



NO CROSSROADS

JULY 2: There will not be a Crossroads next Friday, July 2nd due to the July 4th holiday. The next Crossroads will be published Friday, July 9th. Visit the base website for any updates or contact Public Affairs at 535-6161 if you have any questions.

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Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy

High 69

Low 63

Wind NNW 10 mph.



Saturday

Partly Cloudy

High 71

Low 63

Wind ENE 10 mph



Sunday

Partly Cloudy

High 72

Low 65

Wind W 10 mph



Lajes AFN dedicates new facility in grand style

By Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Officials here celebrated the grand opening of the American Forces Network at Lajes during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the new facility here June 16.

Various distinguished guests, base leaders and members, Portuguese partners, friends and other well-wishers attended the ceremony, marking the transformation and relocation of the facility into a larger, full-blown broadcasting center.

The ceremony was also attended by the commander of the Defense Media Activity headquarters, San Antonio, Col. Clifton Douglas, who in conjunction with Col. Peggy Poore, 65th Air Base Wing commander, ceremoniously cut the ribbon to declare the new facility officially open.

"The grand opening was a great success," said Senior Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb, the American Forces Network Lajes detachment superintendent. "Leaders and people from all over the base attended, as well as some of our past employees from the local community. People toured the new facility and were able to check out our new capabilities and fresh look."

The facility renovation, which costs \$1.2 million, was designed to improve the quality of broadcast at Lajes Field.

According to Sergeant Cobb, "The air conditioning system for our broadcast equipment is much better and allows us to properly and more efficiently cool our gear, which translates to fewer equipment breakdowns. Our signal transmission lines have also been upgraded, and that has improved the quality of our television and radio signals."

Officials here also gave kudos to the 65th Civil Engineer and Communications Squadrons for their efforts in making the new facility a reality.

The facility, formerly located on the Santa Rita Hill, which was off the installation and had few windows, now boasts of 26 windows and a more secure location.

"We were once geographically separated from the base – we are now located in the heart of it," said Sergeant Cobb. "The ramifications and improvements realized in this move should not be

underestimated. We have been strategically engineered to succeed, and with this new facility as a tool – we are poised and ready to better serve our wing, our Air Force and our country."

Not only did the location change, the new facility also comes with better equipment.

"The new broadcast facility improves our work flow processes and allows us to capture and produce our products and services quicker and at a higher quality than some of our older equipment at the old facility," said



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Lajes Congratulates 23 Tech-Selects

Scott Anderson
Otis Beatty
Ivin Buesoreyes
Timothy Emeott
William Hatfield
Clarissa Holloway
Jeremy Jackson
Pamela Jirsa

David Joyner
Paul Kessler
Joseph Knight
Curtis Locke
Nickolas Marxsen
Reginald Mazyck
Michael Morin
Belinda Munoz

Richard Osborn
Mark Plante
Luis Rivera
Christopher Skaggs
David Thomas
Shaun Vallery
James White





Air Force Aid Society

By Mr. Andrew Posey

Chief, Airman and Family Readiness Center

As many of you know, the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is the official charity of the United States Air Force. It was incorporated in 1942 as a non-profit organization whose mission is to help relieve financial distress of Air Force members and their families and to assist them in financing their higher education goals.

The roots of the Air Force Aid Society go back to 1942 in response to General Henry (Hap) Arnold's concern that members of his Army Air forces faced unique hardships in meeting the challenges of World War II. General Arnold wanted a national organization that could provide emergency assistance to the wives and children of war casualties and assure the availability of educational assistance to those families.

Air Force Aid Society is not an official USAF organization; it is a private non-profit organization. However, since the AFAS exists to help Airmen, there are close ties to the official Air Force. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel acts as the AFAS liaison with the Air Force, publishing and disseminating guidance for AFAS activities at base level.

Air Force Aid Society has always relied on individual donations to fund its activities. I am proud of Team Lajes because during this year's annual AFAS fund drive, we led the Air Force in contributions in our group. Airmen have generously contributed to AFAS throughout its 68-year history. Early dona-

tions funded programs and allowed the AFAS to put some money aside in an investment fund for contingencies and future programs. That investment fund now earns income which is used to supplement annual contributions...thus helping more AF members and their families. It is a matter of policy that every dollar donated to the AFAS goes directly to assisting our Airmen.

Fortunately, the investment fund mentioned earlier now provides income to supplement emergency assistance programs and pay conservative AFAS operating costs. In 2009, direct assistance to Air Force members and families totaled \$21.6 million dollars—over 42,000 Airmen were helped. Active duty and retired Air Force members and their dependents are eligible for AFAS assistance, as are the dependents of deceased Air Force personnel who died on active duty or in retired status. But make no mistake, 90% of all assistance goes to the active force. The overwhelming majority of the financial assistance given is in no interest loans. That assistance is given to help solve a problem so that the member can focus on the Air Force mission.

In addition to emergency assistance, AFAS has a number of community enhancement programs. The AFAS is always examining ways to be more responsive to the Air Force community. Many bases offer the "Give Parents a Break" program which enables base officials to offer periodic child care at specified evening and weekend times for qualifying

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Motorcycle Safety

By Master Sgt. Anthony Weiss

Superintendent, 65th Contracting Squadron

Lajes Warriors- we are in week 4 of the 2010 101 Critical Days of Summer and so far we are doing great. This week's message is about motorcycle safety.

The weather is starting to get nice and soon summer will be in full swing and the opportunities to get out and ride will become more abundant. Driving on Terceira can be a very interesting experience and we need you to follow these safety tips from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation:

■ Get trained and licensed before you ride. Take the motorcycle safety course and have the proper license before you even attempt to ride.

■ Never ever ride without the proper personal protective equipment, Department of Transportation Approved Helmet, eye protection, jacket, pants, gloves and boots. This stuff is there to protect you so use it.



■ Stand out in the crowd! Make sure other drivers can see you. Wear your reflective gear at night and bright colors during the day.

■ Make sure the motorcycle is in good working condition. Check the tires, brakes, lights, turn signals and ensure kickstand folds

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Commander's Action Line

535-4240

65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil

The Commander's Action Line is your link to the commander 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 should always be your first option

— but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Action Line at 535-4240 or 65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil.



Col. Peggy Poore

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Commander, 65th Air Base Wing



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AIR BASE 4 ANNIVERSARY

Members of Air Base No. 4 commemorate their 69th Anniversary June 15 at Lajes Field. The celebration was held in conjunction with the HAAZ Change of Command. (U.S. Air Force photo by Guido Melo)



LAJES TEACHER SINGS OFF-BASE

Mrs. Alicia Bryant-James, Lajes DoD teacher, sings at the book opening of "Terceira Island writer and poet Álamo de Oliveira." The event took place at the Terceira-Mar Hotel in Angra do Heroísmo June 1, 2010. (Photo by Manuel Martins)



Freedom Fest 2010
4th of July CELEBRATION
AT SFS SOFTBALL FIELD

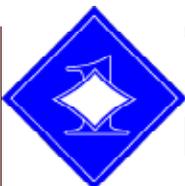
- Shuttles available to & from the Base Commissary starting at 3:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.
- Bring your chair and blanket.

Live Video
 Log on to: www.lajesfss.com

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For more information call 535-5216

3:55 p.m. — Opening Ceremony
4 p.m. — Music / Food Booths Fire Truck / Ambulance Display
4 p.m. — Kiddieland
5 p.m. — Tribal Fusion/Hula Dance Demo
5:30/6:45/9:30 p.m. - D-Flat Rock Band
7:30-8 p.m. — Students/teachers perform Tribal Fusion/Hula Dance Demo
9 p.m. — Hula Performance APAHC
10:30 p.m. — Fireworks Display



HIRT'S CORNER

No headphones while running on Lajes Field

Every once in a while it is good to refresh on some local policies and procedures. With the closing of the track for the summer, it is worthwhile to note the Lajes policy on the wear of headphones, ear buds, wrap-a-rounds, etc. while jogging or running on the roads of Lajes Field.

For all of you AFI junkies out there who will quote 91-207, US Air Force Traffic Safety Program, 3.2.3 where it states an exception "of single-bud earpiece use", you may feel this is the end of the story and you have the green light to run with an ear bud bouncing around on your shoulder. Unfortunately, USAFE released a supplement to AFI 91-207 that states wearing any listening device while jogging or bicycling prohibited.

Granted there are a number of AFIs out there and the MAJCOM supplemental may be difficult to track down. To solve this, our very own Lajes Field Fitness Program Instructions deciphered the context of the above mentioned AFIs. It states simply, "Headphones will not be worn during PT activities utilizing base roads". Thus, running with headphones, ear buds, wrap-a-rounds, etc. while jogging or running on Lajes Field is prohibited while on duty or off.

Please remember that we are all responsible for the proper wear of the uniform and the following of regulations put forth by those above us. If something doesn't look right, engage the situation with professionalism and tact.



Mark your calendar



FSS CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS: The following changes to MPS, CPO, NAF and Manpower & Organization hours take place effective Monday, June 28, 2010. If you have any questions, contact SMSgt Aamodt at 535-5113.

MPS: D Cards (M-F) – 0900 – 1600 (Walk in)

All Other Areas (M-F):

0900 – 1400 Walk in hours

1400 – 1600 Appointment only hours

(Note: same day appointments will be accepted if available)

Reenlistment/Extension Mass Briefings:

Tuesdays at 1000 / Thursdays at 1400

(Contact Career Development to sign up)

CPO: 0900 – 1600 Monday – Friday

NAF: 0900 – 1600 Monday – Friday

Manpower & Organization:

0900 – 1600 Monday – Friday

VOTING WHILE STATIONED OVERSEAS: Have you ever wondered how to vote in elections when you're stationed overseas? Simply go to www.fvap.gov and you can find out when the primary and general elections are in your home state. Instructions are also provided on how to register and vote via absentee ballot. For your convenience a copy of the 2010-11 Voting Assistance Guide can be found in the Library, Post Office, Shoppette (barber and beauty salon), Fitness Center, and Commissary. If you have further questions, please contact your Unit Voting Assistance Officer. If you're unsure who this is, e-mail us at vote@lajes.af.mil and we'll send you your representatives' contact information. Now let's get out there and vote!

THEO VON: The Young and the Restless Comedy Show: Thursday, July 1, 9 p.m. at the TORC, Adults 18 and over. Call 535-5216 for further details.

WIC OVERSEAS: The Women, Infants, and Children Overseas program helps ensure you child's nutritional needs are met. The program provides several important benefits for pregnant or nursing mothers, and children under 5 years old. Benefits include nutritious foods, tips on how to prepare balanced meals, nutrition and health screenings, and access to other resources that help you and your family lead healthier lives, and it all comes with no fees or cost. Contact the Lajes WIC Overseas office, and give your child the healthy start they deserve. Open Tuesday-Thursday 0900-1400.

TRACK CLOSED: The base running track is completely closed (24/7) for construction and will re-open once construction is completed, which is expected to be around September 2010. All personnel who are scheduled to take their official Air Force fitness test will need to do their 1.5 mile run on the AEF ramp, which needs to be reserved prior to your test date. Contact your Unit Fitness Program Manager for details on how to reserve the ramp. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Agostinho Silva at 535-5151.

HAWC MONTHLY HEALTH COOKING SHOW: The HAWC invites you to learn how to prepare tasty, healthy meals by attending a cooking show held every last Friday of the month from 12-1 p.m. The show is open to anyone that can access the installation. Call MSgt William Carter at 535-4292 to sign up or visit the HAWC in the fitness center.

USAFE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS July 25-29: All you golf lovers, check out the USAFE Golf Tournament, open to all USAFE members. The tournament is from July 25-29 at the Woodlawn Golf Course at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Email Jason Shock for more information at Shock@ramstein.af.mil or call him DSN at 314-480-6240.

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Master Sgt. Samantha Lowe, the detachment's operations manager. "This means we are able to communicate Lajes Field's messages quicker and more effectively. Our new television news studio is more spacious, and we have been able to really refine our lighting capabilities to improve the appearance of our Island Newsbreaks and other studio products."

As guests and members tour the new facility, they talked among themselves and some of them were amazed about the complete facelift and major improvements to the new facility, which has improved capabilities and enhanced AFN mission success at Lajes.

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Where is the closest bus stop?

PORTUGUESE: Onde é a paragem de autocarro mais próxima?

PRONUNCIATION: Onde ay uh pahrahzaim de ottokarho miesh proseeamah?

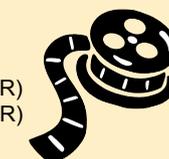
BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday, June 25 6:30 p.m. Arena bullfight in the Angra bullring
Saturday, June 26 6:30 p.m. Arena bullfight in the Angra bullring
Saturday, June 26 6:30 p.m. Port of Porto Martins
Tuesday, June 29 6:30 p.m. Nossa Senhora da Ajuda, Vila Nova



At the Movies

7 p.m. Friday - Furry Vengeance (PG)
7 p.m. Saturday - A Nightmare on Elm Street (R)
10 p.m. Saturday - A Nightmare on Elm Street (R)
4 p.m. Sunday - Furry Vengeance (PG)



Movie times and schedule are subject to change. Call 535-4100 for the latest update.

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personnel. This is particularly helpful when a spouse is deployed or other personal emergencies occur. Other programs, such as Bundles for Babies, Child Care for PCS, and Car Care Because We Care are also available.

AFAS sections are located at bases throughout the world and most are located in the Airman & Family Readiness Centers. In all cases, the Lajes A&FRC is familiar with the criteria needed to receive assistance and with the local community so personal attention is given to every request for assistance.

The Air Force Aid Society gives us one more reason as Air Force members to celebrate the Year of the Air Force Family.

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properly before you head out.

■ Ride safely and use common sense. Excessive speed is often the main contributing factor to motorcycle mishaps. The island is small so slow down. Also, performing stunts and tricks on your motorcycle are a sure way to get you into the hospital. Don't do them.

■ Do not drink and ride. If you are going to drink I have a plan for you; don't ride your motorcycle there. If you happen to have a drink, call your Wingman, take a cab, call your boss...Point is: Call SOMEONE for a ride. There is always someone that can help get you home safely. Don't kill someone, yourself or your career by not making a simple phone call.

■ Finally, Wingmen please have the courage to tell your fellow riders when they are doing something stupid. Simply asking them to slow down may do the trick. Be there for one another and take care of your fellow riders.

Motorcycle mishaps account for nearly 25% of the fatalities during 101 Critical Days of Summer. Take the proper precautions when you ride your motorcycle. Before you set out for your next ride, please go to <http://www.msf-usa.org> for more tips about motorcycle safety. It could save your life!