



Force Protection



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Friday

Cloudy
High 59
Low 53
Wind E 11 mph



Saturday

Heavy Rain / Wind
High 59
Low 54
Wind ESE 23 mph



Sunday

Rain
High 60
Low 53
Wind NW 19 mph



New policy authorizes social media access, with caveats

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

A new Defense Department policy authorizes DoD members to access social networking Web sites and other Web 2.0 platforms from nonclassified government computers, as long as it doesn't compromise operational security or involve prohibited activities or Web sites.

Defense Department officials issued the long-awaited policy Feb. 26, establishing consistent rules for all military members and employers.

Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III, who signed the policy, said it strikes a critical balance between the benefits and potential vulnerabilities of these applications.

"This directive recognizes the importance of balancing appropriate security measures while maximizing the capabilities afforded by 21st-century Internet tools," he said.

While authorizing access to these tools, the new

policy also recognizes the importance of protecting military networks and operations, said David Wennergren, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for information management and technology.

For example, the new policy allows commanders to temporarily limit access as required to maintain operations security or address bandwidth constraints. It also prohibits malicious activity on military information networks and denies access to sites promoting prohibited activity such as gambling, pornography and hate crimes.

While information sharing may seem the polar opposite of security to some people, Mr. Wennergren said the DoD officials can no longer afford to consider just one or the other.

"If you look at either one individually, you will fail," he said. "You will have great security, but no ability to access information sharing. (Or), if you think only about sharing, you will run into issues of operational security

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Thumb drives/flash media still prohibited on Air Force network

By Capt. Christina R. Hoggatt
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

The ban on flash media use in the Air Force is still in place, although U.S. Strategic Command officials at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., issued an order Feb. 12 allowing limited use of removable flash media devices under very specific circumstances and "according to service guidelines."

Consistent with this order, Air Force officials here decided to continue its servicewide ban on flash media devices until Air Force-specific guidelines and procedures are determined.

"The Department of Defense banned flash media devices over a year ago due to network threats," said Maj. Gen. Michael J. Basla, the Air Force Space Command vice commander. These threats have not disappeared. There are a number of military and government agencies working to mitigate these threats. The Air Force will be a partner in these mitigation strategies as we work to allow the limited use of flash media for mission essential requirements.



"This will not be a return to 'business as usual,'" General Basla said. "There will be strict limitations on using flash media devices when the Air Force returns to limited access and use. These limitations will be vital to our cyber security."

AFSPC is the Air Force designated approval authority for the Air Force network. In this capacity, AFSPC

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Standards and discipline

By Maj. Jason Whittle

65th Contracting Squadron commander

The American Airman is different. You, along with your brothers and sisters in arms, have raised your right hand and promised to live by a higher standard. You volunteered to give your life in defense of our country.

While your buddies back home enjoy shopping malls, sleeping in, and all the joys of the USA, you will spend time in harm's way, tasting the dust of the far-off countries where we serve in the face of danger. The stakes are high, and you've stepped forward to bear the weight of protecting them. Because of your willingness to fight and die for your country, you've also agreed to a multitude of little demands—everything from your appearance to your off duty behavior is scrutinized; how you write emails to how you talk—this has all become important. But really, who cares about this little, seemingly insignificant stuff?

Our standards are different from the standards of much of the civilian world. It is tempting to try to live as much like you did before you joined as you can—long hair, lazy free time, c'est la vie attitude. But this mindset is incompatible with the oath you've taken and service you've volunteered for.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not advocating that you become a robot of national defense, using your free time to sharpen your bayonets. But understand, when you stepped forward, you accepted the higher standards of the United States military. The days of white lies are gone—Integrity First. "What's in it for

me?" is replaced by a willingness to work long hours doing what needs to be done—Service Before Self. And doing a job "good enough" is replaced with doing it well—Excellence in All You Do. You no longer just look out for #1, but now you are a Wingman. Your country trusts you more than anyone else. In a time when nobody is dependable, when someone's word is only good as long as the agreement suits them, you are a rock. When our country calls, without fail you answer. You are the best military force in the history of the world; you ensure freedom, provide relief and comfort, and keep the bad guys at bay.

But what your nation doesn't see is all the little things you've done to prepare. Countless hours working out, pressing uniforms, polishing shoes, marching, exercises, studying, proofreading...all so that when the day comes that someone dares to go toe to toe, you are ready. A million seemingly little things, often annoying things, and they result in an Airman who is the best the world has ever seen.

While the rules and standards thrust upon you may seem silly or stupid, they are the tools that refine you into what you need to be: a strong, disciplined Airman. General Patton said, "If you can't get them to salute when they should salute and wear the clothes you tell them to wear, how are you going to get them to die for their country?" and "You cannot be disciplined in great things and undisciplined in small things. Brave undisciplined men have no chance against the discipline and valor of other men."

AFAF: Collectively taking care of our own

By Senior Master Sgt. Israel Jaeger

65th Air Base Wing Plans & Programs

The Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) program is in full swing, as many Lajes Airmen already know. To some military members, the AFAF may seem like just another program trying to separate you from your hard earned dollars. Many people are not aware that this is the only Air Force fund-raiser where all proceeds directly support Airmen and their families, either currently serving or retired. I'm blessed to not need Air Force aid these days; but as a Senior Airman stationed at Osan Air Base in 2001, I was extremely thankful it was available.

My father was an evangelist and passed away unexpectedly while on a mission trip in Romania. As the eldest son in the family, it was my responsibility to ensure he was returned to my grieving mother in the states. I spent the balance of my savings account paying mortuary fees, international travel and

burial service arrangements for my father. This left me with insufficient funds to procure my own transportation home. This is where the Air Force Aid Society stepped in! They actually obtained airline travel for me from South Korea to Los Angeles, free of charge. Thankfully, I was able to make it home to console my family and attend the funeral service, a day I will never forget. I was and will continue to be extremely grateful to all those men and women who contributed to AFAF and were there for me as a young Airman.

Many of us have a desire to make a charitable contribution, but are unsure exactly which organizations to support. When we see our Airmen in need, we usually don't get out our checkbook and write them a check. The AFAF provides us an opportunity to collectively take care of our own, while ensuring those who need aid the most are receiving it. It is a great cause and one that I hope you will give some thought and consideration to this year!

Commander's Action Line

535-4240

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 actionline@lajes.af.mil.



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Tech. Sgt. Tracy Daidone, 65th Communications Squadron NCOIC of Cyber Systems Operations, is currently deployed to Southwest Asia where he is working in the AFCENT Network Operations Center. Sergeant Daidone was recently recognized for restoring a mission-critical National Security Agency server that provides vital connectivity to and from the CENTCOM to numerous forward operating bases in the area of operations. Keep up the great work Tech. Sgt. Daidone- way to represent Team Lajes! (Courtesy photo)

Team Lajes' newest Senior Master Sergeant selects:

**MSgt Christopher Culbreth
(65 CES)**

**MSgt Richard Toppa
(65 LRS)**

**MSgt Scott Williams
(65 CES)**

Congratulations!



Above are the winners of the African American Trivia Contest held in February as part of African American Heritage Month. Congratulations winners! (Courtesy photo)



Lt. Col. Rob Lindsay, a space shuttle contingency support officer from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., assists Daniel Benedict, 14, son of Maj. Colby Benedict, with putting on a space suit at Lajes High School on March 3. Lt. Col. Lindsay, who was at Lajes as part of a space shuttle emergency landing exercise, visited the school to talk to kids about the U.S. space program. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Darrell Dean)

National Patient Safety Awareness Week

By Patricia A. Benedict, R.N.
65th Medical Group Director of Quality Services

In a concerted, nationwide effort to encourage and strengthen collaboration between patients, families and their healthcare providers – and improve patient safety through collective action – the 65th Medical Group is joining other leading healthcare organizations in celebration of Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 7-13, 2010, sponsored by the National Patient Safety Foundation.

This year's theme is "Let's Talk! Healthy Conversations for Safer Healthcare".

The 65th Medical Group, a member of the National Patient Safety Foundation's Stand Up for Patient Safety program, will engage staff, patients and community by emphasizing the critical need for partnership and participation in the drive for a safer healthcare system. Programs highlighting new methods for improving the informa-

tion exchange that occurs during patient/provider encounters will be launched and promoted throughout the course of the week.

"Clear and open communication between patient and provider is at the very core of safe patient care, and is a vital component in keeping patients safe during their journey through the healthcare system," stated Diane C. Pinakiewicz, MBA, President of the National Patient Safety Foundation.

It is important that patients take an active part in their health care and aren't afraid to seek out information when they don't know or understand something. We want to ensure each patient has the knowledge and tools to make informed decisions and experience world-class health care in an environment that guarantees their safety. The 65 MDG is in the business of safe, quality health care and we want to show you how we are providing just that.



Mark your calendar

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES:

Contact 2Lt Adam at 535-3573 for questions.
 March 12- Movie night at the CAC at 6 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available. Movie: —Amelia.
 March 18- Library book reading at 3 p.m. at the base library
 March 19- Self Defense Class from 2-4 p.m. at the



Chace Fitness Center

March 19- Luncheon and panel discussion from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the TORC.

LAJES 2010 AFAF The 37th Annual Air Force Assistance Fund, — Be, a Hero campaign has kicked-off and will run through March 19. Team Lajes' goal this year is to raise \$20,160. The Air Force Assistance Fund is a unique campaign because it is managed by Airmen, who are helping Airmen. Members should contact their AFAF representatives or 1Lt. Cornita Kimbrough to find out more information on how to donate.

RUNNING TRACK OFF LIMITS STARTING MARCH 22

Please be aware that starting March 22 and continuing until Sept. 22, the running track will be off-limits from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. due to projects underway to improve the track. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Agostinho Silva at 535-5151.

AETC SPECIAL DUTY RECRUITING TEAM

VISIT MARCH 30 & 31 The AETC Special Duty Recruiting Team is coming to Lajes March 30 & 31. The briefing will be in the T-146 auditorium at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 30 and at 9 a.m. on March 31. The brief will discuss becoming a Military Training Instructor, Military Training Leader, Air Force Recruiter and Professional Military Education Instructor. If you have any questions, please contact the Career Assistance Advisor, MSgt Frances Jackson at 535-6197.

TOP THREE MEETING March 19 Top 3 meetings are held every third Friday of the Month at the TORC at 3 p.m. Next meeting will be Friday, March 19.

9-PIN NO-TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT will be Friday, March 26 from 1-5 p.m. at the Bowling Center. Contact MSgt Frances Jackson at 535-6197 if you have any questions.

LAJES SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ENGINEERS The next SAME meeting is Wednesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the TORC. All career fields are invited to attend.

MILITARY ROAD CLOSURE UPDATE The Military Road repair project is now expected to be completed March 31. For a map of the closed roads or for more details, check the Commander's Access Channel or the Lajes website. If you have any questions, contact Capt. Matthew Altman at 535-68127 or the Public Affairs Office at 535-3413.

TAX SEASON IS HERE Tax season has begun and will continue until June 16th. For personnel who need their taxes filed but perhaps don't have the time to wait to get them completed can drop off their tax documents every Thursday from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Walk-in tax assistance at the legal office will be every Thursday from 12-4 p.m.

Current Tax Unit POCs:

FSS, MDG, CS: contact TSgt D. Anchundia at 535-1454

OSS, CONS, AMS, LRS: contact SSgt R. Boyd at 535-6796

WSA, SFS, CES: contact MSgt V. McIver at 535-1142

*All others members should contact the legal office at 535-3546 for additional information.

SUM DINNER March 25 The next Single Unaccompanied Members dinner will be Thursday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. If you have any questions on SUM, please call the chapel at 535-4211.

"MAY I KISS YOU" TOUR March 22 On behalf of Headquarters USAFE, the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and the School Liaison Office, you are invited to attend the — **May I Kiss YOU?** tour presented by Mr. Michael Domitrz, who is an author and leading expert on healthy dating. There are 3 scheduled sessions on March 22 in the CAC, each geared to a different intended audience.

9-10 a.m. Airmen 25 years of age and under are required to attend. Also open to any military members who wish to attend.

10:45-11:45 a.m. Lajes High School Students. Permission slip is required.

3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 and school parents.

**For more information, please call 535-3963.

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: My car battery is dead. Can you help me?

PORTUGUESE: Fiquei sem a bateria do carro. Podia me ajudar?

PRONUNCIATION: Fee kay saym butaree ya do karo. Poo dee a mee ajew dar?

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - The Spy Next Door (PG)

7 p.m. Saturday - The Book of Eli (PG-13)

10 p.m. Saturday - Nine (PG-13)

4 p.m. Sunday - Nine (PG-13)

7 p.m. Sunday - The Book of Eli (PG-13)

Movie times and schedule are subject to change.

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and letting bad things into your system. So you can no longer think of them as two separate subjects."

The new policy promotes what Mr. Wennergren calls "secure information sharing," providing the balance needed to tap into the capabilities social media networking provides without compromising security.

He emphasized the importance of personal responsibility in using unclassified military networks to access these tools, and said department officials will continue to evaluate the policy after it takes effect.

"There's a huge imperative for security," Mr. Wennergren said. "It is everyone's responsibility in the department to make sure they are doing all that they can to protect our information and our information systems."

Ultimately, he called responsible, security-conscious use of social media networks a win-win proposition for DoD members, enabling them to take full advantage of the power of social media networking.

"The world of Web 2.0 and the Internet provides these amazing opportunities to collaborate," Mr. Wennergren said. It not only promotes information sharing across organizational boundaries and with mission partners, but also enables deployed troops to maintain contact with their loved ones at home.

"So if you work on those two pieces (access and security) this really is giving people this avenue to do amazing things in terms of getting the information shared and making decisions happen much more rapidly," Mr. Wennergren said.

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officials are responsible for the policies, procedures and approval of flash media devices. The staff is working with the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, the Air Force Network Integration Center and 24th Air Force to develop the policy and processes to allow use of the devices under carefully controlled circumstances, said Lt. Col. Donovan Routsis, the AFSPC net-centricity division deputy chief.

"What we do not want is Airmen thinking they can go out and buy a thumb drive or USB or any flash media device and start using it," Colonel Routsis said. "In all reality, even when the policy is in place, that will still not be permissible. The use of any flash media device will only be authorized for mission-critical requirements and will be strictly managed."

"We are currently conducting research in order to provide for the Air Force's safe return of flash media devices," General Basla said. "Relentless adversaries continuously attempt to infiltrate our networks and systems trying to steal, compromise, degrade or destroy information, disrupt networks or communications, or deny service, so we must take all precautions to ensure we, as cyber wingmen, protect our networks at all cost."