



Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

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Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy

High 68

Low 63

Wind SSW 16 mph



Saturday

Partly Cloudy

High 68

Low 63

Wind SSW 16 mph



Sunday

Partly Cloudy

High 68

Low 63

Wind SSW 11 mph



JFTR lifted

By 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

The restricted weight allowance for accompanied military personnel and civilian employees assigned to Lajes Field Azores has been rescinded.

All accompanied personnel, with household goods shipments to/from Lajes, picked up on or after May 15, 2010, are authorized full JFTR/JTR weight entitlement.

This does not indicate members must ship their full weight allowance. Sponsors should advise inbound personnel of this change immediately.

Additionally, sponsors should contact the Housing Office to obtain a list of available furnishings (i.e. washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, etc.), type of houses available, and the sizes of houses, so inbound personnel can determine what items to ship and what items to place in CONUS non-temporary storage.

There is no grandfather clause for this entitlement. If your household goods were picked up prior to May 15, 2010, you are not authorized to receive another shipment. Outbound personnel who already have orders but did not yet have a shipment picked up should contact 65th Force Support Squadron/Career Development to have their orders amended. Contact the Lajes TMO at 535-5168 if you have any questions.

Vehicle document requirements on Terceira Island

By 1st Lt. Naomi Evangelista
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All personnel who want to drive their vehicle onto Terceira Island must have the proper documentation or they will be ticketed.

Copies of the following documents must be in your car at all times, whether you want to drive on base or around the island: valid insurance form (green form) and valid safety inspection form. To show the police you have these documents, you must acquire the appropriate "stickers" to place on your windshield. You can get the insurance tag from your respective insurance company and the safety inspection form from the vehicle inspection processing point. Pass and ID at the main gate can provide you with the plastic stickers for your windshield if needed.

Additionally, if you drive a Portuguese plated vehicle and want to drive your vehicle onto base, you must also have an Air Base 4 vehicle pass in addition to the normal required documents. You can obtain the AB4 vehicle pass from the Pass and ID building at the main gate.

Portuguese law requires all vehicles on Terceira Island, US and Portuguese-plated vehicles, to have their vehicle inspected within 60 days of arriving to the island. If you are new to the island, Security Forces will provide you with a yellow inspection form for you to keep until you obtain your vehicle inspection. This yellow form is only valid for 60 days and should not be kept in the

vehicle once expired. Following the initial 60 days you are required to place the inspection sticker on your windshield to show compliance. It is also recommended that you keep a copy of your shipping document in the car during the initial 60 days to show compliance.

The only vehicle inspection point on the island is in Cabo de Praia, and it is only this inspection point that can issue extensions of inspection certificates in case your car does not pass its initial or follow-on inspections. The initial inspection costs 30.25 Euros and, if you require a re-inspection for not passing your initial inspection, the cost is an additional 17.25 Euros. You must call the inspection point to schedule an appointment prior to going. They can be reached at 295-540-280.

The 65th Security Forces Squadron also advises people to maintain their current vehicle documents and to get rid of all expired documents to ensure smooth processing if their car is inspected for the appropriate documentation.

If vehicles are found to be out of compliance, the owners will be ticketed by Air Base 4 and the owner will have five days to show proof of required documents. Depending on where the ticket is issued (on or off base), points against your driving license and/or a monetary fee can be fined.

For any questions or concerns regarding the proper vehicle documentation requirements for the island, call the Pass and Registration office at 535-3645 or visit them in Bldg. T-815.

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Making your mark on the world

By Maj. Lynn Sylmar

65th Air Base Wing, Staff Judge Advocate

President Barack Obama said, "Making your mark on the world is hard. If it were easy, everybody would do it."

In the Air Force we continually face challenges—success and failure, trials and tribulations—but it is how we choose to respond that defines us - it's about attitude.

I was recently tasked to support a Chief of Staff directed exercise which involved every US military branch as well as French and other international military services. I was looking forward to the exercise and hoped to learn a lot from the experience since I had not previously worked in an Air Operations Center (AOC).

On the flight to Germany, I ran into several other personnel from Lajes who were also supporting the exercise. We recognized one another and took seats together in the terminal waiting area. We discussed our expectations of the upcoming exercise and everyone seemed in good spirits. When we arrived in Frankfurt it was after 11 p.m. and we were all tired. We had been previously advised that there would be government transportation to take us to Ramstein, but it was after hours and now we were expected to find our own way.

There were plenty of cabs outside the terminal so we decided to share a ride. However, after we informed the cab driver that we needed to go to Ramstein he picked up his cell phone and made a call. He then informed us that it would cost 300 euro. We all exited the cab and were forced to pay the driver 5 euro just to unload our bags. Events were not off to a smooth start.

Fortunately, I had the number of a local shuttle service who priced the trip at 160 euro, we agreed and awaited his arrival. Approximately 40 minutes later, now approaching midnight, everyone was still in good spirits but definitely ready to arrive at the KMCC for some much needed rest. However, no shuttle. Several phone calls later the shuttle finally arrived and we loaded up for the hour and a half trip.

When we finally arrived at Ramstein, we were all exhausted and ready to go to sleep. We unloaded and entered the KMCC lobby for check-in. One reservation was on Ramstein, one at Vogelweh--miles from Ramstein, and no reservations for the other two. "We're overbooked" the attendant told us, "Many people are stranded due to the volcanic ash." After a few minutes and some phone calls, we were directed back into cabs to be shuttled

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101 Critical Days of Summer is upon us

By Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi

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It's another time of the year for the "Critical Days of Summer" campaign.

The summer season is now upon us and brings with it sunny days, family vacations, and more outdoor activities with family and friends. Unfortunately, the season also comes with increased risks and opportunities for reckless behavior, which are all preventable with safety in mind.

While enjoying this summer activities, Lajes members are reminded that it is very important for us to keep safety in mind and take care of each other.

Unfortunately last year, the Air Force lost more than 22 Airmen; 17 were lost in 2008, and a total of 19 Airmen were lost in 2007, just in the 101 Critical Days of Summer alone. The majority of those losses were from vehicle mishaps.

Some of the other factors involved in these mishaps included speeding, alcohol and not using seat belts -- all risks that are easily correctable.

By focusing on safety, like wearing seat belts, looking both ways before crossing the street, wearing protective gears while partici-

pating in sporting activities, and by taking care of each other, mishaps and fatalities can be avoided.

To stay safe during this year's summer are few safety tips:

I am sure you have heard this a number of times; "Don't Drink and Drive," and always use a designated driver.

Plan ahead. Always remember to use the mishap prevention tools available through the safety representatives, and MAJCOM safety offices. The Air Force Safety Center portal page also contains many additional safety tools and information and is updated weekly.

Don't let your guard down! Throughout the remaining summer, be proactive by identifying and managing risks on- and off-duty. Expect to be reminded of key safety tips through commander's calls, base news website, publications and supervisors. Use these resources and be a life saver.

Don't forget to have a wingman. Plan every event out, think it through and don't forget to have a wingman with you. And try also to be another person's wingman. Don't stand there and watch your fellow Airman perform unsafe

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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.



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APAHM Thai Cooking Demonstration (and more!)

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If you could eat only one type of ethnic food group for the rest of your life, what type would you choose? For me, it would be Thai food (but don't tell my family, who are Filipino and Korean because I would be immediately disowned!)

Pad Thai, curry, spicy beef, tom yum soup... just thinking about my favorite Thai dishes makes my mouth water. So when I heard there was a Thai cooking demonstration on base as part of Asian Pacific American Heritage month, I jumped at the opportunity to learn how to cook them.

The demonstration was led by Piyawan Egenberger and Oracha Williams who did an excellent job of showing the group step-by-step how to make Pad Thai, spicy beef salad and stir-fry mussels. The combination of sweet, spicy, sour and "fishy" filled the chapel annex air and had everyone's tummies rumbling for a taste of the chef's creation.

And sure enough, following the demonstrations the chefs brought out pre-prepared dishes of all three for us to partake in, and I must say, it did not disappoint!

If you missed out on the scrumptious cooking this time, don't worry! There are a couple more events where you will be able to partake in these Asian dishes, cooked by our very own 65th Air Base Wing family!

The Asian Pacific American Heritage month GRAND FINALE will be Saturday, May 29 at 1 p.m. in the Community Activity



Piyawan Egenberger and Oracha Williams demonstrate to members of Team Lajes how to cook Pad Thai noodles as part of a Thai Cooking Demonstration to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at Lajes Field. Other dishes that were demonstrated were stir-fry mussels and spicy beef salad. (Photo by 1st Lt. Naomi Evangelista)

Center. Activities include a fashion show, dance performances, karate demonstration and ukulele instrument performance. And also, Asian Pacific-style dishes will be available for purchase to fill that craving of yours!

Come join the Lajes community in celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! Contact Maj. Angela Carlington if you have any questions.



A Portuguese child introduces himself and tells his age during a visit by the Lajes Elementary School kindergarten class to the Porto Martins primary school on May 20. The Lajes kindergarten class visited the Portuguese school and participated in recess and snack time with the Portuguese children. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Darrell I. Dean)



The basketball court being built near the Airmen dormitories on Lajes Field is near completion. The basketball court is expected to be completed in August 2010 with a cost of \$87,000. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca F. Corey)



Members of Lajes Field participated in the island's commemoration of "World Day to Fight Obesity", May 22. The program was organized by the Angra do Heroismo Health Center and the Montanheiros Club, whose mission is to explore Terceira island, as well as other islands of the Azores. (Photo by Manuel Martins)



Mark your calendar



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.

WEEK ONE—June 1-6 Grand Prize: Hotel do Caracol--Two nights lodging with buffet breakfast (for two), Scuba Diving (for one), Relaxation Massage (for one).

Weekly Prizes:

- 1. TORC: \$25 Gift Card
- 2. La Barca: 50€ Gift Card
- 3. Outdoor Recreation: Family Season Pool Pass
- 4. Oceanview Grill: Large Pizza; 4-large soft drinks; 1 order of breadsticks
- 5. Clube de Oficiais-50€ Gift Card

WEEK TWO—June 7-13

Grand Prize: Top Atlântico: 2 air tickets plus 2 hotel nights (double room) to Sao Miguel.

Weekly Prizes:

- 1. \$200 from Exchange New Car Sales
 - 2. Outdoor Recreation Rental: 3 months rental up to \$200
 - 3. La Barca: 50€ Gift Card
 - 4. Bowling Center: \$100 Pro Shop Gift Card
 - 5. Clube de Oficiais-50€ Gift Card
- No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.



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to our respective rooms. For some there was the inconvenience of having to carry bags up 4 flights of stairs and share a bathroom down the hall or spend the night and then be moved again in the morning. For others, it was an open bay, with no linens, no sheets, no pillows and a shower shared with 12 of your closest non-friends. At this point, the once upbeat attitude began to change.

Statements like: "This is ridiculous..." and "I can't believe how poorly planned this is..." were quickly joined by other similar statements.

"How long have you been in the military?" I asked one of them. "As an NCO, I'm assuming this is not the first exercise you have ever supported."

"You're right...", was the reply.

"Well, then you know two things: first, things are never as smooth as we would like--even in real world events and second, attitude is everything."

A great deal of wasted energy can be spent focusing on a negative mindset - mindsets such as, "I can't," "I won't," "I don't want to," and "I shouldn't have to," but for the Lajes team, everyone acknowl-

Phrase of the Week

A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: How was your weekend? Mine was very good.

PORTUGUESE: Como foi o teu fim de semana? O meu foi muito bom.

PRONUNCIATION: Komu foy oo teio feem the semahnah? OO meio foy muytoo bohnm.

BULL RUN SCHEDULE



Saturday, May 29 6:30 p.m. Santo Amaro
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 Monday, May 31 6:30 p.m. São João de Deus, Angra
 Monday, May 31 6:30 p.m. Raminho
 Tuesday, June 1 6:30 p.m. Largo da Fonte, São Sebastião
 Tuesday, June 1 6:30 p.m. Terra Alta, São Mateus
 Thursday, June 3 6:30 p.m. Rua da Pereira, Angra
 Thursday, June 3 6:30 p.m. Cantinho, São Mateus

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Clash of the Titans (PG-13)
10 p.m. Friday - Why Did I Get Married, Too? (PG-13)
7 p.m. Saturday - The Ghost Writer (PG-13)
4 p.m. Sunday - Clash of the Titans (PG-13)
7 p.m. Sunday - Why Did I Get Married, Too? (PG-13)

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

edged the need to stay positive.

The next morning was in-processing. With an exercise this large, I expected some disorganization, and it was definitely there. No transportation to or from certain areas, boxed lunches mis-delivered, briefers not available...many of the players not understanding the joint environment or where they fit in.

This time the grumbling was coming from the broader exercise participants. I noticed that when grumbling began, it was contagious. I trusted that the Lajes team, however, would remain positive. And they did.

They pressed through the eventful and uneventful with the same positive attitude. Meeting after meeting was viewed as opportunities to be value added to the planners, targeteers or operators. Taskers to guard the entry ways or inspect baggage were made, and the Lajes team saw these as opportunities to meet personnel from around the world. Many of you have seen the motivation poster that states "Attitude determines altitude", and I believe that's true. I had gone to the exercise to learn about the AOC and I while I did--I RE-learned an even more valuable lesson: it's always about attitude.

At the end of the exercise individuals were recognized for outstanding performance, both formally and informally. And while I don't discount the substantive work that our folks did, I believe more than anything it was the attitude with which our folks took on each task that made the difference. For commanders and leaders, attitude matters. In your section, office, unit or command, while you embrace success and persevere through failures, don't forget to fight for that positive attitude -- always.

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activities without making or suggesting any correction.

Every Airman should be a safety leader. Be vigilant during the remaining summer weeks and throughout the year. Stay safe and enjoy the summer activities with your friends and family.

If the situation presents itself, have the courage to intervene before a mishap can occur--doing so may save a life this summer!