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Today

Chance of rain

High 75

Low 69



Saturday

Chance of rain

High 73

Low 68



Sunday

Rain

High 77

Low 69



Tops in Blue brings Airman back

By 1st Lt. George Tobias
65th ABW Public Affairs

Tops in Blue performed to a packed crowd here at Lajes Field during their 2008 show, Déjà Blue, and for one Airman it was like Déjà Vu.

Airman 1st Class David Butler, a vocalist in this year's tour, is member of the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"It seemed like my line of interest," said Airman Butler.

When the show came through Lajes last year, he volunteered to help set up for the performance and after seeing the performance he thought "that seems like something I wanted to do," said Airman Butler.

After performing in about 70 shows, he has returned to perform at Lajes. "It's different than you might think," commented Airman Butler on returning to his home station. It has been about seven months since he left Lajes to tour with Tops in Blue for the year. Since Lajes is a remote tour, many of the people he worked with and leadership have changed over, he said, "however, it's still exciting."

Tops in Blue is a one year special duty, and all performers who pass the auditions, meet in March and rehearse during 18-hour days for two months preparing for the year's show. For the next 10 months the Tops in Blue team tours worldwide performing approximately 150 shows, said Tech. Sgt. Chandra Smith, Personnel Flight Chief and vocalist. Sergeant Smith is originally from the 162nd Fighter Wing with the Air National Guard out of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. The type of show that is done each year varies and is determined by the talents of members selected to perform for the year.

The mission of Tops in Blue is to serve as an



Airman 1st Class David Butler, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight, sings "Life is a Highway" during a Tops in Blue performance Oct. 2. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Corey)

expeditionary entertainment unit to provide quality entertainment from within Air Force resources for the Air Force family, with priority to Air Force personnel stationed worldwide at remote and deployed locations while simultaneously promoting community relations, supporting recruiting efforts and serving as ambassadors for the U. S. Air Force and the United States of America.

Acting Secretary confirmed by Senate

10/3/2008 - WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Michael B. Donley will be the next secretary of the Air Force based on an Oct. 2 Senate confirmation vote here.

Secretary Donley had been designated by the president to begin serving as acting secretary on June 21, 2008.

The former director of administration and management for the Defense Depart-

ment, he was nominated for the secretary of the Air Force position and provided testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee July 22. Senate confirmation now clears the way for Secretary Donley's formal appointment by the president.

"Our way ahead includes a recommitment to upholding the high standards that have always been the Air Force's

hallmark and for our core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do — to underpin every Airmen at all times," Secretary Donley said.

Following appointment by the president, Secretary Donley will be sworn-in as the 22nd Air Force secretary.

To read the rest of this article, visit www.af.mil.



Message from the First Lady: Global breast cancer Awareness

Dear Ambassadors: Breast Cancer is a global health issue that affects women, men, friends and families around the world. As the United States observes Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, I invite you to join me in a show of support for eliminating this disease that knows no national borders. I am pleased to announce that on Tuesday, Oct. 10, the White House was lit pink — the color of the cause — for the world to see. You can be a part of this effort by displaying a pink ribbon, hanging a banner, or taking other actions as appropriate to promote breast cancer awareness.



The World Health Organization estimates that each year more than 1.2 million people worldwide are diagnosed with breast cancer. We must work to educate people about the steps they can take to protect their health.

Screenings and self-breast examinations can help save lives by detecting cancer in its early stages while it can still be treated successfully.

Please join me in offering encouragement to the mothers, daughters, sisters, wives and others who are facing the health challenge of their lives. Together we can build on the progress we have made against breast cancer and continue our efforts to find a cure.

—Laura Bush

A member of the court's perspective

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Recently I was selected to serve as a member of the court in a recent court-martial. At first I thought great, I might have to sit on a court-martial and be out of my office for a few days while my work piles up. But then I remembered the importance of the military court system and that we all at some time may be called to serve in the court process. It struck me that there is an enormous weight of responsibility placed on the shoulders of those selected to sit as jury and to judge the innocence or guilt of a fellow Airman.



In the military court system, just like the civilian court system, the individual on trial is innocent until proven guilty. With that thought in mind, sitting through the trial, listening to all the evidence as it is being presented, it was hard to think someone, who you thought shared similar values we all share in military service, would do something dynamically against those very values.

When an Airman makes the decision to violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice, it hurts more than just the individual; it hurts their unit, the wing and the Air Force.

By violating the UCMJ, people are called from their jobs to sit on the court, in

some cases causing them to fall behind in their mission. The unit of the individual on trial loses manpower and has to work harder to compensate for the loss, which could affect the overall success of the unit's mission.

Individuals who chose to break the UCMJ also tarnish the Core Values we as Airmen hold so dear, hurting the image of the Air Force.

Now, I think I am like many, who always try to look for the best in people. As I sat in the trial hearing the evidence I was hoping there would be something to pop up and show there was some kind of mistake or explanation for why this Airman was on trial. But in this case the evidence was undeniable that the law was broken.

It is the duty of the members of the court to make a determination and that can be hard, but when the evidence is there and guilt has been proven it is their duty to confirm it. Additionally, they have the responsibility of passing judgment and the extent of the punishment. The only shame is those who willingly violate the UCMJ probable do not find it that hard. For those who do violate the UCMJ, remember, you are not just hurting yourself, you are hurting your family, your unit, the wing and the Air Force.

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Your chain of command should always be your first option for

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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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This week in photos



Staff Sgt. Ryan Hiney, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron and A1C Jonathon Castillo, Base Equipment Custodian, 65th Communications Squadron, help put together the stage for the Tops in Blue performance here Oct 2. Sergeant Hiney and Airman Castillo volunteered their time to assist Tops in Blue in building their stage. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Corey)



*Members from Tops in Blue perform a song from *Beauty and the Beast*.*



*Tops in Blue ended their performance with a song rendition of the Airman's Creed before singing *God Bless the USA*, a song which has become tradition at the end of each show.*



Mark your calendar



Lajes Youth Sports Program: Sign-ups for the 2008-2009 Flag-Football and Cheerleading season are ongoing through Oct. 30. All children ages 3-18 are eligible to participate. Registration forms are available at the LYP (Bldg. T-240). Anyone interested in coaching or officiating, can contact Scottie Mendiola at 535-1197.

LYP Spaghetti Dinner: 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Call 535-3273 to attend.

Resume Writing Workshop: 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the A&FRC, Bldg. T-126. Call 535-4138 to register.

Bundles for Babies: 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 17 at the A&FRC. Sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society. Free bundle valued at \$75 for attending.

Interviewing Skills: Get the information you need to prepare for an interview from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 21 at the A&FRC. Call 535-4138 to register.

Power Lifting Workshop: 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Chace Fitness Center Weight Room. The workshop will help customers interested in power lifting understand proper training techniques, tips, how to train for competitions and procedures of competitions. Open to anyone 18 and older. Sign up at the Fitness Center front desk, or call 535-6126.

October 5Ks: Education "Wii"k 5K Not-So-Fun Run, Oct. 20; Breast Cancer Awareness Fun Run, Oct. 24; Halloween Fun Run, Oct. 31. Showtime is 7:15 a.m. for each, run begins at 7:30 a.m.

Oceanview Closure: The Oceanview will be closed Oct. 20 for maintenance. They will resume normal hours Oct. 21.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Care

EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES

8 Oct: Health Fair at CAC from 1100 to 1230
 11 Oct: 5K PT Run/Walk at Praia Beach starting at 1100
 24 Oct: 5K PT Fun Run at Gym starting 0715
 1 Nov: Pink Tie Gallop TORC starting at 1730

For More Information:
 Capt Patricia Robrbeck at 330-2217 / 364 Miranda Wood 636 1038

Sponsored by the Mayor of Praia, U.S. Consulate, and the 65 Air Base Wing

At the Movies



Admission: Free

Location: Community Center

- 6 p.m. Friday - Step Brothers (Rated R)
- 2 p.m. Saturday - Step Brothers (Rated R)
- 6 p.m. Saturday - X-Files: I Want to Believe (Rated PG-13)
- 2 p.m. Sunday - X-Files: I Want to Believe

Refreshments are available for those who wish to purchase them.

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 or the Air Force.

Financial Peace University Course: The Dave Ramsey class that will change your life. It will meet on Mondays starting Oct. 13 and runs for 10 weeks. The cost of the kit is \$100, but this class will save you thousands. If you are interested in attending, contact Dawn Coley at 295-549-381 or bndcoley@yahoo.com

Nanny Available: Most amazing nanny ever. We PCS'd back to Lajes and waited until she was available. She worked for us on our first tour here and has been with us for two years on this assignment. Call Donna at 295-549-504.

Nanny/Babysitter/Housekeeper available: Mid Nov time frame or sooner. Julie is awesome! Our son is almost 3 & she will have helped us raise him from 6 wks-3 yrs. She speaks English very well and has taught our son fluent Portuguese, colors, and counting in both languages. Call 295 516 136. Feel free to leave a message and we'll get back to you.

Lawn Swing — Brand new, hardly used (maybe 4 times) Cushions and awning kept inside. Excellent condition \$180. Call Bob at 295-549-504



Campaign SOS Cagarro 2008

During October and November the young Cory Shearwater (Cagarro) birds will leave their nests at night and fly for the first time on a journey of hundreds of miles. Disoriented by artificial lights they fly inland instead of seaward. The species are protected by Portuguese and International Laws. Help Cory Shearwater find their way back by calling 535-6558 if you find a Cory on the ground. The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron's Natural Resources flight will assist them by taking them back to the shoreline.



Street Bullfights

Below is the list of the last bullfights for the season. The street bullfight season runs from May 1st through Oct. 15.

- Saturday**
Lajes
São Sebastião
Fonte do Bastardo
- Sunday**
Porto Martins
Rua do Coxo, Fontinhas
- Wednesday**
Santa Rita Hill

Bullfights begin at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted

