



Force Protection



Current FPCON:
Alpha

"6-5...
IN THE FIGHT!"
CY 2010
(as of Nov. 26, 2010)

1,307
SORTIES

23,471
LODGED

6.35 million
gallons
FUEL ISSUED

Weekend Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

Friday

Mostly Cloudy/Rainshowers
Wind SE 45-50 mph
High 64
Low 55



Saturday

Cloudy/Rainy
Wind E 20-25 mph
High 64
Low 52



Sunday

Mostly Cloudy/Rainshowers
Wind NNE 10-15 mph
High 57
Low 50



Airmen reload successfully at Lajes to fuel the fight

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

A shortage of fuel at Lajes could cause a significant "hiccup" in the Air Force mission when members at Lajes Field and aircraft attempt to transit across the Atlantic, hoping to "gas" up but are not able to refuel.

To ensure there is no delay in the refueling mission and to guarantee supply of unleaded gas at Lajes, the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Fuels Management Flight geared up to ensure the safe offload of an oil vessel that docked at the Praia Harbor to deliver fuel Nov. 17.

Expectations were high Wednesday afternoon before the delivery, especially since this event only occurs twice a year at Lajes. However, the leadership of the fuels management flight expects nothing but a successful download of more than 200,000 gallons of fuel to restock the base reservoir.

Members of the 65 LRS Fuels Management Flight consider the offload operation another vital part of the Air Force mission, and they take it to heart to ensure its execution is successful.

To the team of 70 fuels Airmen and their Portuguese partners, the operation, which is worth about \$7 million, is serious business.

"Today's operation is an offload of the ground product fuel which is used to provide unleaded gas to Lajes' Exchange service station so that fuel could be available for all Americans stationed here at Lajes," said Master Sgt. Gregory McDonald, 65th LRS Fuels Management Flight superintendent. "We also take care of our military service station, which provides fuel for all government vehicles."

Just before the gas was offloaded, Airmen from the Fuels Laboratory Unit took a sample directly from the



Rui Tome, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel distribution systems operator, reviews forms of how much fuel is to be transferred to the base reservoirs Nov. 17, 2010. With more than 200,000 gallons of fuel being transferred the base reservoir, the fuel must be tested and all the forms must be properly filled out. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

oil tanker for inspection and ran an analysis to ensure compliance with the government specifications and standards. They checked for clarity when doing a visual sampling, and according to the requirements in their technical order, they ensured that the samples met the settlement-limit standards.

"I am the response officer for all the fuel on base, and I don't take that (responsibility) lightly," Sergeant McDonald said. "I have to account for every drop of fuel that we have in our tanks."

Lajes fuels team and other emergency units were also on standby to ensure the operation went smoothly. While a boom was set by the Lajes fuel-spill response team, just

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Lajes Airman, K-9 provide unique service for presidential team at G40 summit

By Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi
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Some servicemembers sometimes dream of the day when an opportunity will get them to meet or even provide any type of support for the United States presidential team.

The opportunity presented itself for a team of Lajes Airmen and his security forces detection dog when they were tasked as part of the team of the security detail that provided support for President Barack Obama and Air Force One at the G40 summit in Lisbon Nov. 19-20.

After conducting a host of training together at Lajes Field, Azores, Staff Sgt. Curtis Locke, 65th Security

Forces Squadron kennel master, and his K-9, whose name is Devil, deployed to Lisbon Nov. 15-22 to help provide the presidential jet with a specialized detection capability.

After arriving in Lisbon and getting situated, Sergeant Locke received a briefing which highlighted their mission objectives.

"Devil's detection skill was used to sweep fuel trucks, government vehicles and to provide support for anything that would come in proximity to the president and Air Force One," said the kennel master. "For instance, on Saturday we swept all luggages for all personnel getting back on the aircraft before it took off, and we also swept

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65th MSG: The Ammo for the Lajes Weapon System

By Col. Arch Brunns

65th Mission Support Group commander

On a regular basis, the Lajes Field runway has been referred to as the operational "weapon system" for this installation. Its with great pride, dedication, expertise and professionalism that all the Airmen of Lajes (military and civilian alike) maintain and demonstrate its effectiveness on a daily basis.

As the Mission Support Group Commander, I am particularly awe-struck and amazed by how much the six MSG squadrons generate the runway's firepower, or in other words act as its proverbial ammunition. Each squadron utilizes a unique mechanism and support function that allows the runway to function and deliver "bombs on target". With the reader's indulgence, and while not meaning to lessen or belittle the contributions/importance of other 65 ABW units (all are critically important), I can't help myself and must call attention to the 'caliber' of the MSG Ammo.

Intricate facets of "ammo development" are meticulously worked by MSG professionals to ensure our weapons system is fully operational and prepared to keep us in the fight. Our recent Air Traffic System Evaluation Program (ATSEP) Inspection successfully demonstrated two aspects of that preparedness and we were recognized with an overall Excellent rating. The 65th Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) flexed its muscle through building and maintaining the airfield infrastructure...while the 65th Communications Squadron (CS) was equally strong and up to the task of maintaining the linkages between systems as well as for those that use them. Both units continue to hit the center of the target when it comes to fixing everything from Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) to busted water mains (for CES) and computer networks to phone connections (for CS).

For those that have noticed the re-paving project currently underway on our weapons system...a lot of credit must go to the sharpshooters from the 65th Contracting Squadron who helped spearhead this bilateral partnership investment. In addition, they've successfully processed numerous other examples of contracting expert marksmanship and Government Purchase Card oversight/management that will produce dividends for years to come.

Speaking of bilateral partnerships...the full-up-rounds from the 65th Security Forces Squadron, along with our Portuguese Air Force partners and Securitas contractors, prove their metal under fire each and every day by securing the weapons system and maintaining a safe environment in which we can all live and work. By proactively securing additional opportunities...to include deploying a Security Forces team in support of AFRICOM operations, they strive for SF excellence in all they do.

The fuels, logistics plans, supply and transportation experts in the 65th Logistical Readiness Squadron continue providing outstanding support to the weapon system...and somehow make it look easy. Maintaining the second largest fuels storage capacity in the U.S. Air Force, providing logistical firepower to all in need, and keeping a fleet of vehicles in tip/top operational shape are no small feats to accomplish. These professional warriors also keep the mobility machine squarely in their sights and provide crucial deployment and readiness support for the entire wing.

Last, but certainly not least, are the quality of life fighter Aces from the 65th Force Support Squadron. These men and women provide outstanding support to every individual associated with the 65 ABW weapons system. The recent kickoff of the Winter Campaign and hostings of Armed Forces Entertainment are just a couple of examples of just how "deadly" accurate they can be supporting our weapon system community. Their incredible ability to administratively support, lodge, feed and entertain the masses is the best I've ever seen and is a testament to their "never give up... never surrender" spirit, tenacity and attitude.

I would also like to pass on a special acknowledgement to the professionals of DeCA, the Exchange, and DoDDs... whose efforts continually provide ballistic support to the Airmen of the 65 ABW. You are very much appreciated.

There are many aspects and functions that were not mentioned within this article which take place within the MSG (let alone the wing)...and my inability to mention them all by no means makes them any less important. The daily accomplishments achieved by the professional Airmen (that's with a big "A") of the MSG may sometimes go unnoticed...but never unappreciated...especially by yours truly.

Lajes Winter Quest
WIN Great Prizes!
 Answer Winter Campaign Riddles on www.lajesfss.com
 1 Dec 2010 - 25 Feb 2011
 DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH
 HOTEL DO CARDO EXCHANGE FSS 6500 certificates

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65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil

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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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Team Lajes goes above and beyond



A coronet consisting of 6 x F-18's, 2 x KC-135's and 2 x KC-10's transited through Lajes Field on their return to the states from a deployment to the middle east Nov. 25, 2010. Team Lajes' 65th Operations Support Squadron hosted the over 20 transient pilots and crew members for a home-cooked, traditional Thanksgiving

meal with members from the 65 OSS and the 65th Air Base Wing. While this was definitely not the first time Lajes provided a meal for visiting crew members, this particular meal added a special touch to the start of the holiday season. The 65th Force Support Squadron also supported the visit by providing the crew with top notch lodging for a night at Lajes' premier Mid-Atlantic Lodge before the military members flew back to the states. (Photo on left by Guido Melo / Photo on right by Shannon Young)

Winter Safety at Lajes

By Bruno Nogueira
65 ABW Ground Safety

The island of Terceira doesn't have your typical winter where you have snow and extremely low temperatures, but there are some challenges we all need to be aware of. I understand that winter is a little late this year, but historically winters in Terceira are very rigorous and abundant in high winds and precipitation.

In fact, the winter of 2009/2010 was one of the worst since the winter of 1931/32 in terms of precipitation. The number of rainy days was also higher than average since 1981. The same winter in the Azores, showed precipitation values way above the average, where in some locations it was actually the worst year since 1901. The wind is another thing we all need to be cognoscente about. Terceira has an annual wind average of 20 miles/hour, and during the winter time you can frequently have wind speeds above 40 miles/hour.

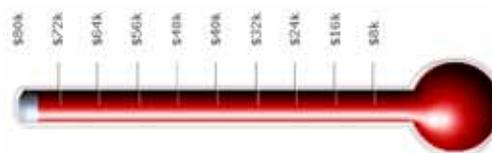
In my opinion, awareness and knowledge are going to be the keys to safety and mishap prevention this winter. As you're driving around the island, remember to limit your speed to acceptable limits under adverse conditions. In parking lots, always have positive control of your doors to prevent hitting other vehicles or people. Sometimes the wind will pick up the dust and/or debris from the ground forcing you to look away from the wind direction.

As a pedestrian, this may expose you to traffic. Avoid this by looking down and staying on the sidewalk at all times. As a driver you also need to pay attention to pedestrians as they may get on the road inadvertently. Making yourself visible to everybody else is also extremely important. "In cases where separation of pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic is not feasible, military personnel in uniform must wear reflective accessories during periods of reduced visibility (hours of darkness, inclement weather, etc).

Personnel in civilian attire are encouraged to wear light-colored clothing or reflective accessories." Per AFI 91-207 USAFE Sup. Additionally, as you're driving around the island, turn your head lights on. Remember you may see the road and oncoming traffic perfectly, but the million dollar question is: Can THEY see you?

For anything else that may arise, don't hesitate to give the 65 ABW Safety Office a call at 535-5079 or use your best judgment to manage the risks (Risk Management) by simply asking yourself the question: What could go wrong in this picture?

Combined Federal Campaign progress thermometer



This thermometer is current as of Nov. 29. This is THE LAST WEEK to contribute to the Lajes Combined Federal Campaign- last day is Dec. 4. The current contribution is \$75, 651.33 and the 65th Air Base Wing's goal is \$80K- let's finish strong Team Lajes!



WING EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Feature

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>3</p> <p>FSS Letters from Santa on-going until Dec. 22</p> <p>CFC ends tomorrow!</p>	<p>4</p> <p>65 ABW Kid's Holiday Party CAC 1-5 p.m.</p> <p>Pet photos, Kennel 10-12 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Trolling Trip with Outdoor Recreation (ODR) (8 a.m.)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Kids Fine Arts Exhibit Cafe Bean 5-8 p.m.</p> <p>Last day of Angel Tree program</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Wing Run Fire Dept 8 a.m.</p> <p>Cake decorating class Arts & Crafts 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Immaculate Conception (Portuguese holiday)- Commissary open</p> <p>ESC Holiday Party TORC 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>AFPC Retirement Webinar</p> <p>Dream Big, Plan now for Retirement Seminar A&FRC 3 p.m.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Last day to re-take CLEP, DSST and ECE for FREE at Education Center!</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Kids Holiday Reading Library 1-2 p.m.</p> <p>Cowabunga @ Youth Ctr Gym 12-2 p.m.</p> <p>Hearts of Angra @ ODR 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Term III Spring Registration at Education Center now in progress</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Santa Rita project ongoing until June - Contact Chapel</p> <p>Spouse Tuition Assistance Program applications due</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Legal office looking for tax representatives (on-going)- Contact JA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Airman Ministry Center has 2 rooms available for use (on-going)- Call 535-4019 for reservations</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Wings of Dixie performance at CAC 7-8 p.m.</p>



More than 160 Team Lajes Members came out to the harbor in Praia for the Turkey Trot hosted by the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Nov. 24, 2010. Turkey Trot consisted of a 10K and 5K run where participants could show their "Thanksgiving spirit". (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



(from left to right) Tech. Sgt. Matthew Pease and Tech. Sgt. Thomas Kasten, both from the 65th Security Forces Squadron, as well as Tech. Sgt. Joseph Scheske, 65th Communications Squadron, graduated from the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy at Ramstein Air Base Oct. 28. Tech. Sgt. Kasten graduated as Distinguished Graduate of the class. (Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Samuel Haqadorn)

LAJES AIRMEN OF THE WEEK



Name: Adam Wright
Rank: Staff Sergeant
Unit: 65 Civil Engineering Squadron
Hometown: Belleville, Illinois
Duty Title: Heavy Equipment NCOIC
Accomplishments: SSgt Wright manages 36 personnel, which is a testament to his leadership as a young NCO. He not only drove the construction

of a mud pit for the wing obstacle course in 2 days but also finished it in time to allow wing leadership to showcase the course to the 3 AF/CCC. Additionally SSgt Wright has sustained a Lajes Field Force Protection barrier by repairing over 30 fence-line breaches and installing over 50 ft of fenceline.



Name: Jose Mendonca
Rank: LGS-9
Unit: 65 Civil Engineering Squadron
Hometown: Sao Miguel, Azores
Duty Title: Section Chief, Technical Support
Accomplishments: Celebrating 25 years of service here at Lajes Field this month, Sr. Mendonca has amassed a vast amount of engineering and historical

knowledge. Humble to his accomplishments, he is the backbone to continuity in his section and has been known to sacrifice personal time for greater professional development and mission accomplishment. He also serves to mentor our junior Airmen to be better prepared to be tomorrow's leaders.

"6-5...IN THE FIGHT!"



An oil vessel docks at the Praia Harbor to restock the base reservoirs Nov. 17, 2010. A team of 70 Airmen and their Portuguese partners ensured the transfer of more than 200,000 gallons of fuel, worth about \$7 million, refilling the base reservoirs. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



More than 140 Lajes Elementary High School students attended a career day at the school's gymnasium Nov. 17, 2010. The event showcased different career fields that may inspire students to join the U.S. Air Force or other branches of the military. The students had hands-on-training with military equipment at the event. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Twelve of Team Lajes' Airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School Class 11-A Nov. 18. ALS is a six week-long USAF program designed to develop Airmen into effective front-line supervisors. (U.S. Air Force photo by Guido Melo)



Two of Lajes' senior master sergeants, Chief Select Shaun Guilfoil and Chief Select Glen Robinson, were selected for promotion to the U.S. Air Force's highest enlisted rank. Congratulations! (Courtesy photo)



Majors Henry Klein and Jason Musser, 65th Medical Group, pose for a picture with Col. Jose Rivera, 65th Air Base Wing commander, after being notified of their selection to lieutenant colonel. (Courtesy photo)



An EA-6 Prowler was one of six aircraft in a coronet that passed through Lajes to get re-fueled Nov. 22, 2010. The 65th Air Base Wing has provided support to 1,307 transient aircraft for calendar year 2010, of which 99 aircraft transited thru within the last 30 days. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Mark your calendar

CHANGE IN ROTATOR SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS: There will be a change in the normal Space-A rotator schedule from Dec 27-31. For more details, contact the AMC Passenger Terminal at 535-33227/3582.

CHAPEL CHARITIES ANGEL TREE:

The Lajes Chapel Charity Angel Tree will run from Nov. 8. - Dec. 6. Personnel interested in donating are asked to bring new clothing & toys. Angels are available for pick-up at the BX and chapel. Contact the chapel for more details at 535-4211.

CANTATA: The Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. at the Base Chapel. For more information please 535-4211.

LEGAL OFFICE CLOSURE: The Legal Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 6-7, due to construction. Please contact the on-call JAG at 963-41-3121 or the Command Post at 535-4200 for emergency assistance.

WING RUN: There will be a 65 ABW Wing Run Tuesday, Dec. 7. Meet at the fields across from the Fire Dept. and be ready to run at 8 a.m.

TRACK OPEN: The track has re-opened. All members due for their PFA test will now take their test on the track. We kindly request everyone to please keep off the in-field.

LETTERS TO SANTA PROGRAM: This year, Stars & Stripes will honor all Santa Claus letters and cards sent to the address below. Stars & Stripes will reply back to the senders via a postcard. This program ends on 24 December 2010. Send letters to: Letters to Santa; Unit 29480; APO AE 09211.

MDG TRAINING DAY & TRICARE ONLINE: The 65th Medical Group and the appointment line will be closed on the 2nd Wednesday every month from 0800-1300 for unit training. Normal operations will resume at 1300 hours. As a reminder, TRICARE On-line (TOL) is always available as an option for appointment booking. All beneficiaries must register at www.tricareonline.com for an account. If you have any questions, please call 535-3261.

FREE TESTS AT ED CENTER ENDS DEC. 10: Friday, Dec. 10 is the last day for personnel to take their CLEPs, DSST and ECE retests at no cost. Call the Lajes education office at 535-4187 to schedule your test.

COMMISSARY OPEN DEC. 8: The Commissary will be open on Dec. 8, a Portuguese holiday. If you have any questions, call 535-6124.

LOOKING FOR TAX VOLUNTEERS: The 65 ABW/JA office is looking for highly motivated individuals to be unit tax representatives. If you are interested, contact the legal office at 535-3546.

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in case there was a spillage, the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron's firefighters were also at the scene to contain any emergency incident.

The operation took about eight hours and overnight to complete.

After the flight superintendent made sure everything was in order and the operation was in full swing, he delegated the next shift to J.R. Weddle, terminal manager heading a five-member team of contractors.

"The operation began at 7 p.m., and we wrapped up in the morning," said Mr. Weddle. "It was deemed a smooth and successful operation, and there was no incident at all."

"We've done quite a bit of this offload before and the contractors, being at Lajes for almost three years, have received several tankers before, and they know what they are doing," added Sergeant McDonald.

The sergeant expressed his full confidence about the success of the operation when he said, "I know it's going to go smoothly." And everything did.

Sergeant McDonald credited the success to teamwork and great communication between the fuels Airmen and their Portuguese counterparts.

The personnel in the fuels management flight work together to "fuel the fight" and the base, said Sergeant McDonald.

They take care of every aircraft coming through here, whether they are foreign partners, NATO nations or other U.S. military in transit to the area of responsibility or going to the continental United States.

After the Nov. 17 operation that helped refill the Lajes fuel reservoir totaling more than six million gallons, every member, transiting or stationed at Lajes, can rest assured that the fuel and gas-service stations at Lajes will not suffer any shortage that will put a glitch on the mission.

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Do you have a business card?

PORTUGUESE: Tem um cartao de visita?

PRONUNCIATION: Tehm oohm car- tau day visita?

At the Movies

7 p.m. Friday - Secretariat (PG)

7 p.m. Saturday - My Soul to Take (R)

4 p.m. Sunday - Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG)

7 p.m. Sunday - Case 39 (PG-13)



Movie times and schedule are subject to change.

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all transportation from the hotel to Air Force One."

As a kennel master and trainer here at Lajes, Sergeant Locke said he was responsible to make sure the dog performed outstandingly because the mission was a top priority.

"My job was to provide that detection capability for anything coming in," he said. "Though the regular security forces members were there to provide rear security to make sure no unauthorized persons came near the aircraft, I was there to provide anytime detection for any type of mission-essential equipment needed to get on the aircraft to accomplish the mission before departure."

Protection of personnel and resource is no joke to Security Forces Airmen, especially when it now involves protection-level one assets, and the team from Lajes Field ensures they trained enough for the mission.

"We prepared very well for this (mission) because this is one of our missions here at Lajes," Sergeant Locke said. "We provided obstacle course and detection training to keep us proficient because proficiency is a must. Our goal was to make sure that these dogs are going to perform their best when it comes to the protection of these dignitaries or personnel."

One thing about being here at Lajes, a transition point for aircraft and personnel trying to make it across the Atlantic, is that Sergeant Locke and the team at Lajes are not new to supporting dignitaries.

The sergeant has an especially vast experience.

"I have done many of this type of (high-level visibility) detail; this is not the first one," he explained with a similitude of confidence in his shrug and smile. "I have provided security for presidents and vice presidents in the past, and Secretary of State."

He further explained that there are not a lot of differences in their duties during these details; they just take place in different locations.

But this particular one is special and unique in terms of the form of appreciation the team received.

Sergeant Locke and his dog brought back home what his K-9 has never received before from the present president – an appreciation package from the president, which contains the president's candy of choice with his seal and signature engraved on it.

"In this type of detail, you don't just get a thank you, but you will receive stuff that you will never receive or find anywhere," Sergeant Locke said. "I received a coin from the president of the United States, and Air Force One."

"It's their way of saying thank you to our hard work," he added.

"I feel great about being here and being a military dog handler because that is why I joined (the Air Force)," the sergeant said. "The training we put into paid off. It allows us to take these missions and recognize Lajes and the United States Air Force. We made a big impact (at the summit) and put a footprint that will allow the presidential team to say 'we're going to call Lajes again and again' for this type of mission."