



Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

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Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday

Sunny
High 64
Low 59
Wind N 12 mph



Saturday

Mostly Sunny
High 63
Low 58
Wind N 14 mph



Sunday

Partly Cloudy
High 63
Low 58
Wind N 13 mph



Business Information Meeting 2010

By Eduardo Lima
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 65th Air Base Wing will host the tenth Business Information Meeting and Products Exposition on May 27 at the Top of the Rock Club from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The objective of these events is for the U.S. Command at Lajes to explain requirements for doing business with the U.S. government and to give local and regional Azorean vendors an opportunity to showcase their products and services. These events will make it easier for U.S. personnel and Portuguese business owners to interact with one another.

"This is a mutually beneficial event aimed towards informing the local business community how to do business within the structure of U.S. requirements, as well as an opportunity for members of the base organizations to

meet with local businesses and become aware of what's available locally," said Senhora Filomena "Phyllis" Meneses, the 65th Contracting Squadron's Director of Business Programs.

"Last year we had 48 vendors participating in the products exposition and we hope to surpass that number this year," Senhora Meneses added.

The products exposition will help business owners in Portugal to advertise their products and services to the American component on base, creating more opportunities for the U.S. forces to purchase items locally and regionally. In fiscal year 2009, the 65th Contracting Squadron awarded 66.23 percent of the total dollars to the local economy and 56.62 percent of the Government-wide Purchase Card Program dollars, which was a 19.1 percent

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Expanded digital access requires same common sense

By Master Sgt. Keith Houin
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

Social networking sites are open to Air Force service-members and employees in the workplace. This change to policy has raised many questions about using social media officially and personally in the workplace.

But when you get right down to it, little has changed. The rules established for Internet use at work are no different than before the Air Force opened social media sites.

The guidance provided in the recently updated Air Force Guidance Memorandum, Responsible and Effective Use of Internet Based Capabilities, which replaces Air Force Instructions 33-100 paragraph 6.2.2.2 and 33-129 paragraph 2.1, is just as true for visiting commercial Web sites for personal use on government computers as for using Internet-based services to access social media on those same computers.

What you can or can't say hasn't really changed, either. Guidance found in the 35-series AFIs still offers the primary guidance for public release of information and covers official Web management policy.

Though little has changed in the rules, the tools have come a long way from the early days of government commercial Internet use. In the earliest days of the Internet, forums and bulletin boards were popular ways of sharing information, but they took time to connect, download and upload. Use was limited to people who understood computers.

Today's social networking has arguably become the fastest way to disseminate and share a variety of information. According to Econsultancy.com, the Internet took four years to reach 50 million people, yet in nine months

Facebook has added 100 million users. The exchange of information is nearly instantaneous. Its accessibility and speed allows us to fire and forget without much thought as to what we say or do.

From a personal standpoint, you may say something that upsets someone or post personal information you may not have really wanted to share. From a professional and official standpoint, this can be dangerous and could cause problems for people far removed from the initial post.

There are more than a few common sense tips to remember that can help keep people out of trouble in the social networking world, and at the same time help tell the Air Force story while communicating with family and friends.

Most importantly, think about what you say before you say it. Your words live forever on the Net.

Everything that applies to other forms of communication applies to the Internet social networking atmosphere as well. Simply think of all the annual briefings you get about operations security, political activity, privacy act and other topics. Ask, "Is this allowed in other forms of communication?" If you aren't sure, it's a good bet you should get additional guidance before posting to a social networking site.

We're proud of our profession and want everyone to know that we're part of the Air Force, but putting your rank and your name in your profile on a social networking site has some unintended implications.

A Facebook page with the user name "Chief Master Sgt. J. Suchnsuch" is likely to be viewed as an official site. The same page with the username of "J. Suchnsuch,"

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Top ten reasons why the CV loves Lajes

By Col. Paul Suarez

65th Air Base Wing Vice Commander

As my family and I wrap up our tour at Lajes, I wanted to reflect on my experience and review with you why I still consider myself Lajes' #1 fan.

I can honestly say the base, people, setting, and local culture still make me claim to Airmen from other bases that Lajes is "the best kept secret in the Air Force". In preparing my comments 2 years ago for the very first Right Start briefing I was to give, I believe I hit upon the reason I feel this sentiment: Lajes represents the Air Force most of us envisioned we were joining. By that, I mean the image we had in our mind when we visited the recruiter's office or thumbed through the first glossy commissioning pamphlet we picked up.

I'll bet most of us pictured a small base, set in a rural community...away from the "hustle & bustle" of urban city-centers. It was a well-manicured base with uniformly tan-colored buildings sporting brown roofs (which many of us still refer to as "Creech brown") that was the envy of other services, and it was a base whose mission was understood and supported by everyone because they were all part of the same wing...and we all knew who the boss was (remember: one wing, one

base, one boss?). For me, that describes Lajes, and, given the fact that we're overseas just makes it better. So, to borrow from David Letterman, I'd like to offer my own Top Ten List of Reasons Why I Still Love Lajes:

10. It doesn't rain all the time – sure, we can get some spells of really wet conditions, but when the sun is out and it warms up, I don't think any place can rival Terceira for its variety of sidewalk eating or outdoor activities.

9. The wind makes for great kite-flying weather – did you ever try to do something when there wasn't enough wind? Not a problem, here.

8. You don't need a tee time at the golf course –the course here is one of my favorite places to spend time and there's lots to be said for the convenience of just showing up to play...and getting out without having to wait (except for early Saturday & Sunday mornings—tee time for the regular Portuguese golfers). I encourage more Americans to take advantage of it, because it's the best deal going in the Air Force.

7. You can't get away with anything, so most don't even try – as a small community, we can always bet someone nearby knows who we are, which is actually nice since we at Lajes are known for looking after each other—

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Japanese Beetles

By Tech. Sgt. Steven S. Mitstifer

65 CES, Pest Management

You may have noticed some funny looking green and yellow cans hanging in various places around the base. These are not UXOs and they're not for decoration- they are Japanese Beetle traps. There are 100 of these traps on Lajes Field and they are placed and monitored by the 65th Civil Engineering Squadron Pest Management section.

These traps are set out in early May and removed in October. During this time, the Pest Management section surveys these traps on a weekly basis, removing and discarding any Japanese Beetles that have been caught. Approximately 33,000 beetles are caught during this period every year. That means there are 33,000 less beetles reproducing for the following year.

You might be asking yourself why are we so worried about Japanese Beetles? Japanese Beetles are among the worlds most destructive pest when it comes to turfgrass, trees, shrubs, field crops and fruit, which costs the turf and ornamental industry approximately \$450M each year in management alone. Here on the island, the beetles are not necessarily a problem on base, but off base they pose a huge threat to the local economy, attacking the fruit and field crop industry.

The adult Japanese beetle, which attacks trees, shrubs, field crops and fruit, is a broadly oval beetle, 8 to 11 mm long and 5 to 7 mm wide. It is generally metallic green, with bronze or coppery-brown wing covers that do not completely cover the abdomen. The five patches of white hairs on each side of the abdomen and one pair on the last abdominal segment distinguish the Japanese beetle from all other beetles.

The larva, which attacks turfgrass, is a translucent and creamy white grub covered with scattered long, brown hairs interspersed with short, blunt spines. The head is yellowish-brown with strong dark-colored mandibles and the body consists of three thoracic and ten abdominal segments. Adult Japanese Beetles generally live from 30 to 45 days and during this time the females deposit a total of 40 to 60 eggs in the soil. The larvae live in the soil for several months overwintering when the temperature drops to 50 degrees.

The larvae will continue to feed on grass roots in the spring and pupate, emerging as adults from May – June, starting our trapping cycle all over again. So the next time you drive by one of those ugly yellow cans, you will know they are there to protect our island from a destructive and invasive pest.

Call the Pest Management office at 535-6194 if you have any questions.

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.



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65 OSS

Spirit Award of the Quarter

65 CES



Anthony Ciranni receives his Eagle Scout pin from Scout Master and father, Chuck Ciranni, during the Boy Scout Court of Honor at the base chapel May 16. Eagle Scout is the highest position that can be held by a Boy Scout. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Darrell I. Dean)

Voting While Stationed Overseas

Have you ever wondered how to vote in elections when you're stationed overseas? There are tons of information available on the Internet for personnel stationed overseas. Simply go to www.favap.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, Shopette (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 vote@lajes.af.mil and we'll send you your representatives contact information.

Now let's get out there and vote!

Team Lajes celebrates National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. This year, the 65th Security Forces Squadron will host events during the week of May 24-29.

See below for a list of NPW events. For additional information, please contact 1st Lt. Michael Alvord or Master Sgt. Michelle Hagen at 535-6114.

Monday, May 24, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. - Battle of the Badges (Chase Fitness Center)

Security Forces and the Lajes Fire Department will duel each other in volleyball and basketball.

Tuesday, May 25, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. - Jail/Bail with Burger Burn (Tennis courts)

Want to jail someone? Put money down to jail anyone on base and, unless they pay the same amount you put down, they will be jailed!

Wednesday, May 26, 4 p.m. - Base Flag Retreat (T-100 Flagpole)**Thursday, May 27, 7 a.m. – Shooting Competition/Pancake Breakfast**

1 p.m. – Football game (Field near Chase Fitness Center)

Friday, May 28, 11 a.m. – Golf Tournament (4-person teams) and Burger Burn

Cost is \$100/ team plus green fees (\$9 E-4 and below/everyone else \$16)

Sign up by May 27. Contact Tech. Sgt. Crawn to sign up at 535-3423.

Saturday, May 29, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Car Wash and Burger Burn (Commissary parking lot)

The Lajes Field Commissary completed a two day inspection on May 14th. The inspection covered all aspects of the Commissary operations which included an in depth look into each department and overall management of the store. The Commissary received a score of 99.3 % out of 100. Congratulations to our Commissary staff!





Mark your calendar



POWER/WATER OUTAGES OUTLOOK:

(Contact Jose Barbosa at 535-6839)
Saturday, May 22: T-506 (Medical Warehouse)
WATER OUTAGE from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25: Beira Mar Housing T-1500 to
T-1510- POWER OUTAGE, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SUM DINNER: hosted by Asian Pacific American

Heritage Organization: 5:30 p.m. May 27 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Capt) Ismael Rodriguez at 535-4211.

LADIES SOFTBALL: The Lajes Ladies Softball base team is looking for players! If you're interested, contact Jolee Berry at joleeberry@hotmail.com or call 926887151. Softball experience is not required.

2ND ANNUAL WEBQUEST IS COMING: June 1-25.

Beginning June 1, log onto www.lajesfss.com and look for the WebQuest logo. Click on the logo and it links to a FSS riddle page. Solve the riddle for a chance to win the weekly prize or the bonus grand prize. Each Monday, random winners are drawn from all the correct answers.

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increase from the previous year.

The products exposition is open to the public and everybody is encouraged to attend, especially the Government Purchase Cardholders and unit requirement generators because the event will give them a chance to see the variety of items available and also enable the 65th Air Base Wing to continue its support to the local economy.

For questions or information on how to participate contact Senhora Filomena (Phyllis) Meneses at 535-1465.

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and profile information that includes rank and position is much less likely to be viewed by the public as official.

Using social networking sites wisely comes down to common sense, responsibility and accountability.

Before you post anything to social networking sites ask these simple questions:

1. Am I violating any rules?
2. Is it a responsible comment to make?
3. Am I willing to be accountable for the comment?

If you answered, no, yes, yes, it is likely you are on the right track. If you weren't sure when answering, you need to become familiar with the social media "rules of the road."

Social Media "Rules of the Road"

What can I do on these sites?

- DO use the sites to help demonstrate the mission: we don't know the best application yet -- MAKE IT!

- DO be creative: use this forum as a way to build relationships and new ways to operate

- DO get engaged online: the enemy is living here already; it's time for us to show our side of the story

- DO use your best judgment: in the end you're responsible for what you say and the image you present

- Do THINK OPSEC

- DO give firsthand accounts: go with what you know and share, but not second hand information

- DO correct folks if they misrepresent the Air Force: respectfully and factually, but make it right, or redirect them to factual information via links

- DO correct yourself if you make a mistake: it's the right thing to do, CREDIBILITY IS CRITICAL

- DO act professionally: you are our best interface to the public: be proud and act appropriately

- DO remember the UCMJ still applies: just because it's in a virtual setting doesn't make something that would be illegal any more lawful or appropriate

- DO ask for help if you aren't sure about posting something (local PA is a great place to start)

What CAN'T I do on these sites?

- DON'T spill the beans on operations, privacy info, contractually sensitive or classified data. THINK OPSEC

- DON'T think this is your home computer: FarmVille, Mafia Wars, Ebay, day trading, apps and widgets need to be done elsewhere

Community

Phrase of the Week

A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: I'm learning Portuguese. Could you speak more slowly?

PORTUGUESE: Estou aprendendo português. Podes falar mais devagar?

PRONUNCIATION: Ishto ahprendeendo portugeyash. Poday fahlar miesh devahgar?

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



Saturday, May 22 6:30 p.m. Poço da Areia, Praia

Saturday, May 22 6:30 p.m. São Mateus

Monday, May 24 6:30 p.m. Terreiro, Terra Chã

Monday, May 24 6:30 p.m. Altares

Tuesday, May 25 6:30 p.m. Terreiro, São Bartolomeu

Tuesday, May 25 6:30 p.m. São, Luis, São Bento (near Angra)

Wednesday, May 26 6:30 p.m. Terreiro, São Mateus

At the Movies



7 p.m. Saturday - How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

10 p.m. Saturday - Hot Tub Machine (R)

4 p.m. Sunday - Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG-13)

7 p.m. Sunday - How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

Movie times and schedule are subject to change.

- DON'T be rude (your mother's watching): no obscene, abusive, hateful, or racially, ethnically or other offensive posting/viewing

- DON'T use other people's info: copyrights, trademarks, logos, writings, etc., must be honored

- DON'T tread on others rights: respect everyone's right to privacy and personal freedom

- DON'T pass on second/third hand info; just because your buddy told you doesn't mean it's true, firsthand only please

- DON'T spend half your day tweeting, blogging, etc: chatting with friends on lunch is OK, but don't go crazy

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like a good wingman should.

6. You're never a stranger at the most popular off-base establishments – whether it's running into other Lajes people at your favorite restaurant or being greeted by name at one of the local shops, it's nice to get that small town experience ('cause I know I won't be getting it in Washington, DC!).

5. You don't have to fill the gas tank every week – as a matter of fact, I can go months without filling the tank in my "island bomb", and I like that (think of the time we save by not having to drive very far for anything?).

4. You only need to look up to see the ocean – while beautiful vistas of the deep blue Atlantic can start to become mere background for us, trust me, most of us will never again get to live in a place where we have such stupendous views—most of us right from our own homes.

3. Knowing your kids' principal and teachers here is a good thing – I've said it before and I'll continue to say it: sending your kids to Lajes E/H School is like getting a private education for free!!

2. You can be a hero – we don't have a lot of people here, so whether it's stepping up to take on a challenging project at work or agreeing to volunteer your time at one of the many activities we offer, you can really make your mark here, regardless of how long your tour is.

And the **#1** reason why CV still loves Lajes: Praia Fest!