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



General Roger Brady, United States Air Forces in Europe commander, addresses Lajes Field Airmen during an All Call as part of his visit to the 65th Air Base Wing. The All Call was simulcast to other parts of the base for those who could not get into the packed club location. This was the first visit the general has made to Lajes as COMUSAFE. (Photo by Guido Melo)

## COMUSAFE visits Lajes Field

By 1st Lt. George Tobias  
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The United States Air Forces in Europe commander, Gen. Roger Brady, visited the 65th Air Base Wing here at Lajes Field July 25.

The general, who joked that it was his first time to visit the island during daylight hours was accompanied by Chief Master Sgt. Pamela Derrow, USAFE Command Chief, for a base visit.

While they were here the Airmen of Lajes field took opportunity to show General Brady and Chief Derrow the four pillars of the mission of Lajes Field: moving "iron" to and from the fight, delivering global communications, providing trained and ready expeditionary Airmen and building bilateral relations.

"It's a distinct honor to welcome COMUSAFE and to welcome Chief Derrow, the USAFE Command Chief to our little bit of paradise," said Col. JL Briggs, 65th Air Base Wing commander. "They have had a full day getting the op-

portunity to see the four things we do every day."

During the All Call, General Brady took the opportunity to emphasize the role that Lajes plays within USAFE.

"The outstanding men and women of the 65th Air Base Wing enable the expeditionary movement of warfighters, warplanes and global communications to combatant commanders," said General Brady. "[They] provide a vital link between U.S. forces in the CONUS and the rest of the world in support of joint, Coalition and NATO operations."

With the changing mission and requirements that the Air Force faces these days the general also commented on the future of Lajes.

"I see Lajes Field continuing its strategic importance as a base providing enroute support to Department of Defense and allied nations aircraft," he said. "It's a great location and we have a great partnership with our Portuguese allies."

He also mentioned the potential of increased training opportunities and air

space ranges here at Lajes; those talks are at the government-to-government level at this time.

Commenting on what is key to carrying out the USAFE mission successfully the general said, "Our success depends on ability to continue to recruit, maintain, develop and employ outstanding Airmen.

"Our ability to take care of families and installations so that we can train, develop and deploy Airmen is incredibly important. As we go through austere budgetary times, it is important we focus on everyone's capabilities; we take care of people so that we are at our best at all times.

"I am always inspired and motivated by the enthusiasm of Airmen and those I've met here at Lajes certainly exemplify that," General Brady added. "I am really pleased with the performance of Col. JL Briggs and his entire leadership team and the Airmen that are taking care of each other and taking care of the mission here."



# **LEAD program: Airman's path to USAF Academy**

**By USAFE Public Affairs**

Two U.S. Air Forces in Europe Airmen were recently selected to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School through the Leaders Encouraging Airmen Development Program.

Airman 1st Class Willie Gilbert, 435th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, and Airman Joshua Hartle, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, are currently attending the Academy Prep School in anticipation of an Academy appointment.

The LEAD Program is an ongoing Air Force effort to provide its brightest Airmen the opportunity to excel by offering them appointments to the Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Each year, commanders nominate highly qualified Airmen to attend the Air Force Academy Prep School with the intention of an academy appointment to follow," said Jeffrey Jager, USAFE Education Program Manager.

"Airmen compete for a total of 135 positions; 50 Prep School slots and a potential of 85 direct appointments to the Academy," he added.

To take part in the program, Airmen must be U.S. citizens or be able

to obtain citizenship before entry into the academy the following year. Candidates must be unmarried and have no dependents. In addition, Airmen must not have passed their 22nd birthday by July 1 of the entry year into the Prep School or 23rd birthday if receiving a direct appointment to the Academy. Airmen must also be of high moral character and have at least one year retainability when they enter the Prep School.

To compete for either the Prep School or a direct appointment to the Academy, Airmen must complete AF Form 1786 and have their unit commander complete a statement on their character, ability and motivation to become an officer. The form and statement must be coordinated through their MPF assignment section and reach the Air Force Academy's Admissions Office NLT January 31 of the entry year. Airmen will receive a notification from the admissions office which identifies all the additional requirements needed to complete the application package.

Airmen interested in applying for the program should start early by contacting their local education office at 535-3355 for more information.



*The Air Force's newest second lieutenants celebrate after receiving their degrees from the U.S. Air Force Academy. The Leaders Encouraging Airmen Program offers 135 slots to qualified, commander-nominated Airmen. (Courtesy Photo)*

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**Col. JL Briggs**  
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# Praia Fest events kick off today

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This year's Praia fest will take place today through Aug. 11 in the City of Praia da Vitória.

Unlike Sanjoaninas, Praia Fest doesn't have a long tradition. It began in 1978 and with the exception of some intervals, the City of Praia has partied every year since.

This Year Praia Fest will sponsor the 9th consecutive food fair, which will feature restaurants from Terceira Island, mainland Portugal and Cape Verde Islands, representing the traditional cuisine from those regions.

The food fair will kick off at noon today and will be held throughout the fest.

There will DJ music every night after the main concert of the evening at the Dream Zone tent.

The following schedule of events include some of the festival's highlights:

## Today

**Noon** – Opening of ninth Annual Food Fair

**6 p.m.** — Opening of Arts & Crafts Fair

**9:50 p.m.** – Parade by the marching bands from Praia and Pico followed by Praia Fest's official marching group. (main street)

**10 p.m.** – Opening Parade "The Seven Wonders of Portugal" (main street)

**11:30 p.m.** – Concert by the band "Dixie Gang" (waterfront)

**Midnight** – Opening of Dream Zone tent area with DJ music.

## Saturday

**9:45 p.m.** – Parade by the percussion group from São Miguel "Toca a Tocar" (main street)

**10 p.m.** – Parade of international clowns (main street/waterfront)

**11 p.m.** – Concert by Portuguese singer Pedro Khima (old soccer field)

**Midnight** – Concert by the Angra Jazz Band by the waterfront

## Sunday

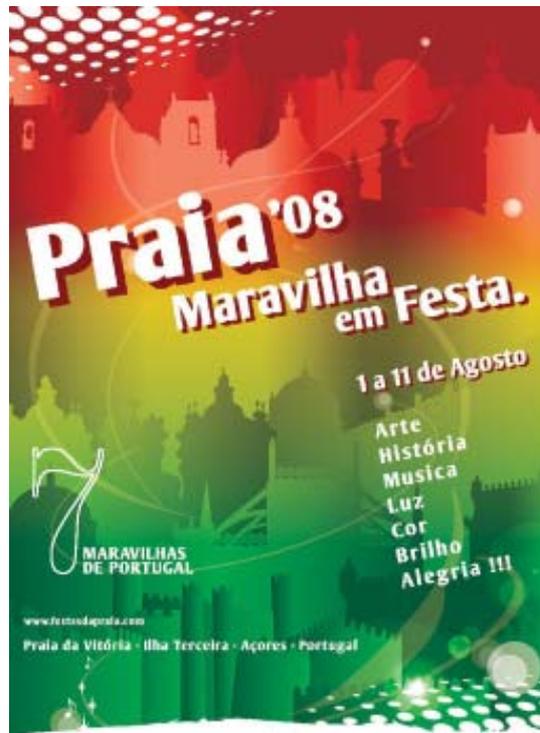
**Noon** – Mass at Praia's main church followed by Holy Ghost parade (main street)

**10 p.m.** – Parade by Praia Firefighters' Brass Band (main street)

**11 p.m.** – Gala show of international clowns (main square)

**11 p.m.** – Concert by band "Just Girls" (old soccer field)

**Midnight** – Concert by Light Orches-



tra of Povoação from São Miguel (waterfront)

## Monday

**3:30 p.m.** – Clowns at the beach

**8:30 p.m.** – Arena bullfight in the Angra bullring

**10 p.m.** – Parade of folklore dancers (main street)

**11 p.m.** – Performance by folklore dancers (main square)

**Midnight** – Performance by local group "Amêndoa Doce" (waterfront)

## Tuesday

**6 p.m.** – Street bullfight at Juncal

**10 p.m.** – Parade of marching groups (main street)

**11 p.m.** – Concert: Public seven & Tribute to Rage Against the Machine (old soccer field)

**Midnight** – Concert by RRB "Rock, Rhythm and Blues" (waterfront)

## Wednesday

**6 p.m.** – Street bullfight at Juncal

**9 p.m.** – Judo demonstration (location TBA)

**9:30 p.m.** – Parade of motorcycles

**11 p.m.** – Concert by Yugoslavian singer Ana Popovic (old soccer field)

**Midnight** – Concert by band from Cape Verde islands (waterfront)

## Thursday

**6 p.m.** – Street bullfight at Quatro

Ribeiras

**10 p.m.** – Parade of Mardi Gras dancing groups (main street)

**11 p.m.** – Performance by Mardi Gras dancers (main square)

**11 p.m.** – Concert by Portuguese pop singer "Mafalda Veiga" (old soccer field)

**Midnight** – Concert by Light Orchestra of Biscoitos (waterfront)

## Aug. 8

**10 p.m.** – Children's parade "Alice in Wonderland" (main street)

**11:30 p.m.** – Concert by concert bands from Pico and Faial (main square)

**11 p.m.** – Concert by Portuguese rock band "Xutos & Pontapés" (old soccer field)

**Midnight** – Performance by Flamenco Group (waterfront)

## Aug. 9

**1 p.m.** – Boat regatta in Praia Bay

**5 p.m.** – Paintball Challenge Cup – Speedball tournament (location TBA)

**6 p.m.** – Street bullfight next to Modelo Superstore

**9 p.m.** – karate demonstration (location TBA)

**9:30 p.m.** – Parade of children's marching groups (main street)

**11 p.m.** – Forth Annual Praia Blues Festival featuring the U.S. blues band "Roomful of Blues" (old soccer field)

**Midnight** – Concert by Portuguese pop music band from Santa Maria "Ronda da Madrugada" (waterfront)

## Aug. 10

**1:30 p.m.** – Canoeing regatta in Praia bay

**4 p.m.** – Praia Fest triathlon competition (waterfront)

**6 p.m.** – Bullfight at Praia's main beach

**10 p.m.** – Parade of marching bands (main street)

**11 p.m.** – Forth Annual Praia Blues Festival featuring the U.S. blues singer Lonnie Brooks (old soccer field)

**Midnight** – Concert by band "Los Cubanitos" (waterfront)

## Aug. 11

**1 p.m.** – Running of the bulls (Gervasio Lima Street)

**10 p.m.** – Parade of International Folklore bands (main street)

**11 p.m.** – Performance by the several international folklore bands (waterfront)

**Midnight** – Fireworks over Praia bay



Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p><b>6:30 a.m.</b> Oceanview closed for breakfast all of August</p> <p><b>10 a.m.</b> Arts and Crafts open</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Pool open</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13)</p> <p><b>10 p.m.</b> You Don't Mess With the Zohan (PG-13)</p>	<p><b>11 a.m.</b> Bowling Center open</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Library open - still time to earn Extreme Summer Points</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> You Don't Mess With the Zohan (PG-13)</p> <p><b>9:45 p.m.</b> Check out Praia Fest activities - See schedule on page 3</p> <p><b>10 p.m.</b> The Happening (R)</p>	<p><b>9 a.m.</b> Evangelical Service</p> <p><b>9 a.m.</b> CCD</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Mass</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Library open - stop by for CDs, movies and books</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Praise Service</p> <p><b>2 p.m.</b> You Don't Mess With the Zohan (PG-13)</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> The Happening (R)</p>	<p><b>10 a.m.</b> Library open - check out a book and earn Extreme Summer points</p> <p><b>11 a.m.</b> Dining Facility features lunch specials</p> <p><b>5:20 p.m.</b> Body Sculpting Class, fitness center</p> <p><b>6 p.m.</b> Spin Class, fitness center cycle room</p> <p><b>6 p.m.</b> 1, 2, 3 Magic Parenting Class, A&amp;FRC</p>	<p><b>10 a.m.</b> EDIS Playgroup, LYP</p> <p><b>10 a.m.</b> Thrift Store open</p> <p><b>1 p.m.</b> Community Center Seamstress available</p> <p><b>5 p.m.</b> Buck Night Bowling</p> <p><b>5:20 p.m.</b> TORC Class, fitness center</p> <p><b>5:30 p.m.</b> Mongolian BBQ, TORC</p> <p><b>6 p.m.</b> Spin class</p>	<p><b>9 a.m.</b> Mandatory Pre-Separation Counseling, A&amp;FRC</p> <p><b>10 a.m.</b> Thrift Store open for consignments and sales - stop by to shop or volunteer</p> <p><b>10 a.m.</b> Library open</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Pool open</p> <p><b>6 p.m.</b> Open Volleyball</p>	<p><b>10 a.m.</b> Equipment and workout orientation class, fitness center</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Pool open</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Parent Advisory Board Meeting, TORC</p> <p><b>Noon</b> Assertiveness Class, A&amp;FRC</p> <p><b>2 p.m.</b> Thrift Store open until 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> You Don't Mess With the Zohan (PG-13)</p>

## Community Events

**Bullfights:** 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Terra Chã; 6:30 p.m., Monday, Terreiro, Terra Chã; 6 p.m., Tuesday, Juncal; 6 p.m., Wednesday, Juncal, Quatro Ribeiras; 6 p.m., Thursday, Quatro Ribeiras.

**Praia Fest:** Praia Fest kicks off today and will last through Aug. 11. The complete schedule is on page 3.

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**Right Start:** 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday. Personnel who PCS to Lajes Field must attend this Newcomer's orientation.

**Smooth Move Seminar:** 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 11 and 25. This informative seminar helps prepare personnel for an upcoming PCS move. Orders not required.

**Create an Effective Resume:** 9 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 13. Creating an effective resume is the key to finding and being competitive for your dream job.

## Community Center

**Squadron Build-A-Boat Challenge:** 3 to 6 p.m. Aug. 22, at the pool. One team per squadron. Teams must sign up by Aug. 8 at the community center. 535-5216.

**Community Center Hours:** Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Today and Saturday and Tuesday through Aug. 9.



**UCI Countdown**  
**37**  
*Days remaining until Lajes Field's Unit Compliance Inspection*

**UCI Goal #3:** Bolster mission effectiveness -- looking for improvement opportunities

## Services August Hours

**Bowling Center Hours:** Closed Monday and Tuesdays and open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Sundays.

**Top of the Rock Club Hours:** For the entire month of August, the Enlisted Lounge will be open from 4 to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The Coffee Shop will be open from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

## Passports

**New Passport Agent:** All sponsors should check the expiration dates on the no-fee passports their family members hold. Requests for replacement passports should normally occur 90 days prior to expiration. Official passport processing and tourist passport application support are also provided. Appointment hours are from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make an appointment, call Master Sgt. Bill Franklin at 535-2334. Due to training the week of Aug. 4, passport support will be severely limited. Individuals needing passports should plan in advance. If an emergency occurs that week, call Senior Master Sgt. Jack at 535-3612.

**Passport Photos:** Passport photos are available on a walk-in basis from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Bldg. T-100, Rm. 240 for official passports.

## Youth Soccer Registration

Registration for youth soccer is ongoing at the LYP through Aug. 10. There will be a Skills Day Aug. 16. Games begin Aug. 30. Start Smart Soccer (introduction) program available for 3 and 4 year olds. Age Groups: 5-6 Pee Wee League; 7-8 Bantam League; 9-11 Junior league; 12-14 Senior League; and 15-18 All Star league. Coaches and officials needed. Call Scotte Mendiola at 535-1197.

## Girl Scouts

**Summer Camp:** The Lajes Girl Scout Camp is 9 a.m. to Noon Aug. 18-22 at the base chapel. To register, e-mail [lajesgs@gmail.com](mailto:lajesgs@gmail.com), list the name, age and parent contact number. This year's theme is "Girl Scout Olympic Journey." The cost is \$25. The new OCC for Lajes Girl Scouts is Jenny Elking. She can be contacted at [Jennifer.Elking@lajes.af.mil](mailto:Jennifer.Elking@lajes.af.mil)

## Job Opportunities

**AAFES Safety and Security Assistant:** AAFES is now accepting applications for an intermittent exchange safety and security assistant. Experience in protection of property, maintenance of order, enforcement of laws and related work is preferred. Must be able to work a flexible schedule. Ad will be open until Thursday. Click on [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and scroll down to AAFES employment to apply. Vacancy number is H-028304-2008. For more information, call 535-3634.

**Intermittent Theater Worker:** AAFES is accepting applications for an intermittent theater worker through Thursday. Must be able to work night schedule. Click on [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and scroll down to AAFES employment to apply. Vacancy number is H-028305-2008. For more information, call 535-3634.

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For Sale: "1990" Japanese Honda Inspire (Honda Accord Equivalent) Awesome car, runs great, good on gas! This is not an island bomb! Asking \$3,000 or best offer. Call 968-841-819 or 295-516-454.