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Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday

Partly Cloudy

High 75

Low 66

Wind WSW 10 mph



Saturday

Partly Cloudy

High 74

Low 66

Wind N 7 mph



Sunday

Partly Cloudy

High 74

Low 66

Wind NNW 8 mph



Pedestrian Safety

By Tech. Sgt. Jason Stegmeier
65th Medical Group

We have again entered the 101 critical days of summer. Pedestrian safety is a big factor during this time period. We must remember to watch out for our family members and Wingmen as we go through-out these lazy days of summer.

With the weather now being warmer and much more inviting than the winter months, many of us will be outside working and playing. Each year, approximately 90,000 pedestrians are injured in the U.S. Nearly half of all incidents are a result of a mistake made by a pedestrian. Even though we live in the Azores, many safety principles remain the same. Here are a few tips to help keep you and your family safe while walking.

- Walk on sidewalks when available.
- If you have to walk in the street, walk facing traffic and stay as far to the left as possible.
- Only cross at crosswalks or intersections.
- If there is no crosswalk or intersection, cross at a very visible location. Avoid stepping into the street be-



tween parked cars or near curves.

- Always stop, look and listen. Look left, right, and then left again before crossing.
- When crossing the road walk, do not run.
- Make eye contact with drivers when crossing the street to ensure they see you.
- Follow all traffic rules, officers, and signs.
- Do not try to walk on busy streets while intoxicated. If needed, walk with a designated walker or get a taxi.
- During hours of darkness, walk only on well lit streets or sidewalks. Wear bright colored clothing. When in uniform it is a requirement that we wear reflective belts during inclement weather or hours of darkness.
- Children should wear highly reflective clothing while walking during hours of darkness. Remember, reflectors are 1,500 times brighter than white clothing.
- Always use your best judgment and common sense while walking.

Remember to always stay vigilant and pay extra attention to children. Take time to enjoy the summer safely with your family and Wingmen by following the above guidelines.

Civilians set for transition from NSPS

By Tech. Sgt. Phyllis Hanson
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The majority of Air Force civilians will begin to transition from the National Security Personnel System to the General Schedule beginning July 4 and continuing through Sept. 12.

Mandated by the Fiscal 2010 National Defense Authorization Act, the conversion to the GS by the end of this fiscal year supports the deputy secretary of Defense's goal to convert most employees by Sept. 30.

About 90 percent of NSPS employees will transition by Sept. 30; the remaining 10 percent are statutory and DOD-approved exceptions to this conversion timeline, namely deployed civilians, few select medical professionals, and those employees that are transitioning to the Acquisition Demonstration Project.

In addition, employees affected by BRAC activities (e.g., realignment, transfer of function, transfer of work) will transition in accordance with gain-

ing installation BRAC timelines or remain in NSPS through base closure.

Air Force transition out of NSPS will be accomplished predominantly by installation and servicing civilian personnel sections scheduled in four phases. Lajes Field will be part of Phase II, which will take place July 18.

To assist civilian employees in understanding the GS personnel and position classification system, the following Web-based training modules are available at <https://www.my.af.mil/afknprod/nsps-gs-trng>: GS-101, Classifying Positions under GS Performance Management: A Tool to Achieve Results.

There is also a Defense Connect Online Powerpoint briefing with voiceover, detailing the GS Air Force Performance Management system available on this same website.

These resources are available to introduce or reacquaint employees with the GS system. The DOD NSPS Transition Office website also contains information regarding the NSPS to GS transition at <http://www.cpmc.osd.mil/nsps/transition>.



Improved physical fitness uniform coming to a store near you

By Brad Jessmer
Air Force Uniform Office

After much planning, anticipation and constructive feedback, the Army Air Force Exchange Service and the Air Force Uniform Office officials have part-

nered to bring an improved physical training uniform to select military clothing sales stores in July.

The IPTU, which consists of a running jacket, pants, trunks and a T-shirt, is an optional uniform authorized for wear.

Even though the IPTU is made to be identical to the current PTU, components

of the running suits are not to be mixed, according to a policy letter issued Oct 28, 2009, by Headquarters Air Force Manpower and Personnel officials.

"The new IPTU was made to look like the original PTU," said Master Sgt. James Lynn, an AFUO subject matter expert. "However,

wear policy has been established and published that prohibits wearing the new jacket with the pants from the current version or the current jacket with the new running pants."

Material differences between the two running suits make it difficult to mix, Sergeant Lynn said.



1st Lts. Joseph Castro, Erik Svendsen and Andy Lee wear the Air Force's improved physical training uniform and watch as Angela Smith hems the anti-microbial liner into the new uniform during a tour of the facility Nov. 3, 2009, in Columbus, Miss. The lieutenants are from the 14th Operations Support Squadron at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Ms. Smith is an American Power Source seamstress. (U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson)

The IPTU running suit consists of a different material with enough of a color shade difference to be identifiable from the current suit. However, the current PTU and IPTU shorts and shirts may be mixed and also worn with the IPTU running suit.

By utilizing the latest advances in textile technol-

ogy, the IPTU offers significant improvements in both comfort and functionality over the current PTU, said Capt. Nick Ferry, an IPTU program manager. Improvements include the elimination of the "swish-swish" in-motion

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Commander's Action Line
535-4240
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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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SHIRT'S
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Request for Temporary Base Passes

Looking around the base, it is easy to realize the PCS season is in full swing. The number of going away engagements has increased substantially, which also means so have the new arrivals. To help get these new arrivals off on the right foot, please remember that military dependents arriving to Lajes Field need a temporary base pass so they can enter and leave the base without any problems.

Sponsors are asked to apply for a pass through 65th Security Forces at least 15 days in advance of the expected arrival. The Airmen at Security Forces have made the process extremely easy as they will provide the template for the sponsor to fill out. The only information the sponsor will need are the dependent's passport number, nationality, effective dates of arrival, and where they will be residing.

There are a couple of side notes to this process. First and most importantly, the sponsor has to pick up visitor pass(es) at the Visitor Center a few days prior to the family's arrival. The temporary pass is only good for the maximum of 30 days which ought to be enough time for the new member to secure permanent passes for their dependents.

If you have further questions, your first sergeant can help and the experts at Security Forces can be reached at 535-3259.

Please remember that we are all responsible for the proper wear of the uniform and the following of regulations put forth by those above us. If something doesn't look right, engage the situation with professionalism and tact.



FREEDOM FEST 2010

Fireworks light up the night sky during Freedom Fest 2010 on July 4. Freedom Fest is the annual American Independence Day celebration here at Lajes, and features live entertainment, food booths, and ends the night with a fireworks display. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Darrell I. Dean)



CAFÉ BEAN OPENS

Col. Peggy Poore, 65th Air Base Wing commander, cuts the ribbon to officially open the Café Bean located inside the Community Activity Center, Lajes Field, Azores on July 1, 2010. The Café Bean serves fresh Starbucks coffee and offers free Wi-Fi internet service. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Corey)



TOP III PUSH-UP COMPETITION

Members of Team Lajes gathered at the fitness center to “push it to-their limit” during a Top III push-up and sit-up competition held June 25. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Corey)



THEO VON AT LAJES

Comedian Theo Von entertains members of Team Lajes at the Top of the Rock Club on July 1. Lajes was one of four European bases Mr. Von visited service members and their families. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Darrell I. Dean)



COMPETITION WINNERS

Winner of the Top III push-up and sit-up competition pose for a group photo after receiving a certificate from Col. Peggy Poore, 65th Air Base Wing commander. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Corey)



BILATERAL BOWLING

Four members from the 65th Air Base Wing represented Team Lajes at the São Miguel bowling competition June 25 at the Angra bowling alley. Pictured above are: (front row, left to right) Dustin Schmidt (65 FSS), Lara Jesus (Angra Bowl team), Tiago Pontes (Angra Bowl team), Master Sgt. Kimberly Pfender (65 ABW/JA), Tânia Mendes (Angra Bowl team); (back row, left to right) Master Sgt. Raymond Jackson (65 CES), Samuel Jesus (Angra Bowl team), and Tech. Sgt. Keith Skulimoski (65 CES). (Courtesy photo)



Mark your calendar



65 ABW CHANGE OF COMMAND: 65th Air Base Wing Change of Command will be Thursday, July 22, at 1000 in the field in front of T-100. If you have any questions, call the wing Protocol office at 535-2325.

COL POORE'S FAREWELL INVITE: The farewell will take place Friday, July 9 at 4 p.m. at the

TORC's Warrior Park. The farewell includes hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and sides and costs \$5 per person for all SSgt's and below and \$8 per person for all others. RSVP by July 6 with your unit first sergeant. Dress code is your favorite team jersey or appropriate civilian attire. Please pay in advance.

SUM DINNER: 5:30 p.m. July 22 at the chapel. For more information, call (Ch, Lt Col) William Bartoul at 535-4211.

WIC OVERSEAS: A balanced, nutritious diet is an important aspect in child development. 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. Benefits include nutritious foods, tips on how to prepare balanced meals, nutrition and health screenings, and access to other resources that help you and your family lead healthier lives, and it all comes with no fees or cost. Contact the Lajes WIC Overseas office and give your child the healthy start they deserve. Open Tuesday-Thursday 0900-1400.

TRACK CLOSED: The base running track is completely closed (24/7) for construction and will re-open once construction is completed, which is expected to be around September 2010. All personnel who are scheduled to take their official Air Force fitness test will need to do their 1.5 mile run on the AEF ramp, which needs to be reserved prior to your test date. Contact your Unit Fitness Program Manager for details on how to reserve the ramp. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Agostinho Silva at 535-5151.

HAWC MONTHLY HEALTH COOKING SHOW: The HAWC invites you to learn how to prepare tasty, healthy meals by attending a cooking show held every last Friday of the month from 12-1 p.m. The show is open to anyone that can access the installation. Call MSgt William Carter at 535-4292 to sign up or visit the HAWC in the fitness center.

ROE ON COMMISSARY VISITORS: This is a friendly reminder that only those personnel who hold a U.S. passport may accompany their sponsor into the Commissary. However, the sponsored personnel are not authorized to purchase any items. Unlike the BX, which falls under a different set of regulations and policies (you may sign personnel in if accompanying sponsor), overseas Commissary access is very limited.

VOTING WHILE STATIONED OVERSEAS: Have you ever wondered how to vote in elections when you're stationed overseas? Simply go to www.fvap.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, Shoppette (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 us at vote@lajes.af.mil and we'll send you your representatives' contact information. Now let's get out there and vote!

LAJES SCHOOL INFORMATION: School registration will be ongoing during the summer. Parents are required to register their students, whether they are new or returning. Please see our office hours and useful information below.

May - July	Youth Summer Hire Employment Program
June 21 - August 20	School Office Hours 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 28 - July 23	Summer Enrichment Program
August 26	Sports Physical Day, Lajes Base Clinic
August 30	First Day of School

If you have any questions, call the school at 535-4151.

HIKING PICO NEGRÃO: The Airman and Family Readiness Center will host a hike up the Pico Negro mountain Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. Cost is \$10/person. This moderate to difficult hike, which takes about 3 hours to complete, takes you to Serreta where you will experience landscapes dotted by Junipers, Laurel, Heather and volcanic cones. Minimum age to participate is 12 years. Contact Outdoor Recreation at 535-4140 for details.

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: What time does the restaurant open? The restaurant opens at six o' clock.

PORTUGUESE: A que horas abre o restaurante? O restaurante abre às seis horas.

PRONUNCIATION: Ah kay orash ahbre oo rresturahnt? Oo rresturahnt ahbre ahs saysh orash.

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



Friday, July 9	6:30 p.m. Casa da Ribeira
Saturday, July 10	6:30 p.m. Largo São João, Fontinhas
Saturday, July 10	6:30 p.m. Ribeirinha
Sunday, July 11	6:30 p.m. Largo São João, Fontinhas
Sunday, July 11	6:30 p.m. Rua Capitão-Mor, São Mateus
Wednesday, July 14	6:30 p.m. Largo São Bento, Angra
Thursday, July 15	6:30 p.m. Ribeirinha

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Just Wright (PG)
7 p.m. Saturday - MacGruber (R)
4 p.m. Sunday - Just Wright (PG)
7 p.m. Sunday - MacGruber (R)

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

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noise, better reflectivity, lighter weight and state-of-the-art moisture wicking material with a quick-drying, anti-microbial liner.

"Much time and effort from a lot of folks has gone into the research, development and testing of the IPTU," Captain Ferry said. "The end result is a greatly improved uniform that will eliminate many concerns and frustrations our Airmen have had."

IPTU availability is based on several factors, such as duty location. Deployed locations will take priority shipments followed by Pacific and European theaters.

Worldwide rollout of the IPTU trunks and running suit will be available through AAFES in July. The IPTU T-shirt release date is still to be determined.

According to AAFES, the IPTU will be in short supply starting out. But once all military clothing stores have received shipment, the IPTU will be available via Internet purchase worldwide around October.

For locations receiving Air Force clothing from Army stores, availability will be limited.

However, they will be available through special order at the servicing military clothing store

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Annual Safe Drinking Water Act Consumer Confidence Report is available at the Post Office and on the Lajes website (www.lajes.af.mil). Information pamphlets will also be distributed to each unit's First Sergeant for distribution. Contact Bioenvironmental at 535-6206 if you have any questions.