



Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

In this Issue

- Be careful where you look

- Sanjoaninas Festival

—page 2

- Asian Pacific Heritage

- General Gorenc's visit

—page 3

Mark your Calendar:

- Power/water outages

- Webquest winners

—page 4

Weekend

Weather Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy

High 67

Low 61

Wind WSW 8 mph



Saturday

Partly Cloudy

High 67

Low 62

Wind W 16 mph



Sunday

Partly Cloudy

High 67

Low 62

Wind WSW 11 mph



U.S. Ambassador to Portugal visits Airmen at Lajes

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

Airmen here briefly hosted the U.S. Ambassador to Portugal, Allan Katz, as he arrived to Lajes for a visit June 1 to see the men and women of the 65th Air Base Wing.

The visit was the Ambassador's first to Lajes and the 65 ABW after his confirmation by the U.S. Senate in March, assuming post as the head of the U.S. diplomatic mission to Portugal.

After arriving here, Ambassador Katz received a briefing about the Lajes mission from Col. Peggy Poore, 65 ABW commander.

After the mission brief, which highlighted the Lajes' "Four Mission Pillars," the Ambassador got a first-hand view at some of Lajes' Airmen in action when he visited the 65th Medical Group, where he was welcomed by Col. Brian Witt, 65 MDG commander, and he also got a walk-through of the air traffic control tower.

Following his visit to the control tower, Ambassador Katz also got a tour of family housing, the future Airman's dorms, and the renovated Beira Mar Housing Units, among other places.

Ambassador Katz was able to share a few thoughts and comments about the base with members of Team Lajes when he had lunch with Airmen and members of the spouses club at the Top of the Rock Club. Ambassador Katz was very impressed with Lajes' units and the mission and he gave kudos to the men and women of the 65 ABW.

After his tour, he took a quick stop at the Portuguese Terminal, where he met Maj. Gen. Rui Mora de Oliveira, Commander, Headquarters Azores Air Zone.



Staff Sgt. Andrew Kilbride, 65th Operations Support Squadron, Air Traffic Control Watch Supervisor, briefs Ambassador Allan Katz, U.S. Ambassador to Portugal, on the unique air operations here at Lajes during his visit here June 1. Ambassador Katz visited Lajes Field as part of a familiarization tour to get a first-hand look at Lajes' daily operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Guido Melo)

Ambassador Katz described Lajes' mission and location in Portugal as very strategic and crucial to the U.S. global mission and international relations.

Apart from being an emergency landing strip for the Space Shuttle, Lajes is home to one of the Air Force's longest air strips and largest fuel depots outside the United States, the ambassador said while describing the value of Lajes' mid-Atlantic location to the U.S. Senate.

"Portugal remains one of our most steadfast NATO allies, and this excellent military-to-military cooperation (between the U.S. and Portugal) is most evident in the long-standing presence of the 65th Air Base Wing," Ambassador Katz said.

"YES" program gives students incentives for learning

The Youth Employment Skills Program is an on-base volunteer program funded by the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) and jointly administered by AFAS and Air Force Family Member Programs Flight.

"YES" offers high-school-aged dependents of active-duty Air Force members an opportunity to learn valuable work skills while having a positive impact on their base communities. The incentives for participating in the program are in the form of dollar credits for grant funding.

The YES Program allows all certified and enrolled high school students to "bank" volunteer dollar credits toward their post-secondary education and training at a rate of \$4 per hour volunteered in an on-base position.

Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours, for a potential \$1000 maximum, over all four years of high school combined. In addition, the participating base youth program will "bank" base community credits at a rate of \$2 for every hour volunteered per student, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per program year.

This year's program started June 1 and is scheduled to run through May 31, 2011.

The program is open to all high school-aged children in grades 9 to 12.

Students who wish to participate must sign a written agreement and must also submit a YES position description and YES enrollment application completed by both the student volunteer

To read more on "YES," see page 4



Be careful where you look

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William Bartoul
65th Air Base Wing chaplain

First of all, I loudly proclaim that I am very proud of all of you. Over these past several months, all of you have undergone rigorous testing in the workplace, on the home front, and in your most personal events. I'm not exactly sure how to express this in its proper proportions: sky writing, a banner 100 feet by 900 feet, loud speakers throughout USAFE... even these don't seem adequate...that's how very proud I am of all of you. As a friend of mine would say "you dun good!"

I hope all of you have a smile on your face right now. You earned it. You should be feeling pretty good about yourself; after all, you accomplished good things, made it through some difficult times, and successfully met some tough challenges. My question at this point is: Are you great because of what you did or were you able to do these things because you were already great?

The good feelings you have about yourself should not be dependent upon your status, skills, achievements, physical attributes, or financial resources. Any of these things can change or be taken from you. These illusions of success can give way to disillusionment. For example, just because your loved one left you, does not mean that you are a worthless sack of garbage. It only means that that particular relationship has ruptured and needs serious attention...usually one relationship is not the only defining moment in a person's whole life (although it may feel like that, at times).

If we let our status define us, then whoever controls our status controls us. If we let our

skills or physical attributes define us, then whoever manipulates our skills or physical attributes manipulates us. My point here is that these outward signs (skills, attributes, status, etc.) are visible characteristics of an invisible reality - who you really are "inside."

If a person is a leader, that's who the person is; that wonderful trait is equally found in those sitting in the CEO's chair and those parenting their children. If a person is a healer, that's who the person is; that amazing characteristic is equally found in those with the initials "MD" after their name and those who are excellent camp counselors, listeners, wingmen, and friends.

Regardless of one's physical attributes, if you are a shallow person, others will know it. The real you, your status, skills, achievements, physique, resources, are found in your integrity, natural abilities, commitment, and attitude.

The real you is not determined by the clothes you wear or the friends with whom you socialize; those things are outward signs of who you are inside. When the inside and the outside don't line-up, we call that hypocrisy.

So, the next time you want to take a good look at who you are, be careful where you look. Don't stop with peer feedback or the opinions of family and friends. Don't let your gaze get stuck on your clothing or certificates on the wall. Step away from the mirror and the phone. Sit down, close your eyes and look inside yourself...whether you believe it or not, the fact remains that each human being is someone of value and worth, that's you.

You are someone who is loved and needed. If you haven't discovered that yet, then you haven't been looking in the right places.

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

*Col. Peggy Poore
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing*

Col. Peggy Poore
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing

Sanjoaninas Festival full of cultural events

By Eduardo Lima
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Sanjoaninas Festival is the largest non-religious festival on Terceira and the Azores archipelago dating back to the 16th century, although in the beginning it had a religious connection.

Sanjoaninas honors St. John the Baptist and is a legacy of a secular tradition on the island which has evolved over the years and now includes parades, concerts, arena and street bullfights, expositions, sports, as well as other cultural events.

The following schedule of events includes the Sanjoaninas 2010 highlights. All events will take place in the city of Angra's main street unless otherwise noted.

■ **19 June 2010**

- 9:45 p.m. – Parade of marching bands playing the official Sanjoaninas theme
- 10 p.m. – Opening parade featuring the theme "Angra, Jewel of the World"
- 11 p.m. - Concert by local rock band "D'

Flat" (next to the marina)

11:30 p.m. – Box Music - Concert by Flavio Cristovão (Bailhão parking lot)

■ **20 June**

- Noon - Bullfight for children (Angra's small beach)
 - 2:30 p.m. – Jet Ski competition (Angra bay)
 - 6:30 p.m. – Area bullfight (bullring)
 - 8 p.m. – X Box tournament (multipurpose pavilion)
 - 10 p.m. - Concert by local rock bands (main square and next to the marina)
 - 11 p.m. – Krav Demonstration (main street)
 - 11:30 p.m. – Music Box – Concert by Portuguese Fado singer Marisa (Bailhão parking lot)
- **21 June**
- 6: 30 p.m. – Street Bullfight (Avenida dos Celeiros)
 - 7:30 p.m. – Judo & Gymnastics (Municipal pavilion)
 - 9 p.m. – Paintball tournament (Relvão,

To read more on "EVENTS," see page 4



The 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs staff prepares all editorial content in the Crossroads.

The Public Affairs Office (Unit 7710, APO, AE 09720) is located in Bldg. T-100, Room 240.

Submissions can be e-mailed to 65abw.pa@lajes.af.mil or faxed to 535-6326 and are due the Thursday prior to the required publication date. Call 535-6161 for more details.

This Air Force funded newspaper is an authorized weekly publication for members of the U.S. military services overseas.

Contents of the Crossroads are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

All photographs are Air Force photographs unless otherwise indicated.

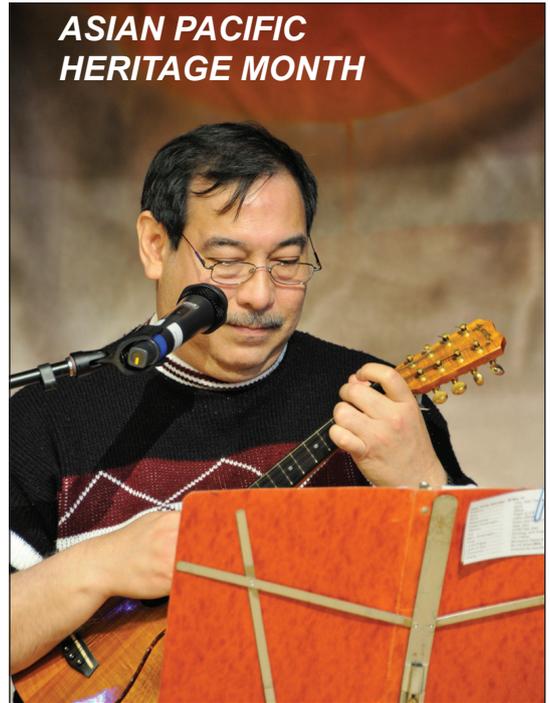
Editorial Staff

- Col. Peggy Poore**
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing
- Capt. Naomi Evangelista**
Chief, Public Affairs
- Mr. Manuel Martins**
Editor
- Mr. Eduardo Lima**
Community Relations Adviser



ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

Members of the Lajes community perform a Polynesian folk dance during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Grand Finale held at the Community Activity Center here on May 29, 2010. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca F. Corey)



ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. Robert Chang, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, plays the ukulele during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Grand Finale at the Community Activity Center here on May 29, 2010. Mr. Chang performed five songs during his solo performance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca F. Corey)



LAJES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Bottom row, left to right: Katherine Rodriguez, Cassandra Cobb, Drake Pieper, Robert Daniel, and Erika Bennett.

Top Row, left to right: Cassidy Clark, Darryl James, Emily Hanks, John Webb, Amanda Suarez, and Jarred Triesdell. (U.S. Air Force photo by Mr. Guido Melo)



GENERAL GORENC'S VISIT

Senior Airman Ryan Quiles, 65th Security Forces Squadron Unit Scheduler and Trainer, briefs Lt. Gen. Frank Gorenc, 3rd Air Force Commander, on how the 65 SFS helps build bilateral relations with their Portuguese counterparts during his visit to Lajes June 2. General Gorenc visited several units here and had lunch with enlisted service members during his familiarization tour of Lajes Field, Azores. (U.S. Air Force photo by Guido Melo)



BOWLING LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Members from the 65th Wing Staff Agency team accept the first-place trophy for the Lajes 2009-2010 Fall Roll-Off league. Pictured from left to right are: Master Sgt. Kimberly Pfender, Staff Sgt. Mark Plante and Senior Airman Ronald Garcia. Other WSA team members not pictured are: Col. Peggy Poore, Master Sgt. Alec Maund, Staff Sgt. Jason Thigpen, Staff Sgt. Anthony Flores and Senior Airman Donald Henry. (Courtesy photo)



Mark your calendar



POWER/WATER OUTAGES OUTLOOK:

Tuesday, June 15: Beira Mar Housing T-1533 to T-1560- POWER OUTAGE from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Contact Jose Barbosa at 535-6839 if you have any questions.

WEBQUEST WEEK ONE WINNERS: (June 1-6):

Congratulations winners!

GRAND PRIZE WINNER: Tech. Sgt. Dewan Brown (65 CES)

WEEKLY PRIZE WINNERS: Staff Sgt. Dana M Aleandri (65 ABW/CP);

Staff Sgt. Michael Morin (65 OSS); Master Sgt. Tony J Collins (65 CS);

Amy M Ennis (65 MDOS); and Jolee Berry. Log onto www.lajesfss.com

for your chance to win at Webquest!

"YES," from page 1

and a sponsoring active-duty parent, to the Base Youth Director.

Applications will be forwarded to AFAS HQ for processing. Submission of application does not guarantee enrollment approval. Only formal notification from AFAS HQ to Base Youth Director will be considered as final enrollment approval. Requirements for eligibility are as follows:

■ Student must be a dependent son or daughter of an active-duty Air Force member. Dependents of other service personnel (Army, Navy, Marine Corps) and DoD civilians are not eligible.

■ Student must be enrolled in high school and attend full-time as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior. Summer periods will be considered as part of next higher school grade level; that is, summer after sophomore year will count as junior year, summer after junior year will count as senior year.

■ Student is not otherwise excluded from workplace volunteer positions due to local/state/country labor laws and/or safety restrictions. AFAS will accept up to eight hours worked per day. No credit will be given for lunch, breaks, or travel time.

■ Hours must be volunteered in an on-base position as approved by the Base Youth Director and AFAS HQ as appropriate for the YES Program. (Note: All Chapel affiliated positions, thrift store, base retail operations, waitressing, and Red Cross positions are not eligible).

■ Hours volunteered under a school program, other community programs (including Red Cross) and/or mandated community service hours will not qualify for "banking" either student volunteer credits or base community credits under the YES Program.

■ Sponsoring Active Duty parent has neither an AFAS Emergency Assistance (EA) nor Education Loan that is uncollectible or delinquent in payment, nor owes a refund on an AFAS Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) grant.

■ Participation eligibility and accrual of credits terminates upon high school graduation or 31 May of senior year, whichever comes first. Immediate termination of participation eligibility occurs upon withdrawal from high school and/or sponsoring parent's separation/retirement from Active Duty, or PCS to non-participating base. However, these students may still receive their "banked" credits upon completion of high school under the same terms as other students who remain enrolled in high school or whose sponsoring parent remains active duty.

For more information about the YES Program, interested members should contact Patricia Gill, 65th FSS, at 535-6525.

"EVENTS," from page 2

open area next to the fortress walls)

10 p.m. – Bullfighting parade

11:30 p.m. – Music Box – Concert by Portuguese rock singer Rui Veloso (Bailhão parking lot)

■ 22 June

11 a.m. – Arena bullfight for children (bullring)

3 p.m. – Volleyball tournament (multipurpose pavilion)

3 p.m. – Wii Game Console show (Angra Public Garden)

6:30 p.m. – Street bullfight (Angra port)

9 p.m. – Martial Arts Demonstration (main square)

9:30 p.m. Parade by Portuguese military band

Phrase of the Week

A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Is the food in that restaurant any good? Yes, it's great.

PORTUGUESE: A comida naquele restaurante é boa? Sim é muito boa.

PRONUNCIATION: Ah komeedah nakehleh rrestauranteh ay boohah? Seem ay muyto boah.

BULL RUN SCHEDULE



Saturday, June 12 6:30 p.m. Vila Nova

Saturday, June 12 6:30 p.m. Santa Barbara

Saturday, June 12 6:30 p.m. Corpo Santo, Angra

Sunday, June 13 6:30 p.m. Figueiras Pretas, Angra

Sunday, June 13 6:30 p.m. Doze Ribeiras

Monday, June 14 6:30 p.m. Boa Hora

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Oceans (G)

7 p.m. Saturday - Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG-13)

10 p.m. Saturday - Kick-Ass (R)

4 p.m. Sunday - Oceans (G)

7 p.m. Sunday - Kick-Ass (R)

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

10 p.m. – Juvenile Parade

11:30 p.m. – Box Music – Concert by local rock bands Angra Rock (Bailhão parking lot)

■ 23 June

10 a.m. – Volleyball tournament (multipurpose pavilion)

Noon- Running of the bulls for children (Rua São João)

10 p.m. – Parade of St. John's marching groups

Midnight – Concert by local Portuguese music bands (Bailhão parking lot/Rua São João)

■ 24 June

10:30 a.m. – Soap box derby race (Santa Luzia street/top of main street)

1 p.m. – Running of the bulls (top of main street)

3 p.m. – Volleyball tournament (multipurpose pavilion)

6:30 p.m. – Arena bullfight (bullring)

9:30 p.m. – Parade of St. John's juvenile marching groups

10:15 p.m. – Parade of folklore dancers

11:30 p.m. – Music Box – Concert by Portuguese rock band "D'Zrt," (Bailhão parking lot)

■ 25 June

3 p.m. – Volleyball tournament (multipurpose pavilion)

6:30 p.m. – Arena bullfight (bullring)

9 p.m. – Karate demonstration (main square)

10 p.m. – Parade of motorcycles and classic cars

11 p.m. – Concert by local jazz band "Angra Jazz" (main square)

11:30 p.m. - Music Box – Concert by Portuguese rock band "Flow 212," (Bailhão parking lot)

■ 26 June

3 p.m. – Final of volleyball tournament (multipurpose pavilion)

5 p.m. - Donkey race (Rua São João)

6:30 p.m. – Arena bullfight (bullring)

10 p.m. – Parade of marching bands

Midnight - Music Box – Concert by "JAMES" (Bailhão parking lot)