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Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal | Lajes in the Fight!

UCI Countdown



155

Days remaining until Lajes Field's Unit Compliance Inspection

Tip of the Week

Each AFSC has a Functional Area Manager. The FAM should be contacted to gain understanding of what activities are going on within your specialty. They provide valuable information from active regulation changes to Air Force Instructions to staff assistance visits to the unit.

-Master Sgt. Edgar Robertson



Hot dog, hot dog, hot diggity dog

Lajes Park, located in the bowling alley, is now open for business. The ball-park themed snack bar serves hot dogs, corn dogs, Polish sausage, bratwurst, beef burger links, chicken tenders, French fries, nachos and more. The Snack Bar is open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Christin Michaud)

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha Watch. Report. Protect.



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

Sexual Assault Awareness Month begins

Sexual Assault is a crime that is not compatible with military service. Each April, the Department of Defense and other organizations across the nation observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This annual event provides the opportunity to highlight the efforts that the DoD and Military Services are taking to combat the crime and promote prevention through special activities and public education. This year's theme for SAAM is *Prevent Sexual Assault: Ask! Act! Intervene!* The theme was chosen as a reminder that your actions can make a difference in someone's life. Lack of action puts our friends, families and co-workers in jeopardy.

When you see someone who looks like they could use assistance, ask them if they need help. When they ask for help, be sure to step in and assist. If someone doesn't recognize trouble, do something to intervene and prevent the situation from becoming worse.

Within the last three years, the DoD and military services have created new policies to address sexual assault prevention. The goal of this new approach is to establish a climate of confidence throughout the military in which:

- Sexual assault and the attitudes that promote it are not tolerated;
- Victims of sexual assault receive the care and support that they need; and,
- Offenders are held accountable for their actions.

Find out more about what you can do to prevent sexual assault by participating in local SAAM events during the month of April. Your efforts could have a long-term effect on one of your fellow service members.

Contact Capt. Christopher Vaca at SARC@lajes.af.mil or call 535-6412 for questions or concerns.

Courtesy of the SAPRO SAAM 2008 Resource Guide



AF Aid Society provides alternative to pay-day loans

The Air Force Aid Society is pleased to announce its new Falcon Loan available to Air Force members. The Falcon Loan is an interest-free loan of \$500 or less that can be used for emergency needs such as basic living expenses, car repairs, emergency travel, or other approved needs. Applying for a Falcon Loan is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Download the application off the AFAS website at www.afas.org
2. Get your ID card and current LES
3. Go to your Airman & Family Readiness Center

"The ease of the Falcon Loan program will hopefully encourage Airmen to turn to their Airman and Family Readiness Centers in times of financial need and not be ensnared by potentially career-damaging debt traps," said Chief Master Sergeant Pamela Derrow, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Command Chief Master Sergeant.

"This program is just another example of AFAS' continued effort to help take care of our Airmen," she said.

The streamlined application process for a Falcon Loan requires no budget information, backup documentation, or First Sergeant/Commander approval. Minimal information required to process an allotment or Paymatic transaction (automatic withdrawal from bank account) and your signature is all that is needed to complete the application.

The relaxed approach to the loan process comes with the hope that Airmen will feel less threatened to come forward for help and perhaps after getting a Falcon Loan will establish a relationship that draws them back into the A&FRC for a follow-on visit to discuss their financial

situation.

"One of the important missions of Airman and Family Readiness Centers is to promote financial readiness," said Ms. Gretchen Shannon from the USAFE Airman and Family Readiness Branch. "The new AFAS Falcon Loan program will be helpful in diverting some Airmen faced with financial emergencies away from high interest pay-day lenders. The Airman and Family Readiness teams will be ready and available to assist members when the new program rolls out."

To be eligible for a Falcon Loan, you must be an Active Duty Air Force member or spouse with Power of Attorney stationed at an Air Force base with an Airman and Family Readiness Center, and cannot have a current Air Force Aid Society loan. You will be expected to repay your Falcon Loan by allotment within 10 months or by your ETS if less than 10 months.

Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel activated on Title 10 orders at the time of application are eligible for a Falcon Loan as well.

The Falcon Loan is a complement to the Society's standard emergency assistance loan/grant program. Receiving a Falcon Loan does not make you ineligible to receive a standard Air Force Aid Society loan/grant while you are repaying your Falcon Loan.

For more information on the Falcon Loan, please visit your Airman & Family Readiness Center or the AFAS website at www.afas.org.

Courtesy of USAFE News Service

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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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Money, money, money, monneeeey ...

The Airman & Family Readiness Center routinely offers classes to assist Lajes community members with their finances. The following classes are scheduled this month:

Budgeting Workshop - This class provides participants with a fundamental understanding of budgeting and the skills needed to develop a suitable plan for achieving financial goals. 9 to 11 a.m. Apr. 18 in Bldg. T-126

Basic Investing - Learn about the types of investment tools, the time value of money and more. This workshop does not recommend specific funds or investment firms. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Apr. 22 in Bldg. T-126

Credit Management - Save time and interest by paying off debt sooner. Attend this credit management class and learn wise credit selection; true cost of credit; how to deal with too much debt; and credit reports. Participants will learn how to use a computer software rapid debt reduction program called "Power Pay." 9 to 11:30 a.m. Apr. 23 in Bldg. T-126.



Pizza run: Fly to Naples for a day or so

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

When the rotator changed in October, one of the changes included the location in Italy personnel from here could travel to. The Space-A Flight which previously traveled to Aviano Air Base in Northern Italy, now goes to Naples and Sigonella, in Southern Italy.

The Patriot Express mission departs from Norfolk, Va. to Lajes, and then flies to Naples, Italy, every other week. Before returning to Naples, and then Lajes, this flight goes on to Souda Bay, Crete, and other locations downrange. The benefit of this for Lajes personnel is the ability to take a short trip to the Naples area and experience some Italian food and shopping.

The flight to NAS Naples departs from Lajes Field on Wednesday mornings. It arrives in Naples in the afternoon with enough time to take in a slice of pizza, which originated in Naples. The flight returns to Lajes on Friday, allowing travelers an evening and one full day in the historic Italian city.

The base and the area offer a little something for everybody on this trip.

The 4-hour flight delivers passengers to a runway shared by NAS Naples and the city airport. The small terminal has a USO and wireless internet available for passengers. Other simple amenities include a pedestrian walkway with a mini-Navy Exchange and Subway between the terminal and where travelers can catch the shuttle. Visitors who choose to take the shuttle can expect an approximate 30-minute ride to the other part of NAS Naples. "The shuttle picks up and drops off at same place about three city blocks from the terminal near one of the base access gates," explained Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Christensen, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron. "There are two pickup times posted after the Rotator arrives. One is 5:35 p.m. (Bus #3) and the other 6:30 p.m. (Bus #1)." Travelers should look for the placard for S. Site, according to Sergeant Christensen.

"There are several drop off points on the Support Site and the one nearest the Navy Lodge is across their parking lot," he said. One item that may be of surprise to Air Force travelers is the cost of lodging. Although the Navy Lodge is

similar to the TLF units here, the cost is much higher. "I had a room with two queen beds and kitchenette for \$105 a night," Sergeant Christensen explained. The benefit is that the Navy Lodge is one-stop shopping for people who don't want to venture out and just want to enjoy the base. An Applebee's is connected to the Navy Lodge as well as an Italian coffee shop. Outside the main lobby door is a shoppette. Across the street from lodging is the NEX and commissary. There is also a food court, post office, a movie theater and a bowling alley, as well as several stores, including a book store and an ITT office.

Tech. Sgt. Monica Carranza took the trip to Naples with her husband and two sons. The family opted to rent a car during their trip to get around. The rental car agency is also located on the support base.

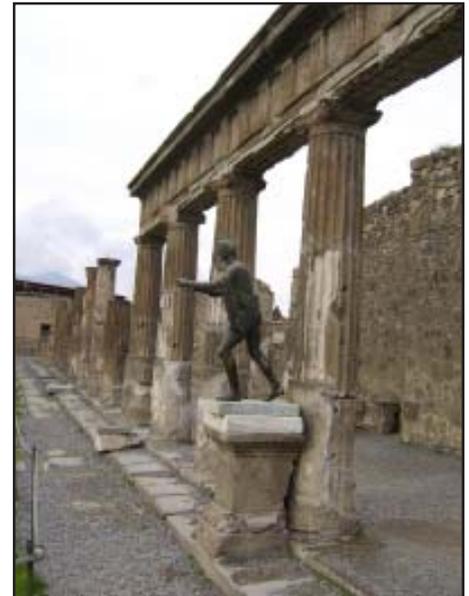
The metro is also an option for people who choose not to rent a vehicle.

For those who wish to explore outside the base, metro tickets with a 140 minute limit can be purchased at the ITT office. They cost •2,30. "This will get you to the local metro train station in Aversa via the local bus stop which is located outside the main gate and across the street," said Sergeant Christensen. "It runs twice an hour and on to the main train station in Naples. The bus is small and will drop you off near the Aversa train station. When you return to Aversa and want to return to NAS Naples support site and Navy Lodge, you will need to be across the street from where you were dropped off," he informs prospective travelers.

Instead of the metro ticket from the ITT office, Sergeant Christensen purchased an all day ticket at the train station for •3,50. "You must insert your ticket into the yellow boxes located in the train station or on the bus for the first time; this will put a date/time stamp on which ever ticket you decide to purchase," he explained. "A fine can be imposed if you don't have the date/time stamp printed on your ticket if checked on the train or in the train stations."

The train takes passengers to Naples (Napoli) main station. "To get to Mt. Vesuvius or Pompeii you need to take the Circumvesuviana line toward Sorrento (Napoli-Sorrento) like all European maps and directions, you aim for the last city in your direction; in this case that is Sorrento," he explains. "Naples main train station is large and the Circumvesuviana line is at the far end of the station, just follow the signs." The travel time is approximately 30 minutes, with several stops along the way.

The Circumvesuviana line has a stop across from the ruins of Pompeii. To get



The Interior Courtyard of Pompeii is just one thing Lajes personnel travelling on the rotator to Naples, Italy, can see on the short trip. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeff Christensen)

to the main entrance, people should head toward the train station after stepping off the metro. Then, veer to the right down a small street and left to the main entrance to Pompeii. Hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. through October. The last admission is at 6 p.m. In October, it closes at 5 p.m. and the last admission is at 3:30 p.m. The entrance fee is •11. "You can purchase audio guide headphones and stroll through the empty streets of a once thriving community of nearly 24,000," said Sergeant Christensen. "There are several areas that are closed for excavation and restoration, but there is plenty to see. Mt. Vesuvius looms in the background."

The showtime for the return Space-A flight to Lajes Field is Friday morning. It is recommended that travelers take the 7:25 or 8:25 a.m. shuttle. Personnel should look for the placard for Capo. This is a shuttle that takes permanent party to their work areas also, and personnel could be asked to take the next shuttle if it becomes full. It's an approximate 10-minute walk from the shuttle drop-off point and the terminal.

One thing to consider before traveling to Naples is an ongoing problem with trash. There are mounds of trash bags everywhere around Naples and even on the base, said Sergeant Christensen. "At night they burn trash and the smoke gets very thick and rolls across the base like fog."

For more information on Space-A flights, contact the passenger terminal at 535-3227. The terminal also has handouts with contact information for Naples.



Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Goal Day 9 a.m. Self pet wash, Atlantic Island Kennels 5 p.m. Teen Money Matters, LYP 5:30 p.m. Build Your Own Pasta meal, TORC 6 p.m. Kid's Judo Class ages 5-7, CAC 7 p.m. Juno (PG-13) 7:30 p.m. Cosmic Bowling 10 p.m. Strange Wilderness (R)	9 a.m. \$.25 games all day, every Saturday this month, Bowling Alley 6 p.m. 9 Pin No-Tap Tournament, \$10/person 7 p.m. Welcome Home Roscoe (PG-13) 7 p.m. Enlisted Lounge Grand Reopening, TORC 10 p.m. Strange Wilderness (R)	9 a.m. Evangelical Service 10:30 a.m. Mass Noon , Praise Service Noon Library open to check out books and movies Noon Post Office open 2 p.m. Juno (PG-13) 7 p.m. Welcome Home Roscoe (PG-13)	10 a.m. Stress Management, A&FRC 10 a.m. Thrift Store open 11 a.m. New Cantina lunch, TORC 11:30 a.m. Daily Mass 2 p.m. Self Pet Wash weekdays to 5 p.m. by appointment Atlantic Island Kennels 6 p.m. Singles Bible Study/Dinner, chapel	Noon Men's Fellowship lunch, chapel Noon Women's Bible Study, chapel 12:30 p.m. Fitlinxx Program, CFC 5:30 p.m. Mongolian BBQ, TORC 5:30 p.m. Fitlinxx Program, CFC 6 p.m. AWANA, chapel	10 a.m. Thrift Store open 1 p.m. New Beginnings, A&FRC 5 p.m. Family Night Bowling 5 p.m. Teen Career Launch, LYP 5:30 p.m. Hands-on picture framing 2-day class, Arts & Crafts center 6 p.m. \$.35 wings at the TORC	9:30 a.m. Effective Communication, A&FRC 9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers meeting, chapel 10:30 a.m. Beginner Outlook, A&FRC 6 p.m. Marriage 102, A&FRC 7 p.m. Juno (PG-13) 8 p.m. Ladies Night, TORC

Volunteer Recognition

Annual Volunteer Award and Volunteer Excellence Award Extended: The submission date for the Annual Volunteer Award (Jan-Dec 2007) and Volunteer Excellence Award has been extended to Thursday. Submit nominations to elizabeth.bland@lajes.af.mil. The VEA cannot be awarded to active duty and is intended to recognize exceptional life-long community support and not a single act or achievement. Please use AF Form 1206 at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/>. For specific details contact the A&FRC at 535-4138.

TORC Events 535-3202

Enlisted Lounge Reopens: 7 p.m. Saturday. Live entertainment at 8 p.m. provided by "Dr. Shoals & Tired Dogs." Hamburgers \$1 for club members; \$1.50 non-members. Hot Dogs \$.50 club members; \$1 non-members. Prizes, fun and games for all.

New Cantina Style Lunches: All new reduced pricing will be in effect. Only pay for items you select. Stop by to see what they have to offer with the new Cantina Style lunch.

Brazilian Buffet: 6 to 9:30 p.m. April 18. Different types of meat and sausage, black beans, Portuguese kale, rice, Farofa, vegetables, salad buffet, fried banana, grilled pineapple and the Brazilian drink "Caipirinha." Cost is \$13.95 for members, \$15.95 for nonmembers. Children 7-12 are \$7.95.

Texas Hold 'Em: 6:30 p.m. Saturday and again Apr. 19. Club members only.
BINGO: 7:15 p.m. Apr. 16 and 30. Ticket sales begin at 6 p.m.

Chili Dog Thursday: Chili Dog for \$2.25 plus karaoke with DG "Scooby"
Sunday Brunch - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 17 and 24. \$15.95/adults; \$7.95/children from 7-12 years old.

Lajes E/H School

Elementary Yearbooks: Lajes Elementary School Yearbook Staff would like to honor military parents in this year's publication. Parents of an elementary grade child (preschool through fifth grade), are asked to come to Rm. 131 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Apr. 16 in their uniform. POC: Ms. Ching, 535-4151 or ari.ching@eu.dodea.edu.

School Registration: Pre-registration at Lajes E/H School will take place during Spring Break, from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Apr. 11 in the main office. This is an annual requirement by DoD Regulation to determine continued eligibility for school enrollment. Accurate and complete school enrollments assist in projecting appropriate resources to support the coming school year. It is a critical activity for schools since funding and staffing authorizations are based on enrollment and enrollment projections.

Kindergarten Registration: Children who turn 5 by Oct. 31. are eligible to register for 2008-2009 Kindergarten. POC: Cidalia Dias, 535-3357.

Library 535-3688

The library is now reopen. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Portuguese holidays. Hours on American holidays are from 2 to 6 p.m.
National Library Week: Apr. 13-19. Celebrate with the library staff Apr. 17.

Arts & Crafts 535-3909

Jasmim-Arometherapy: 2 to 4 p.m. Apr. 12. \$18 per person. Material provided.

Scrap & Stamp Frenzy: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$25 per person. 2-day class.

A&FRC Classes 535-4138

Daily Fresh Breath: Noon to 12:15 p.m. Breathing, Stretching and Guided Imagery.

Smooth Move: 2 p.m. Apr. 14.

Marriage 103: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Apr. 17.
Home Buying Seminar: 3 to 5 p.m. Apr. 24.

Japanese Cooking Class: 6 p.m. Apr. 24.

Sponsorship Training: 10 to 11 a.m. Apr. 25.

Fitness Center 535-6126

Spring Family 5K Run/Walk: 9:30 a.m. Apr. 19 at the Fitness Center.

Massages: Stone or Wrap, Relaxation, Pregnancy, Specialty and Chair massage. Sessions 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Basketball Court Closure: The gymnasium/basketball court will be closed 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through the summer.

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: 1998 OPAL CORSA Standard (5 speed), power windows and locks, dual front air bags, new exhaust and muffler system, low mileage 43K miles, Hatch back trunk, A/C and heat, Portuguese tags, and much more. \$3,500 OBO Available now. Call 535-6267 or 962408190

For Sale: 1990 Chevy S10, 4.3L V6 4X4, Great truck! \$1,200 obo 295-549-120

For Sale: Briggs and Stratton gasoline powered generator with (4) 120V outlets and one 240 volt outlets. Used only once. 2 years old in perfect condition. PCS soon so must sell. 11 hour run time. Operation manual included. Call 295-549-228 or email h82bpor_2000@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1994 Ford Ranger Truck Extended Cab XLT Series New Brakes/Rotors Metal Tool Box included 110k Miles, Great Cond. Asking \$2,500 OBO Call Mike @ 964224165