



## ORI Countdown



# 190

Days remaining  
until Lajes Field's  
Unit Compliance  
Inspection

### Message of the Week

□ With winter behind us, it's time to refocus our energy on Inspection Preparation.

Courtesy of  
65th ABW Commander

## Open Wide!



Capt. Lesley Salvaggio, 65th Medical Group dentist, shows Santa Rita School children proper brushing techniques Feb. 25 as part of Children's Dental Care month. The Lajes Dental team visited schools on and off base throughout the month of February. (Photo by SrA Taylor Marr)

## Theater group performs "Remote Control" at Lajes

By Capt. Shilo Weir  
65th ABW Public Affairs

The 65th Air Base Wing hosted performances Feb. 25 and 26 by a professional acting company that specializes in teaching people about preventing relationship violence.

Deana's Educational Theater from Boston performed for a Lajes audience numbering more than 442.

The play, "Remote Control," was aimed at refreshing Airmen's understanding of what sexual assault is, how it hurts unit readiness and mission accomplishment, what consent in a sexual relationship looks like, and ways to be a responsible Wingman, perhaps intervening to prevent a sexual assault from occurring.

"These performances bring both sexual assault and dating violence to the forefront," said Capt. C.J. Vaca, 65th Air Base Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. "They show the audience ways to help their family and friends through interactive audience participation."

During this show a remote control de-

vice is used occasionally to "stop the action" and get the audience involved in deciding what might happen next. The person with the remote then rewinds the scene and the actors re-do the scene with a different outcome.

"This really helps to strengthen awareness of how to prevent re-victimization and to be a positive bystander by intervening in problems before they escalate," said Captain Vaca.

This teaching method gets people involved, gets them thinking, and is more likely to change behavior than frequently used briefing slides.

After the performances, the SARC took time to talk to the audiences and reinforce the messages delivered by "Remote Control."

"It is important to create a positive support network for survivors of sexual assault, dating violence and domestic violence," said Captain Vaca. "As Wingmen, we need to take care of each other through non-violent means and not be afraid to take advantage of the offices on base that can provide assistance. They become the bridge to healing."

These performances are not only aimed at preventing assault and violence, but they also help create an environment that does not reinforce rape myths and victim blame. Reinforcing this negative culture can keep victims from seeking the help they need.

"Chances are we all interact with survivors of sexual assault and dating violence on a weekly, if not daily, basis, even if we don't realize it," said Captain Vaca.

"All it takes is a sensitive ear or shoulder to lean on to assist someone on their path to healing," added the Captain. "As Wingmen, we should strive to be that pillar of support."

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program sponsored this tour and offered several performances at Spangdahlem, Ramstein, Incirlik and Izmir. The show's final USAFE stops were RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall February 28 and 29.

For more information on how you can help stop sexual assault and prevent relationship violence, contact the SARC at 535-6412.



# What leadership means to my grandfather

**Lt. Col. William Ratledge**

65th Communication Squadron commander

Leadership means a lot of things to different people. My grandfather taught me leadership is plain and simple; "taking care of people" and "doing what's right, not what's easy or feels good". Taking care of Airmen is a full-time job and it ain't easy. It starts the day your unit receives notification of an inbound and doesn't end until someone else takes up the gauntlet. You are responsible for and devoted to your Airmen—never forget that.

Taking care of Airmen encompasses every aspect of their career, from getting the training to do the job to making sure they receive nutritious meals, access to healthcare, proper billeting, pay, education assistance and, most importantly, family care. You must ensure their families have all the care and support they need. If they are worrying about their families, they are distracted from the mission. This leads to shoddy work, accidents and death in combat environments. Leaders need to be involved in their Airmen's lives to ensure the base services meet their families' needs. If not, you need to take action to meet their needs. You engage the agency that can solve your Airman's problem. If the fix action is above your pay-grade, utilize your chain-of-command to get the right levels involved. Don't delay, because bad news never gets better with age.

Leadership is about communication. Feedback is not simply ego-boosting, it is honest and tells your Airmen where they are doing well and where they need improvement. If you didn't provide your Airmen the opportunity to improve and they fail, "you failed!" From someone who's received truly constructive feedback from a few supervisors in his career; they were the best. They set the example I tried to follow; correct people quickly and provide them the necessary support to excel. They gave me opportunities and cared enough to vector me in the right direction whenever I strayed. They made me a better Airman and leader.

Opportunities to excel come in many shapes and sizes. Leaders ensure their Airmen get multiple opportunities and you encourage them to take advantage. If your Airmen are unsure about an opportu-

nity, you make the choice for them. Volunteered or volunteered, either way they can grow from the experience. This may involve a little overtime or some time away from their family, but it's the right thing to do for them, the unit and the Air Force—make the tough calls.

The tough calls aren't simply additional duty or disciplinary in nature. They could involve a short-notice TDY or deployment. When the tasking comes down, your most suitable Airman for the job may be a single parent or have a young family with small children. You need to make your Airman ready to deploy on a moment's notice. You also need to help the family prepare for a possible four to seven-month separation to reduce the shock if this comes to pass. Leaders have a responsibility to take care of both families and the mission. Their responsibility will often require them to work outside their comfort zone.

Leadership isn't supposed to be comfortable. Leaders expand their horizons beyond the Serenity Prayer; Lord grants me the serenity to accept the things I can not change, to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. A leader doesn't accept the first "No" when taking care of Airmen. He/she should go above and beyond to grant the exemption to policy, the extension to accommodate a family need, the reimbursement, or the curtailment to allow your #1 technician to PCS early, so he/she can take advantage of an amazing opportunity beneficial to himself/herself and the United States Air Force.

Leadership involves guiding and shaping your Airmen's careers. It starts before you meet and doesn't end until another leader relieves you of the responsibility. It entails mentoring, providing constructive criticism and pushing people to excel. Leaders make the tough calls and stand by their Airmen and their families. Leaders don't take no for an answer. They expand their horizons to meet new challenges. Lastly, leaders "take care of people" and "do what's right, not what's easy or feels good"!

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

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# Lajes' best named at annual awards ceremony



**Portuguese Civilian Category I**  
Luis Moniz  
65th Operations Support Squadron



**Portuguese Civilian Category II**  
Agostinho Simoes  
65th Civil Engineer Squadron



**U.S. Civilian Category I**  
John Kraft  
65th Civil Engineer Squadron



**U.S. Civilian Category II**  
Barbra Langmaid  
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**Airman Category**  
Senior Airman  
Ty Miller  
65th Civil Engineer Squadron



**NCO Category**  
Tech. Sgt.  
Sandra Nunes  
65th Medical Support Squadron



**Senior NCO Category**  
Master Sgt.  
Duane Frey  
65th Contracting Squadron



**Company Grade Officer Category**  
Capt. Joseph Sundy  
65th Civil Engineer Squadron



**First Sergeant Category**  
Master Sgt.  
Monte Waters  
65th Operations Support Squadron



**Honor Guardsman Category**  
Senior Airman  
Nicholas Berardino  
65th Communications Squadron





Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>9 a.m.</b> Credit Management, A&FRC <b>1 p.m.</b> Seamstress available, CAC <b>6:30 p.m.</b> AAHC Banquet, TORC <b>7 p.m.</b> Teen Night Out, LYP <b>7 p.m.</b> The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything (G) <b>10 p.m.</b> The Great Debaters (PG-13)	<b>10 a.m.</b> Outdoor Rec reopens <b>11 a.m.</b> 1, 2, 3 ... Magic Parenting Class, A&FRC <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Divine Mercy Devotion, chapel <b>7 p.m.</b> Teen Night Out, LYP <b>7 p.m.</b> The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything <b>10 p.m.</b> The Great Debaters	<b>9 a.m.</b> Evangelical Service <b>9 a.m.</b> CCD <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Mass <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School <b>Noon</b> , Praise Service <b>Noon to 4 p.m.</b> Pick up mail <b>2 p.m.</b> The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything <b>7 p.m.</b> The Great Debaters	<b>6:05 a.m.</b> Step Aerobics <b>6:30 a.m.</b> Oceanview serving breakfast <b>7:30 a.m.</b> Spin Class <b>11 a.m.</b> Chicken tender special, \$5.75, Oceanview <b>10 a.m.</b> Thrift Store open <b>5:20 p.m.</b> Body Sculpting <b>6 p.m.</b> Spin Class	<b>7:15 a.m.</b> Circuit Training <b>7:30 a.m.</b> Right Start, A&FRC <b>10 a.m.</b> EDIS Playgroup, LYP <b>11 a.m.</b> Pizza special w/ 4 drinks, \$11.75, Oceanview <b>1 to 4:30 p.m.</b> Seamstress available, CAC <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Mongolian BBQ, TORC <b>6 p.m.</b> AWANA, chapel	<b>Noon:</b> Women's Bible Study/ lunch, chapel <b>1:30 p.m.</b> Health Care Advisory Council, T-416 <b>5 p.m.</b> Family Night Bowling Rent-A-Lane \$7.50/hr lane, \$1 shoe rental <b>6 p.m.</b> Steps to a Successful Family, A&FRC <b>6 p.m.</b> \$ .35 wings at the TORC	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Mothers of Preschoolers meeting, chapel <b>10 a.m.</b> Home Buying Seminar, A&FRC <b>Noon:</b> Arts & Crafts delivers balloon bouquets <b>7 p.m.</b> The Great Debaters <b>8 p.m.</b> Ladies Night, Female member drink specials, TORC <b>9 p.m.</b> Karaoke, and chili dog special, TORC

## AAFES Consolidation

**AAFES Consolidation Complete:** Effective today, Feb. 29, Lajes AAFES has successfully completed their facility consolidation. Product relocation is complete and all merchandise is now conveniently located in the Ocean View BX.

## Arts & Crafts 535-3909

**Metal Embossing:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mar. 5 and 6, \$25.  
**Decoupage Easter Eggs:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mar. 8, \$12.

## NAF Jobs 535-5200/6582

**NAF Openings:** Animal Caretaker, Community Center Recreation Aid, CDC Program Assistant. Details at [www.lajes-services.com/hro.htm](http://www.lajes-services.com/hro.htm)

## Chapel 535-4211

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** 4:30 p.m. Mar. 1 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.  
**Daily Mass:** 11:30 a.m. Monday 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.

## Youth Programs 535-3273

**Dance Instructor Needed:** The Lajes Youth Center is looking for a Dance Instructor to teach various age groups. Variety of dance styles and experience preferred. Call the Youth Center Director at 535-1197 for details.

**New Teen Classes:** Beginning in March the LYP will offer two new teen programs: Money Matters - 5 to 6 p.m. every Friday and Career Launch - 5 to 6 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information, call 535-3273.

**Youth Photography Contest:** Encourage your youth ages 5-18 to submit works for this annual event. Photographs can be entered into one of the following categories: color, black & white, alternative: pinhole cameras, polaroid transfers, photo screen-printing, photo etching and photograms and digital. Turn in artwork to the LYP by Mar. 3. Call 535-3273 for complete contest guidelines.

## A&FRC 535-4138

**Transition Assistance Program:** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mar. 12 - 14 at the A&FRC. TAP is open to military members, dependants, and civilians who are interested in retiring or separating.  
**Steps to a Successful Family:** 6 to 9 p.m., Mar. 5.  
**Home Buying Seminar:** 10 a.m. to noon, Mar. 6  
**Beginner Publisher:** 10:30 a.m. to noon, Mar. 20.  
**Intermediate Publisher:** 10:30 a.m. to noon, Mar. 21.  
**Beginner Publisher:** 2 to 3:30 p.m., Mar. 27.  
**Sponsor Training:** 10 to 11 a.m., Mar. 28  
**Intermediate Publisher:** 2 to 3:30 p.m., Mar. 28

## Fitness Center 535-3889

**8-on-8 dodgeball tournament:** 11:30 a.m. Mar. 22. Minimum of 8 players to start and maximum of 10 players playing per team. Double elimination and best 2 out of 3 wins. Call the Chase Fitness Center at 535-6126 to sign ups.

**Basketball Court Closure:** The gymnasium/basketball court will be closed for roof replacement Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until further notice.

**Power Lifting Competition:** 10 a.m. Apr. 5. Registration deadline is Apr. 1. The competition will consist of bench press, deadlift and squat. Male and female weight divisions starting at 105 lbs., with top weight of 275+ lbs. Competitors meeting will be held 2 days prior to the event. For details call 535-6126.

**Mens Varsity Softball Tryouts:** 5 to 7 p.m. Mar. 4, 6, 11 and 13, and 3 to 6 p.m. Mar. 15 at the Security Forces Softball Field.

## 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 when items have been sold. Lajes personnel may also post ads at [Lajesads.com](http://Lajesads.com). This site is not affiliated with the Crossroads.*

For Sale: 1994 Honda Shadow Spirit 1100, 25K miles, very good condition, New tires, New battery, 35 - 40 mpg, two tone paint \$3500 obo. Call 295-549-204

For Sale: 1991 Honda Civic for Sale. Runs Great! Four new racing tires Nov. 2008, new brakes Feb. 2008. Inspection good until June 2009 asking \$3000. Call 969-569-499 or 535-3192. Available early March. Picture at post office and A&FRC.

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

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](mailto:lajes15@yahoo.com) or call 295-549-206. Thank you for your support.