great vigor, courage, or aggressiveness, as in politics or athletics. While that is a fine definition, I'd like to expand on how I feel the term "warrior" fits in today's Air Force.

The obvious choices are Pararescue, Combat Control, and Tactical Air Control Party Airmen. Additionally, you have the Air Warriors, Security Forces and Explosive Ordnance Disposal experts to name a few more. There are really no words strong enough to praise what these tip-of-the-spear warriors do.

I'd like to highlight the rest of the spear that is away from that pointy end, but equally vital to winning the Global War on Terror. A current Armed Forces Network commercial shows an interview of an Army support unit in Iraq. The soldier made this comment, "for every combat soldier, there were seven to eight soldiers in the rear supporting them."

That is no different for our deployers and warriors in the Air Force. Most military organizations attempt to minimize the amount of personnel they have to put in danger. So, it is just the nature of the beast that most Airmen will not see direct combat. However, that doesn't mean they aren't warriors.

When warriors deploy from home station, there are plenty of warriors who stay behind to take care of these Airmen, their families and the home station mission. Some of these warriors wear

uniforms and others do not.

We have been an Air Force in combat operations for 17 years and have mastered taking care of our deployers.

Who are these warriors away from the tip of the spear? It can be your fellow Airmen who picked up the slack to maintain the home station mission, or it could be the licensed day-care provider who takes care of your children so you can concentrate on the mission at hand. Maybe it is a chaplain who ministers to you down range or the one back home who ministers to your spouse. Perhaps it's a medical professional who works an issue for you, or finance expert who fixes your pay and eases things back home with the spouse. It is obvious where I'm going with this – in my eyes, it takes everyone to support the mission of the Air Force, and that makes us all warriors. I've listened to personal testimony of warriors coming back from down range praising support from those back home who enabled them to concentrate on the mission at hand of dropping bombs on target.

Our Chief of Staff, Gen. T. Michael Moseley recently wrote "History is replete with examples of militaries that failed due to their inability to transform organizations and culture, adopt new operational concepts, or leverage breakthrough technologies." Later he went on to say, "we are reinvigorating our warrior ethos."

If you go back to the definition of warrior above, the second half says a person who shows or has shown great vigor, courage, or aggressiveness. I see people acting that way everyday carrying out the mission of Team Lajes. It isn't about memorizing a creed; it is about living it and changing our culture. Every Airman is a warrior!

535-4240

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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. Your chain of command



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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.

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Commander, 65th Air Base Wing



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Are you working to further your education? The holidays are over and a new year has begun. There is no time like the present to continue your education. Not only will working on a degree help you in your military career, it will also make you more marketable when your time in the military comes to an end. Lajes is the perfect place to start classes. Here, you don't experience the distractions found at other assignments. The talented people at the education office will be more than happy to get you moving in the right direction. With five colleges/universities on the island and unlimited choices online, what is stopping you from starting today?

—Master Sgt. Shannon Ledgewood
65th Communications Squadron First Sergeant

Good to Know

Storm causes BX merchandise delay

A cargo ship carrying Army and Air Force Exchange Service merchandise and other cargo, faced a storm Saturday during her travel to Lajes Field.

The ship was due to arrive next week but has now been delayed to the end of February. The ship encountered extremely rough seas.

Several crewmembers including the captain were seriously hurt trying to secure the ship. Additionally, 90 containers, none of which belong to Lajes, were lost at sea.

The delay could mean a short supply of items Lajes patrons are accustomed to seeing on the shelves at the base exchange and shoppette. Items include chips, beverages, health and beauty items, housewares and uniform items.

4-Way Intersection by LYP Changes

The 4-way stop intersection between the walking gate and family housing (by the LYP) has converted to a 2-way stop. Through traffic (East and West-bound) is not required to stop.

Tourist Passport Fee Change

A passport fee change took effect Feb. 1. Age 16 and older: The new passport application fee is \$75. The new execution fee is \$25. Under Age 16: The new passport application fee is \$52. The new execution fee is \$30. Anyone interested in obtaining a tourist passport may e-mail kathleen.dashnea@lajes.af.mil for application instructions and procedures. Normal processing time is 2-3 weeks.

Register To Vote

Contact a Unit Voting Assistance Officer for details on registering to vote. For questions about legal residency or eligibility to vote, call the legal office at 535-3546. Download the Federal Post Card Application at: <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpcapdf>.



Students in the Lajes Elementary/High School explore the fishing port in San Mateus during a recent field trip. The club teaches students the importance of the environment. (Courtesy photo)

ECO Club highlights importance of environment to Lajes students

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

Students at Lajes Elementary/High School are learning first hand the importance of the environment.

Approximately 40 second through fifth graders participate in the ECOlogical Island Club, which helps students become more aware of their surroundings and to help take care of the environment.

Students in the ECO Club run the recycling program at the school. The ECO Club also works with the Environmental Flight to arrange the programs for Earth Week in April.

The ECO Club routinely takes field trips to help the students learn about Terceira, the local culture, and help them become aware of the environment and how to preserve it, explained Christine Deisher Cabral, who sponsors the ECO Club along with Silverio DeMelo.

Third grader Jade Adams said she joined the ECO Club because she thought it was fun. She specifically likes, "when

we go on field trips, recycle, talk about the animals and stuff and the island," she said.

ECO Club took its second field trip of the year to San Mateus and the surrounding area Jan. 14. The first stop was the fishing port, said Ms. Deisher Cabral. "Students and chaperons were able to take colorful pictures of the boats and fishermen with the background of Mt. Brazil and the port with the help of the sunny weather." During the field trip they stopped by the salt water pool and the whale museum, where whales used to be brought in to process for whale oil.

Students also visited ruins of the church that overlooks the ocean.

"The students were able to see for themselves and touch the places where history was being made during the times of exploration," Ms. Deisher Cabral said.

Students are encouraged to bring their parents and cameras on field trips.

The next ECO Club field trip is scheduled for 3 to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Serra Do Cume.

This Week in Lajes History

Feb. 10, 1994

The 65th Operations Support Squadron was activated.

Feb. 13, 1998

The 65th Air Base Wing Chapel sponsored the 45th Annual National Prayer Breakfast with the Reverend Jessie Jackson, as special guest speaker.

Courtesy of the 65th ABW Historian



| Today | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| <p>9 a.m. Check out the new Snack Avenue at the Shoppette</p> <p>1 p.m. Seamstress available, CAC</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Build your own pasta, TORC</p> <p>7 p.m. Teen Night Out, LYP</p> <p>7 p.m. Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG)</p> <p>10 p.m. Charlie Wilson's War (R)</p> | <p>9 a.m. Terceira Island Tour</p> <p>11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1, 2, 3 ... Magic Parenting Class, A&FRC</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Members Only Texas Hold 'Em, TORC</p> <p>7 p.m. Teen Night Out, LYP</p> <p>7 p.m. Alvin and the Chipmunks</p> <p>10 p.m. Aliens vs. Predator - Requiem (R)</p> | <p>9 a.m. Evangelical Service</p> <p>9 a.m. CCD</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Mass</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>Noon, Praise Service</p> <p>Noon to 4 p.m. Pick up mail</p> <p>2 p.m. Alvin and the Chipmunks</p> <p>7 p.m. Charlie Wilson's War</p> | <p>6:05 a.m. Step Aerobics</p> <p>6:30 a.m. Oceanview serving breakfast</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Spin</p> <p>11 a.m. Chicken tender special, \$5.75, Oceanview</p> <p>10 a.m. Thrift Store open</p> <p>2 p.m. Smooth Move Seminar, A&FRC</p> <p>5:20 p.m. Body Sculpting</p> <p>6 p.m. Spin</p> | <p>7:15 a.m. Circuit Training</p> <p>10 a.m. EDIS Playgroup, LYP</p> <p>11 a.m. Pizza special w/ 4 drinks, \$11.75, Oceanview</p> <p>1 to 4:30 p.m. Seamstress available, CAC</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Mongolian BBQ, TORC</p> <p>6 p.m. AWANA, chapel</p> | <p>Noon: Women's Bible Study/ lunch, chapel</p> <p>5 p.m. Family Night Bowling Rent-A-Lane \$7.50/hr lane, \$1 shoe rental</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Arts & Crafts classes, see info below</p> <p>6 p.m. BINGO sales begin, game starts at 7:15 p.m., TORC</p> <p>6 p.m. \$.35 wings at the TORC</p> | <p>11 a.m. Military Appreciation Day at the bowling alley.</p> <p>Noon: Arts & Crafts delivers balloon bouquets</p> <p>7 p.m. Aliens vs. Predator - Requiem</p> <p>8 p.m. Ladies Night, Female member drink specials, TORC</p> <p>9 p.m. Karaoke, and chili dog special, TORC</p> |

Chapel 535-4211

Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday at the chapel.

Chapel Library Operation Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at the chapel.

AWANA Meetings: 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

Women's Bible Study/Lunch: noon Wednesdays at the chapel.

Singles Bible Study/Dinner: 6 p.m. Thursdays at the chapel.

Catholic Choir Rehearsals for Mass: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the chapel.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals for the Evangelical Service: 6 p.m. Thursdays at the chapel.

Body of Praise Rehearsals for Praise Service: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the chapel.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel Meeting: 6 p.m. Sundays at the chapel.

Stations of the Cross: 6 p.m. beginning Saturday through Mar. 14 at the chapel.

Catholic Study on God's Esteem for the Dignity of Motherhood: 11 a.m. Feb. 15 at the chapel.

Protestant Special Children's Valentine Sunday School Program: 10:30 a.m. Feb. 17 at the chapel.

The National Prayer Breakfast: 8 a.m. Feb. 26 at the TORC. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the chapel.

Red Dress Gala

Red Dress & Tie Gala: 6 p.m. Feb. 15 at the TORC. Tickets are \$20 through first shirts or by calling 535-4252 or 3635.

A&FRC 535-4138

Intermediate Access: 2 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 21.

Southeast Asian Cooking Class: 6 p.m. Feb. 28, A&FRC kitchen.

Outdoor Rec 535-3302

Outdoor Rec Closure: ODR is closed for a renovation project through Mar. 1. Selected resale paintball gear, camping and fishing tackle will be available at the Sports Zone Store in the fitness center. Sign ups for trips, tours, family fun events, golf membership cards and green fees will also be at the Sports Zone. Equipment rental will be available at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. T-308.

Heart of Angra: 9:30 a.m. Feb. 15.

In-Shore Fishing: 8 a.m. Feb. 17.

Kid's Paintball: Age 9-12, 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 18. Age 13-18, 2 to 4 p.m.

Dolphin Watching: 9 a.m. Feb. 18.

Pico Negro Hiking Trip: 10 a.m. Feb. 23.

Arts & Crafts 535-3909

Hands-On Picture Framing Class: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, \$40.

Metal Embossing Class: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, \$25.

Jasmim Aromatherapy: 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 16, \$18.

Beginning Sewing Class: Make a pillow 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 23, \$24.

Napkin Art Class: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 and 21, \$25.

Cake Decorating Class: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 and 28, \$25.

Fitness Center 535-3889

Sweetheart Family 5K Run: 7:30 a.m. Feb. 15.

SUM Dinner

The African-American Heritage Committee is sponsoring the SUM dinner Feb. 21 in the chapel. To volunteer, call 535-3585 or e-mail richard.barnett@lajes.af.mil.

New Beginnings

Weight Loss Support group meetings: Fulfill your New Year's Resolution with the help of this support group which meets 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the A&FRC and 9 to 10 a.m. Feb. 27 at Bldg. T-1501A (Beira Mar housing).

Island Impact Boot Camp: New Beginnings 90-day boot camp entitled "Island Impact" started Monday. The boot camp will use the group motivation/buddy team concept February, March and April to help shed unwanted pounds for summer. The workout schedule for February is: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays and Fridays in the fitness center parent room. 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-mile night walk - meet at Bldg. T-1501A. 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-mile walk - meet at the gym. 8 a.m. Saturdays, 8-10 mile walk - meet at Bldg. T-1501A. For details, call 295-549-528 or e-mail livelife@earthlink.net.

Classified Ads

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For Sale: 1994 Honda Del Sol, new stereo, subwoofer, removable hard top, power windows, air intake system, 97,000 miles. Runs great! Asking \$3,000. Call James at 295-549-546.

For Sale: 1996 Dodge Neon, new stereo, new front speakers, Power locks, sun roof, reliable car. Asking \$2,000. Call James at 295-549-546.

For Sale: Electric Guitar, Fender Stratocaster + case, Sunburst color, 350 euros (new costs 650E). Call Claudia Santos at 969-637-545.

Family Child Care Open House: 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 in Bldg. T-1536D. Call 295-549-623 for information or directions.

Wanted: Donations needed clothes, shoes, toys, books, household items, etc. All donations are used for the Lajes High School sports teams to raise money for travel. Will pick up donations, e-mail lajes15@yahoo.com or call 295-549-206. Thank you for your support.