



# Team Lajes Weekly Bulletin

Lajes Field Air Base

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## WING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

#### Library

31 Dec -- 1300 - 1600

1 - 2 Jan – Closed

#### Education Office

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#### Consolidated Training

24, 31 Dec – Closed

#### PEC/ALS

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#### Community Center

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#### Café Bean

24, 31 Dec -- Open 0700 – 1200

25 Dec, 1 Jan – Closed

#### ODR, Art & Crafts, Auto Hobby, Island Garage, Sports Zone

24, 25 Dec -- Closed

31 Dec, 1 Jan – Closed

#### Bowling Center

24, 25 Dec -- Closed

31 Dec -- Open 0730 - 2100

1 Jan – Closed

#### Fitness Center

24 Dec -- 0800 - 2100

25 Dec -- Closed

31 Dec -- 0800 - 2100

01 Jan – Closed

#### TORC

24 Dec -- 0800 - 1330

25 Dec -- Closed

31 Dec -- 0800 - 1330; 2100 - 0200

1 Jan -- Closed

#### Oceanview Island Grill

24 Dec -- Closed at 1900

25 Dec -- Open 1100 to 1200 for Lunch; 1800 to 1900 for Dinner (Limited menu items available)

26 Dec -- Open at 0800

31 Dec -- Closed at 1900

1 Jan -- Open 1100 to 1200 for Lunch; 1800 to 1900 for Dinner (Limited menu items available)

#### ENLISTED PROMOTION CEREMONY

Please take the time to come out and congratulate the Air Force's newest Junior Enlisted, Noncommissioned Officer, & Senior Noncommissioned Officer promotees at the Enlisted Promotion Ceremony, 30 December 2010, 1000 hours in the TORC Ballroom.

#### CHANGE IN ROTATOR SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS:

There will be a change in the normal Space-A rotator schedule from Dec 27-31. For more details, please contact the AMC Passenger Terminal at 535-33227/3582.

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**TRACK OPEN:** The track has re-opened. All members due for their PFA test will now take their test on the track. We kindly request everyone to please KEEP OFF THE IN-FIELD.

**CAN YOU PLAY THE BASS?** The wing band is looking for an experienced bass guitarist. The member can be active duty, U.S. or a Portuguese civilian employee. Contact Tommy Brooks at [Donald.Brooks@LAJES.AF.MIL](mailto:Donald.Brooks@LAJES.AF.MIL) if you're interested.

**TOBACCO CESSATION CLASS:**  
A Tobacco Cessation class is scheduled for the following dates in January at the Health and Wellness Center.

DATES: 3, 5, 12, 14 JANUARY 2011

TIME: 1200-1300 HRS

LOCATION: T-333, HAWC, CONFERENCE ROOM

You may bring your lunch

To sign up call: 525 HAWC or email

[hortencia.ramon@lajes.af.mil](mailto:hortencia.ramon@lajes.af.mil)

**EVERY CHILD READY TO READ:** On Dec. 18 from 1300 to 1400 and Dec. 31 from 1330 to 1700, the library will be hosting special story time events. The library is looking for 5-6 volunteers each day to read stories and assist with ornaments and decorations. Volunteers should contact Mr. Niblick, Lajes Librarian, via e-mail: [william.niblick@lajes.af.mil](mailto:william.niblick@lajes.af.mil) or DSN 535-6253.

**REFLECTIVE BELT ROE REMINDER:**

AFI 91-207 USAFE Sup:

3.5.2.1. (Added) In cases where separation of pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic is not feasible, military personnel in uniform must wear reflective accessories during periods of reduced visibility (hours of darkness, inclement weather, etc). Personnel in civilian attire are encouraged to wear light-colored clothing or reflective accessories. This requirement must be briefed during newcomers' orientation and addressed in the installation traffic code.

**TAX VOLUNTEERS:** The 65 ABW/JA office is looking for highly motivated individuals to be unit Tax Representatives. We are asking for two people per unit. These individuals will be responsible for tax preparation in their respective unit. Volunteers are asked to get approval from their respective chain of command and to contact TSgt Cohen or MSgt Wade at 535-3546.

**BLACKBOARD REVISION:** SOS and LDP students: Blackboard revision begins on 21 Dec. Access to site will be unavailable. Save any course work material needed before 4 Jan 2011. No exams for these programs from 21 Dec thru 4 Jan. Contact Education Services at 535-3355 for more information.

**MDG TRAINING DAY & TRICARE**

**ONLINE:** The 65th Medical Group and the appointment line will be closed on the 2nd Wednesday every month from 0800-1300 for unit training. Normal operations will resume at 1300 hours. As a reminder, TRICARE On-line



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(TOL) is always available as an option for appointment booking. All beneficiaries must register at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com) for an account. If you have any questions, please call 535-3261.

**WICO:** 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. Contact the Lajes WIC Overseas office, and give your child the healthy start they deserve. Open Tuesday-Thursday 0900-1400.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** Choctaw Archiving Enterprise (CAE) is responsible for implementing the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Overseas Program to U.S. military beneficiaries at U.S. installations in Europe. We have the following position available:

- ◆ **Part-Time Nutritionist/Dietitian/Nurse** in our

Lajes office. Requires a BS in Nutrition, Dietetics, Nursing or Home Economics. Experience in prenatal, maternal or infant nutrition required. Registered Dietitian preferred. Experience with WIC desirable. Must have current driver's license.

Choctaw Archiving Enterprise, a rapidly growing provider of health, social, mental health, and administrative services, will reward your efforts with an attractive hourly salary. For consideration, please e-mail your resume and cover letter to: [wicoverseasjobs@choctawarchiving.com](mailto:wicoverseasjobs@choctawarchiving.com) or fax to: (210) 525-1398.

**SOS COURSE DEADLINE:** Students in CRS 28 MUST complete the program by 31 Dec or they will be forced to re-enroll in the course. Contact Education Services at 535-3355 for more information.

**ACTION LINE at 535-4240**

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 is not the answer, call the Commander's action line at 535-4240 or email: 65 ABW/CC Action Line.

**MANGO LANGUAGES PROGRAM**  
Mango Languages is an award-winning, highly acclaimed, self-paced online language learning system! Mango is designed to teach users simple, practical, and polite conversation skills in a foreign language. For more information contact the Base Library at 535-3688.

**LAMC ROOMS AVAILABLE:**  
The Lajes Field Airman Ministry Center (LFAMC) has two rooms available that are conducive to hold a wide range of events (i.e.,



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having a pleasant conversation with a friend and a good cup of coffee from Café Bean, watching football games on the BIG screen TV, ballet classes, group meetings, game tournaments such as ping-pong, chess, dominoes, Xbox and Wii games, etc.). The LFAMC is located at Bldg T-307. For reservations of the multi-use rooms, please call 535-4019 or 535-5216.

**Scroll down or click on the FSS Happenings tab for events & activities!**



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LAJES FIELD, AZORES, PORTUGAL  
**FORCE**  
SUPPORT SQUADRON

## 65 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON HAPPENINGS

Pick up a copy of *ACCENTS* or go to [www.lajesfss.com](http://www.lajesfss.com) for more events and details. Please **"Refresh"**.

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<http://www.facebook.com/65fss>

### HOT HAPPENINGS



#### WINTER QUEST

Log onto [www.lajesfss.com](http://www.lajesfss.com) and look for the WinterQuest logo. Click on the logo and it links to a riddle page. Solve the riddle for a chance to win the monthly first or second prize. At the end of each month random winners are drawn from all the correct answers.

#### December; ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS

**FOR: First Prize - Hotel do Caracol;** Two night stay in double room; - Scuba Diving Lesson for one person (in the pool);- Spa Massage for one  
**Second Prize -** ½ dozen cookies; ½ dozen muffins, 3 coffees (double for members) TORC

#### January:-

**First Prize - Blu Ray Home Sound System—EXCHANGE (AAFES)**

**Second Prize -** 1 large pizza, cinnamon sticks and 4 sodas—Oceanview

#### February:

**First Prize - Netbook--ASUS® Eee PC Seashell 10.1" Intel® Atom™ N280 1.66GHz 250GB Netbook—FSS**

**Second Prize: -** Free bowling, shoe rental and a combo meal of choice for each family member—Bowling Center

#### March:

**First Prize -** \$500 certificate from Borja Reis

**Second Prize -** Lunch for two with the ABW/CC at the Portuguese Officers Club

*No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.*

**Watch Major Robinson on "Lajes Now"**



<http://www.lajesfss.com/index.php?do=video&vid=128>

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## PLACES TO GO

Call Outdoor Recreation, 535-4140 for reservation information.

### A TASTE OF THE NORTHERN COAST

January 8, 9:30 a.m. \$39.95/person, 5-12 yrs \$20. Enjoy vineyards, wineries, museum, and a free bottle of wine. Then on to a basket weaver, a delightful folk museum and church. A wonderful lunch tops off this tour.

### QUINTA DO MARTELO

#### A Cultural & Culinary Adventure

Saturday, January 15, 11 a.m. \$48/person, 5-12 yrs \$30. Enjoy a living museum and lunch. You'll experience traditional Azorean life from the first settlement era up through the 1900s.

## THINGS TO DO

Wondering what to do on Dec 31 AND not spend a lot of money??? Here are two great choices:



### NEW YEAR'S at the TORC

Friday, December 31, 9 p.m. TORC. Members are FREE - Non-members, \$5. Hourly prize drawings for members. **"Since Wednesday"**



loud and live! \$1 Long necks - Free tasty vittles. Dress for the evening is comfy clothes or fancy it up-- whatever you feel like. 535-2327.



### FAMILY NEW YEAR'S PARTY at the BOWLING CENTER

Friday, December 31; Three Cosmic Bowling games, shoe rental Combo Meal for ONLY

\$7.00 per person. Bowling Center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. New Year's countdown at 8 p.m. 535-6169.

### LAJES GOT TALENT!

Can you sing, dance, tell a good joke, twirl, juggle, do back flips through a burning hoop? If flair for entertainment, you can be a contestant on the *Lajes Got Talent*. Contact TSgt Myers at 535-6886 for contestant info. **Call by Jan 7.** The show is Jan 14, Community Center, 6 p.m.

**Watch TSgt Myers and A1C Johnson on**



**"Lajes Now":**

<http://www.lajesfss.com/index.php?do=video&vid=127>

**Video Game Rental-Community Center GAMERZ-Wii - Xbox 360 - Playstation 3 535-5216.**

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## **YOUTH & FAMILY**

### **BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING**

Registrations: until January 24; Coaches training: January 25; Skills Day: January 29  
535-3273.



### **TEEN MURDER MYSTERY**

Friday, January 7, 7-10 p.m. Ages 13-18  
\$3 Members - \$5 Non members  
Help solve the crime and eat pizza.  
535-3273.

### **HAT DAY AND OATMEAL MONTH**

#### **Family Involvement for CDC Families**

Friday, January 7, 4 p.m. Make a hat and enjoy an oatmeal cookie with your child.  
**Note:** Accepting applications for infant/toddler care. Please call for more information.



### **COWABUNGA**

Saturday, January 8, Noon - 2 p.m., **NEW LOCATION—COMMUNITY CENTER**

- bouncy castles
- face painting
- balloon figures

Kids under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a parent. Prizes awarded by age categories. Watch a holiday movie on the big screen.  
535-3273.

## **FUN THINGS TO LEARN**

### **CAKE DECORATING CLASS**

Tuesday, January 11 & Wednesday, January 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$25/person. These lessons are sweet! Bring a cake decorating kit or purchase one from A&C for \$13.95. Arts & Crafts, 535-3909.

### **BEGINNER CROCHET CLASS**

Thursday, January 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
\$15/person. Materials provided. Beginner crochet. Learn how to chain, single and double crochet. Arts & Crafts, 535-3909.

## **AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER COUNSELING**

Child and Youth Behavioral (CYB) Military and Family Life Consultant, 969-651-065.

**Call 535-4138 to register for all workshops.**

### **FINANCIAL WORKSHOP SERIES**

Take one or all of the classes, which are offered by an Accredited Financial Counselor. Mr. McDaniel is available to provide one-on-one or couple's personal financial counseling. The next series are Money Mgmt for Couples and Have you Fed Your PIG\* today?

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**MONEY MANAGEMENT AND COUPLES**  
Thursday, January 6, 3 - 4:30 p.m.  
Learn specific actions you can take to reach your financial goals.

**HAVE YOU FED YOUR PIG\* TODAY?**  
**Simple Tips for Saving & Long Term Investing.**  
Thursday, January 13, 3 - 4:30 p.m.  
Learn how to transform your financial dreams into \*Personal Investment Goals and plans.

**SOCKS (Spouse On-line Computer Knowledge & Skills).**  
Choose from over 250+ computer courses. Keep your skills current. It's easy, flexible and a great way to learn. Free to military spouses DOD Civilian spouses & DoDDS personnel.

**Watch Cynthia Burney on "Lajes Now":**



<http://www.lajesfss.com/index.php?do=video&vid=109>

## **JUMP START YOUR EDUCATION**

**ENLISTED TO AFIT PROGRAM**  
AFIT is offering opportunities to 6 NCOs to pursue an advanced science, engineering or management degree at Wright-Patterson AFB. Selection will be made in Feb for academic year 2011. The program is designed to provide commanders with a diverse and renewable source of highly proficient and educated career NCOs. Send nominations to [afpc.dpafe.orgbox@randolph.af.mil](mailto:afpc.dpafe.orgbox@randolph.af.mil) by 4 Feb. For more information visit

[http://www.afit.edu/en/admissions/usaf\\_usmilitaryapply.cfm#enlisted](http://www.afit.edu/en/admissions/usaf_usmilitaryapply.cfm#enlisted) or call the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

**ATTENTION UMUC STUDENTS**  
From 1 Dec 2010 until 10 Jan all UMUC textbooks purchased for Spring Session 1 through webText Europe will be 50% off!!! See

<https://webtext.europe.umuc.edu/textbook/> for more details!

**ATTENTION UMUC STUDENTS**  
UMUC \$100 Book Awards available for active duty military and their family members. Go to [http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial\\_aid/bookaward.html](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid/bookaward.html) and [http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial\\_aid/family\\_book\\_award.html](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid/family_book_award.html) or email [bookaward@europe.umuc.edu](mailto:bookaward@europe.umuc.edu)

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
**TERM III – 16 JAN-13 MAR enrollment open: MATH 103** - College Mathematics, Mon-Thur, 5: 15 -6:30 p.m., **PORT 111** - Elementary Portuguese, Mon-Thur, 6:45 – 8 p.m.. Call Scott at 535-4187 or email [SErwin@europe.umuc.edu](mailto:SErwin@europe.umuc.edu). UMUC offices closed 24 Dec - 2 Jan.

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**NATIONAL TEST CENTER - HOURS**  
Regular testing schedule: Mon, Wed, Fridays at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. Closed until 3 Jan

**TERM III SPRING REGISTRATION NOW IN PROGRESS**  
Sign up for Tuition Assistance at the AF Portal or see counselors at T-146. Register with school reps at T-146.

**CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE**  
Class CJSA 1312 - Crime In America: The study of American crime problems in historical perspective. Class dates 17 Jan - 11 Mar. Contact Delma at 535-6722 or email [lajes@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:lajes@europe.ctcd.edu)

**SAT and ACT PREPARATION**  
AD members and dependents may receive \$200 worth of discounts for the eKnowledge new SAT/ACT Test preparation books and the PowerPrep software. Visit

<http://eknowledge.com/back2school/sponsorship.htm>

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**  
CORE course HR5023 Research Methods, 18-23 Jan. Contact Chairidy 535-3171 or email [aplajes@ou.edu](mailto:aplajes@ou.edu) for information on the master's degree in Human Relations.

**Military Spouse Scholarships**  
Deadline for submitting an application for the National Military Family Association Spouse Scholarship program is 31 Jan. Spouses interested in receiving a grant for college courses must apply online at <http://www.militaryfamily.org/>

**NAF JOB OPPORTUNITIES**  
HRO, 535-6582, Bldg T-112, Room 20

**Club Operations Assistant - TORC T-121)**  
Open until filled  
**Recreation Aid – Community Center**

Open until filled  
**Barista**  
Café Bean, Community Center (T-307)  
Part-time  
Vacancy Closing Date: Open until filled  
**Child and Youth Program Assistant - Youth Center, Before and After School**  
Open until filled  
**Child and Youth Program Assistant - Youth Center, Open Recreation**  
Open until filled  
[www.lajesfss.com/index.php?do=01&fac=21](http://www.lajesfss.com/index.php?do=01&fac=21)

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**TORC**

31 Dec -- 0800 - 1330; 2100 - 0200

1 Jan -- Closed

**Oceanview**

1 Jan -- 1100 - noon (Lunch);  
1800 – 1900 (Dinner)

31 Dec – Close at 1900

2 Jan – Open at 0800

No deliveries on 31 Dec.

1 Jan; LN meals served from 1100 to 1200 and  
from 1800 to 1900—box lunches only.

Midnight shift meals can be picked up during  
those hours.



If your organization has an event you would like to have publicized on Lajes Now, call 535-6324, 3-4 weeks prior to the event. (PO fundraising events are not allowed.) If you are at the Café Bean during filming, wave at the camera!!

**PORTUGUESE TV STORY ON LAJES**

**FIELD (English subtitles)**

<file:///\\laj-dm-02.lajes.usafe.ds.af.mil\Basewide\65%20FSS\Marketing\TVInews\TVIm2.mpg>

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## HELPING AGENCIES CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### HOLIDAY EVENTS

#### **CATHOLIC**

Penance Service

21 Dec 1800

Christmas Eve Mass

(Children's Program)

24 Dec 1800

Christmas Day Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation)

25 Dec 1200

No Saturday Vigil Mass on 25 Dec

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Mass

26 Dec 0900

#### **PROTESTANT**

Christmas Play

The Fumbly Bumbly Angels

23 Dec 1800

Christmas Eve Service

24 Dec 1800

Traditional Service

26 Dec 900

Gospel/Praise Service

26 Dec 1030

### CATHOLIC DECEMBER SCHEDULE

#### **Worship**

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**

4:30 p.m. every Saturday or by appointment to facilitate work schedules. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**Saturday Evening Mass:** 5:00 p.m. Saturdays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**Sunday Mass:** 9:00 a.m. Sundays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**Daily Mass:** 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

#### **Special Masses & Reconciliation Service**

**Catholic Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation):** 11:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Dec 8 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

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**Catholic Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass:** 5:30 p.m. Dec 13 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**Catholic Penance Service:** 6:00 p.m. Dec 21 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

## Christmas Mass

**Catholic Christmas Eve Mass – Children’s Program:** 6:00 p.m. Dec 24 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**Catholic Christmas Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation):** 12:00 a.m. Dec 25 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**NO Catholic Vigil Mass on Christmas Day:** Dec 25 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**Catholic Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass:** 9:00 a.m. Dec 26 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

## Christmas Play & Choir Rehearsal

**Catholic Christmas Program Practice:** 6:00 p.m. Dec 20 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**Catholic Choir Rehearsals for Mass:** 6:00 p.m. Thursdays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

## Religious Education Ministry

**Catholic Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD):** 10:30 a.m. Sundays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

## Men’s Ministry

**Catholic Men of the Chapel Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. Dec 9 at Ch Vitaliano’s House. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

## Parish Meeting & Trainings

**Catholic Budget Meeting:** Noon. Dec 6 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**Catholic Christmas Mass Altar Server Training:** 3:00 p.m. Dec 14 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**Catholic Parish Advisory Meeting:** 11:30 a.m. Dec 15 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

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## DECEMBER PROTESTANT SCHEDULE

### Worship

**Traditional Service:** 9:00 a.m. Sundays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Church of Christ Sunday School:** 10:00 a.m. Sundays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Church of Christ Service:** 11:00 a.m. Sundays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Praise Service:** 10:30 a.m. Sundays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

### Christmas Play & Christmas Service

**Protestant Christmas Play followed by Cookies and Hot Chocolate:** 6:00 p.m. Dec 23 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Protestant Christmas Eve Service:** Noon Dec 24 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

### Prayer Time

**Protestant Parish Prayer Meeting/Lunch:** Noon. Wednesdays at the Airman Ministry Center. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

### Christmas Play & Choir Rehearsals

**Christmas Play Practice:** 2:00 p.m. Sundays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Chancel Choir Rehearsals for the Traditional Service:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the chapel.

For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Body of Praise Rehearsals for Praise Service:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

### Children's Ministry

**AWANA (Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed):** 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

### Women's Ministry

**Protestant Ladies Fellowship:** 6:30 p.m. Dec 6 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Protestant Ladies Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the chapel. For more information,



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## Men's Ministry

**Protestant Men's Bible Study/Breakfast:**

8:00 a.m. Saturdays at Airman Ministry Center.

For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

## Singles Fellowship Ministry

**Protestant Singles/Unaccompanied**

**Fellowship:** 12:30 p.m. Sundays Fagundes

Home. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Protestant Singles/Unaccompanied**

**Fellowship:** 18:00 p.m. Saturdays at Airman

Ministry Center. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

## Fellowship Ministry

**Officer Christian Fellowship:** 7:00 a.m.

Tuesdays at Airman Ministry Center. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

## Parish Meeting

**Protestant Parish Advisory Meeting:** 11:45

a.m. Dec 2 at Airman Ministry Center. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

## ECUMENICAL PROGRAMS

**Sunday Fellowship:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday at the

Chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:** 5:45

p.m. Dec 2 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch Capt) Dominic Vitaliano at 535-4211.

**The Three King's Workshop Gift Making**

**Event:** 9:00 a.m. Dec 4 at the chapel. For more

information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**The Three King's Workshop Gift Making**

**Event:** 2:00 p.m. Dec 5 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Combined Christmas Decorations:** 6:00 p.m.

Dec 5 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Angel Tree Program:** Until Dec 6 at the

chapel & BX. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

**Christmas Cantata:** 5:00 p.m. Dec 19 at the

chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Maj) Hector Colón at 535-4211.

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## COMMUNITY PROGRAM



**The Lajes Field Airman Ministry Center (LFAMC)** has two rooms available that are conducive to hold a wide range of events (i.e., having a pleasant conversation with a friend

and a good cup of coffee from Café Bean, watching football games on the BIG screen TV, ballet classes, group meetings, game tournaments such as ping-pong, chess, dominoes, Xbox and Wii games, etc.). The LFAMC is located at Bldg T-307. For reservations of the multi-use rooms, please call 535-4019 or 535-5216.

**SUM Dinner:** On the last Thursday of each month the Chapel sponsors a Single/Unaccompanied Members (SUM) Dinner. The meal is hosted by one of the squadrons, organizations, or groups from around base.

**Chapel Charities Committee:** The Charities Committee works to help meet the needs of base personnel as well as local nationals, orphanages and nursing homes. There is a “Chapel Charities Closet”, Bldg. T-112. Open to drop-of donations.

**Santa Rita Project (Sept–Jun):** This is a ministry that helps provide food to 58 Children. We are asking for a weekly donation of Wonder Sliced Bread, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter & Margarine.

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## ENTERTAINMENT /COMMUNITY EVENTS

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

**FRI, Dec. 31** – 1900 Megamind (PG)

**SAT, Jan. 1** – 1900 Due Date (R)

**SUN, Jan. 2** – 1600 Megamind (PG)  
1900 Skyline (PG-13)

### **65th CS Polar Bear Plunge**

The 65th Communications Squadron invites you to its second annual Polar Bear Plunge. Please see attached slide for details.

When: 1 Jan 2011; Time: 1300hrs

Where: Buzios' Swimming Point

Comm Sq invites you to its  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Polar Bear Plunge**  
"BYOCOCO"  
(Bring Your Own CoCo)

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### **GI Bill surprise: Congress passes improvements**

In a year-end surprise, Congress resurrected and passed a package of improvements in the Post-9/11 GI Bill that includes book allowances for active-duty members, living stipends for distance-learning students and coverage for vocational and apprenticeship classes.

Known as "GI Bill 2.0," the legislation is a compromise between veterans groups, schools and the Veterans Affairs Department to upgrade and fix problems with the year-old Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The goal, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee chairman Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii said, is to make benefits "less complex and more equitable" while also fixing errors.

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Most of the changes will take effect on Aug. 1, 2011.

Akaka is chief sponsor of S 3447, the bill that passed Congress on Dec. 15, but Rep. Walt Minnick, D-Idaho, is the original sponsor of GI Bill 2.0 legislation. Final passage of the bill is a victory for Minnick, who was defeated in the November elections.

Officially called the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act of 2010, the bill had been shelved earlier this year because it had a \$2.1 billion price tag that needed to be offset by cuts in other programs in order to pass.

The coalition that drafted the legislation agreed to revisions that reduce or restrict some improvements and curtail some existing benefits. The moves resulted in a cost estimate issued Dec. 8 by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office that found the new version would

save the government \$734 million over 10 years. Not everyone is happy with all of the details, but veterans groups want to maintain a united front.

“This is not perfect,” a representative from one veterans group said. “There are some things that we think are just wrong, and would have tried to remove if we had more time.”

For example, the bill makes VA the last payer to a school, a change that cuts costs because scholarships, fee waivers and other student aid will be applied before GI Bill benefits are used. That saves the government money but could prevent veterans from pocketing money, as some can today.

## Pluses and minuses

A Senate package of improvements to the Post-9/11 GI Bill would pay for increases and expansions of some benefits by curtailing others. What would change:

## PLUSES

- Active-duty service members and their spouses using transferred benefits would be eligible, beginning Aug. 1, 2011, for the \$1,000 book allowance; student veterans already receive this allowance.
- Living stipends would be available to people taking distance learning classes without the current requirement that they must take at least one classroom course to qualify. However, the payment would be half of the national average living stipend.
- Living stipends would be available to anyone taking enough credits to be considered a half-time student. Current law limits stipends to those attending more than half time.
- Nontraditional education would be covered through certificate and nondegree programs,  
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apprenticeships and on-the-job training, and correspondence training.

- A tuition and fee reimbursement cap for private colleges and universities, some graduate courses and for students paying out-of-state tuition would be simplified. Instead of being based on the highest rates for public schools in each state, a single nationwide cap would be set at \$17,500, effective Aug. 1, 2011. This is the national average for in-state tuition and fees. That amount is more than the current cap in all but a few states.

- GI Bill benefits could be used multiple times for licensure and certification tests and national college exams, starting Aug. 1, 2011. But students who use this benefit more than once would lose one month of their 36 months of benefits for every \$1,667 spent on exam fees.

To read more about G.I. Bill, visit

<http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2010/12/military-gi-bill-surprise-congress-passes-improvements-122210w/>