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 380
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Weekend Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

Friday (a.m. / p.m.)

Mostly Cloudy
Partly Cloudy
Wind SW 17-23 mph
SW 11 mph
High 64F / Low 48F 

Saturday (a.m. / p.m.)

Partly Cloudy
Wind SW 17-29 mph
High 64F / Low 48F 

Sunday (a.m. / p.m.)

Mostly Cloudy with Rain
Partly Cloudy with Showers
Wind W 11-17 mph
NW 17-28 mph
High 65F / Low 49F 

Lajes firefighters train on Portuguese aircraft



Master Sgt. Paulo Faustino, from the Portuguese air force, talks about the Portuguese Casa 295 with Lajes Field fire department members. The Portuguese air force and Lajes Field fire department train monthly on different airframes to practice responding for emergencies. (Photo/Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

By Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

More than 15 Lajes Field firefighters conducted training on the Portuguese Casa 295 in the Portuguese hangar here Jan. 26. The Casa 295 is used for medical evacuation, search and rescue missions, and for transporting people and cargo.

"Should we have to respond to an aircraft frame, it helps us if we had training with someone who works on the aircraft and give us hands-on before," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Provencal, 65th Civil Engineering Squadron fire department crew chief.

Every month the Portuguese air force and Lajes Field

firefighters train for about an hour on aircraft safety. The class consists of basic information about the aircraft, how to properly approach the aircraft, and what things are unique to that frame.

"With us sharing the runway with the Portuguese air force, we could respond to an aircraft that we are not familiar with, so this cross-training is great," added Sergeant Provencal.

The training enables the firefighters to learn about Portuguese airframes and talk with the crewmembers face to face.

Here at Lajes Field, the U.S. military is a tenant unit on Portuguese Air Base 4, but the two work together on many different types of training missions.

Building a joint disaster response capability... the first steps

By 1st Lt. Mara Title
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Commander Headquarters Azores Air Zone, Maj. Gen. Manuel Teixeira Rolo, and the commander, 65 Air Base Wing, Col. Jose Rivera, welcomed guests from Protecção Civil dos Açores (Civil Defense Agency), the U.S. Consulate in Sao Miguel, and members of the 65th Air Base Wing to the first information exchange meeting on disaster response here Jan. 24. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange information and develop a common understanding of each others' priorities and mechanisms when responding to a disaster. Together they created a foundation for future engagements in this area, allowing them to respond more effectively in the event of a real emergency.

"This is a very relevant and important initiative," said Maj. Gen. Rolo, "for everyone to know what each organization will do and their capabilities."

Eng. Pedro Carvalho (Protecção Civil President), Lt Col. Joaquim Gaspar (Air Base 4 Accident Prevention Office), Mr. Rafael Perez (U.S. Vice Consul), and Tech Sgt. Jason Schieble (65th Air Base Wing Antiterrorism officer) all briefed disaster response procedures from the perspective of their agency or organization. Areas covered by each briefer centered on priorities, capabilities, response challenges, and lines of communication. Though each agency has a different focus and methodology, there is sufficient common ground to build a joint capability.

Given the fact this was the first disaster response

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The Little Air Base That Could

By Chief Master Sgt. Samuel Hagadorn
65th ABW command chief

I'm thrilled every time we are notified that Lajes has earned yet another "Best in USAFE" title for the year 2010. Yes—"little" Lajes!

Most recently, our chapel was named the Best Small Chapel in USAFE. We add that title to others, including USAFE's Best Small Clinic, USAFE's Best Small Post Office, USAFE's Best Marketing Program--and there are likely still more to come.

Our elementary/high school is consistently rated the Best in the Mediterranean, and our commissary has earned almost every accolade imaginable. I could go on.

But that's not all--individual award winners are so numerous, members' names must be listed in a font so small, the slide looks like an 'eye chart' when flashed on the screen at Right Start. The award winners are both Portuguese and American, a testament to our unique partnership in cooperation that consistently produces winning results.

How does a small base, so remotely situated, capture so many accolades? I believe it's

our attitude of excellence; an attitude that no challenge is too great, backed by a willingness to do what it takes to get the job done.

Our community is truly a special place in which to work, live and grow. 65th Air Base Wing mission partners like the 729th AMS, AFN, DoDDS, DeCA, and the Exchange are fully vested stakeholders in the Lajes vision that make us the Air Force's preeminent enroute expeditionary focused combat support organization. Everywhere you look, the 'goodness' of Lajes can be found.

Lajes reminds me of the children's story, The Little Engine that Could, written by Watty Piper, in which a comparatively tiny locomotive engine completes the seemingly insurmountable task of pulling a long line of boxcars over a steep mountain pass. It was a task that seemed more suited to engines of much larger size; all of which refused to take on the challenge. It is a story of optimism and hard work.

Regardless of the challenge, Lajes team members are ready and willing to step up. When Team Lajes is put to the task, the answer is never, "That's too tough," but always, "I think I can!"

Portuguese and Americans compete in pistol competition

Rui Silva, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, aims at the target during the Terceira Police Pistol Competition at Lajes Field, Jan. 28. Mr. Silva won "Best Shooter" out of 70 individuals that competed. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



By Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Weapons were drawn and more than 575 shots were fired on the target sheets.

All this excitement was for a pistol competition hosted by the 65th Security Forces Squadron, Lajes Field, Azores, Jan. 28. More than 20 people from shooting groups to law enforcement agencies competed for the title of best shooting team and best individual shooter.

But hitting the target wasn't enough--the hit had to be within a six-inch circle and could not touch the line. If that wasn't hard enough, shooters had to shoot targets at the 7, 15 and 25-meter lines. Still not hard enough? Try to do all that within a set time limit.

"I didn't think I would win since most of the people here are law enforcement and do this on a regular basis," said Rui Silva, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Despite his mindset, Rui Silva won, "Best Shooter," beating out Staff Sgt. Ossian Satterwhite by less than 20 seconds.

The 65th SFS has hosted the competition for 20 years, but each year is varied as to who is eligible to compete and the time of the competition.

One of Angra do Heroísmo's policia teams won for best shooting.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a barbecue and socialized. The competition was fierce, but camaraderie was built, friends were made, and lessons were learned. The 65th SFS is looking

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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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Lajes Team ready for crisis

By Senior Airman Rebecca Michalek
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Members of the Mental Health Flight, the Airman and Family Readiness Center, and the Base Chapel make up the Lajes Field Traumatic Stress Response Team (TSR) and stand ready to respond to any crisis scenario.

TSR teams are part of a Department of Defense-directed initiative. The team prepares personnel likely to be exposed to potentially traumatic events and provides psychological first aid when traumatic events occur.

When requested, the TSR team responds to major traumatic events involving loss of life, natural or man-made disasters, or any incident

resulting in traumatic emotional impact on individuals. For example, Air Force TSR teams responded to the Oklahoma City bombing, the 9-11 terrorists attacks, Hurricane Katrina, and the recent events at Fort Hood.

TSR teams can tailor their response in a variety of ways depending upon the circumstances, the nature of the commander's request and the expressed needs of the individuals involved.

Any individual involved in a TSR team response is able to receive up to four one-on-one meetings with any member of the TSR team without documentation in the medical record.

If you would like more information or have any questions regarding the Traumatic Stress Response team, please contact Major Connie Johnmeyer, TSR Team Chief at 535-5177.

17 Portuguese students tour Lajes Field fire station

By Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

During a tour of the Lajes field fire station here Jan. 26, Flavio Raposo, 22, tried on approximately 75 pounds of firefighting gear. He was one of 17 students from Caritas, an education institution in Angra do Heroísmo, who came to learn from Lajes firefighters.

Jose Costa, 65th Civil Engineering Squadron fire protection station captain, showed the students around the facility and was their main guide during the visit. The students were able to sit in one of the newer fire trucks and, "bunker up," the term referred to when firefighters put on their equipment.

"I like to watch it when non-firefighters bunker up and then we tell them that firefighters have to respond from anywhere in the station and be in the trucks with our gear in less than two minutes," said Mr. Costa.

"I became a firefighter over 20 years ago to help others, and it's great being able to show students what we as firefighters do," added Mr. Costa.

Tours like this one promote base and community relations as well as act as a recruitment tool for firefighters. Lajes Field fire station is very unique since 75 percent of the firefighters are local nationals who work alongside the U.S. Air Force military firefighters to accomplish the mission.

"Watching Mr. Costa during the tour was cool," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Provencal, 65th Civil Engineering Squadron fire crew chief. "He was able to speak to the students in Portuguese and tell them all that we do here."

There are about two tours a month from various groups ranging from distinguished visitors to students.



Tibério Simões, 65th Civil Engineering Squadron fire truck driver operator, helps Flavio Raposo, 22, a student from Caritas, an education institution in Angra do Heroísmo, put on a helmet during a tour of the fire station at Lajes Field, Azores, Jan. 26, 2011. Seventeen Portuguese students visited Lajes Field fire station. Local national firefighters work alongside the U.S. Air Force military firefighters to accomplish the mission. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

LAJES AIRMEN OF THE WEEK



Name: Celina Cristóvão
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Unit: Political Affairs Office
Hometown: Pawtucket, RI
Duty Title: International Relations Specialist
Accomplishments: Celina is the Deputy Political Affairs Advisor to the Commander 65th ABW. Celina has 28 years of experience guiding the 65th ABW and Portuguese Air Force commanders and leaders on building bilateral relations

and joint capabilities. For seven months in 2010, she stepped in as the Chief of Political Affairs, helping the 65th ABW and our hosts navigate through an unprecedented turnover in leadership. Around Wing leadership circles, it is common to hear: "When all else fails, ask Celina."



Name: Amanda Elmore
Rank: GS-5
Unit: Political Affairs Office
Hometown: St Louis, MO
Duty Title: Secretary
Accomplishments: Amanda is more than a Secretary. In addition to managing her boss' calendar and making sure the office runs efficiently, she manages and tracks hundreds of pieces of critical correspondence between the 65th ABW and our hosts, the Portuguese Air Force. She works

closely with the 65th CES to ensure millions of dollars in infrastructure projects are approved by our host country. Additionally, she also plans and executes bilateral engagement events and supports distinguished visitors to Lajes. She is a marvelous ambassador of America to our host country and a tremendous example of "The Goodness of Lajes."



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
4 9 Pin No Tap Bowling-AAHC Dorm BBQ	5	6 TORC Superbowl Party 9 p.m.	7 Late Reporting 10 a.m.	8	9 Rising 6 Meeting TORC	10 Taste of Culture 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
11 Winter Wingman Day 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Teen Town Hall Meeting 6 p.m.	12	13	14 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off (Top III) ALS Backpack Challenge 4 p.m.	15 Essay and Coloring Contest-AAHC	16 Burrito Breakfast AAHC 7:30 a.m.	17 ALS Class 11-B Graduates 8 a.m.

National Children's Dental Health Month

By Staff Sgt. LaSorsha M. Collins
65th MDOS Lajes Dental Clinic



The annual observance of children's dental health began as a one-day event. The American Dental Association held the first national observance of Children's Dental Health Day on February 8, 1949. The single day observance became a week-long event in 1955. In 1981, the program was extended to a month-long celebration known today as National Children's Dental Health Month. Today, National Children's Dental Health Month is a nationwide program with educational goals, targeting millions of people both military and civilians alike.

Join Lajes in celebrating National Children's Dental Health Month this February. In addition, National Children's Dental Health Month is an oral health campaign aimed at teaching children about the importance of good oral health. Parents please help your children practice good oral hygiene by scheduling regular dental visits. This will help get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

For more information, contact the Dental Clinic at 535-3261, option 2.

Feb. 1-11 Poster Contest and Judging.

Feb. 7 Fitness Center: Mouth guard display.

Feb. 8 Child Development Center: Painting project and story time.

- Feb. 9 DoDDS School: Kindergarteners are coming for a clinic tour.
- Feb. 10 Library: Reading about going to the Dentist, and how it can be a positive experience.
- Feb. 11 Infant Exam Day: 1-5yrs old.
- Feb. 15 DoDDS School: Grades pre K-5th.
- Feb. 16 Youth Center: Dental Clinic tour and demonstrations .
- Feb. 17 DoDDS School: Grades pre K-5th.
- Feb. 17 Airman & Family Readiness Center. Bundles 4 Babies! Contact A&FRC for info!
- Feb. 18 Commissary: Fluoride/Xylitol display
- Feb. 22 Local Schools: Fonte do Bastardo and Cabo Praia
- Feb. 23 Youth Center: Mouth guard display
- Feb. 24 Local Schools: Escola de S. Brás.
- Feb. 25 Local Schools: Lajes and Vila Nova.
- Feb. 28 Girl Scouts: Dental Clinic tour.

African American Heritage Committee Calendar of Events

Feb. 1 –28 Community Service ACM Home for the Handicapped

Feb. 10 A Taste of Culture from 1130-1330 hrs, Chapel Annex

Feb. 1 - 15 Essay and Coloring Contest, Lajes E/H School

Feb. 15 Pancake & Burrito Breakfast 0730-0930 hrs, Chapel Annex

Feb. 18 AAHC Luncheon featuring Brig. Gen. Brown at 1130, TORC

Feb. 23 Soul Food Healthy Cooking Class 1130, Chapel Annex

Feb. 25 Commemorative Walk from 0800 - 0900 hrs, meet at gym

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NCO Senior Induction Ceremony



Col. Jose Rivera, 65th Air Base Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Samuel Hagadorn, 65th Air Base Wing command chief, recognize one of Lajes' newest chiefs, Chief Master Sgt. Glen Robinson, Wing Staff Agency superintendent, at the Chief's Recognition Ceremony here Jan. 28. (Photo by Guido Melo)



One of Lajes' newest chief selects, Senior Master Sgt. Shaun Guilfoil, 65th Security Forces Squadron superintendent, walks through a saber line presented by Lajes chiefs at the Chief's Recognition Ceremony here Jan. 28. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Staff Sgt. Victor Castro, 65th Medical Group allergy and immunization technician, and Kelcy Colwell, sing for the Burn service at the community center at Lajes Field, Azores, Jan. 30. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

BEST SMALL CHAPEL IN USAFE



Ch. Maj. Hector Colon, Wing chaplain, ropes the chapel staff up in hopes that there will be no lose ends when their award package is sent up for the best small chapel in the Air Force. Lajes Field Chapel staff received word on Jan. 21 they won the Robert P. Taylor Award for outstanding small chapel organization in USAFE. (Photo/Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Mark your calendar



CLINIC AVAILABILITY JAN 31-FEB 4: Due to our Health Services Inspection and concurrent Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health-care Survey, the 65 MDG Clinic will have limited appointment availability from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, 2011. In addition, the clinic will be open at 0800 on Friday, Feb. 4 and closed at 1000 for the inspection out-briefs and an official function. 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.

COMMANDER'S NATIONAL PRAYER LUNCHEON: On Feb. 7 at 11:30 at TORC Ch, Maj Gen Cecil R. Richardson, United States Air Force Chief of Chaplains will be speaking for the National Prayer Luncheon. This year's theme is "Courage in Trouble". Ticket are \$5. Contact your

First Sergeant or call the Base Chapel at 535-4211 for tickets.
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MILITARY SAVES WEEK, "BROWN -BAG" LUNCH-TIME CLASSES:

Tuesday-Friday, Noon-1 p.m.

Tues, Feb. 22: Developing SMART Financial Goals

Wed, Feb. 23: Developing a Spending Plan to Reach Financial Goals

Thurs, Feb. 24: Using the TSP to Reach Retirement Goals

Fri, Feb. 25: Developing Net Worth Statement

Register for all A&FRC, 535-4138.

LAMC ROOMS AVAILABLE: The Lajes Field Airman Ministry Center (LFAMC) has two rooms available to hold a wide range of events (i.e., having a pleasant conversation with a friend and a good cup of coffee from Café Bean, watching football games on the BIG screen TV, ballet classes, group meetings, game tournaments such as ping-pong, chess, dominoes, Xbox and Wii games, etc.). The LFAMC is located at Bldg T-307. For reservations of the multi-use rooms, please call 535-4019 or 535-5216.

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meeting of its kind at Lajes, Col. Rivera said it was, "another example of how we look for innovative ways of communicating."

After the briefings, the forum was opened for discussion. Although each organization adheres to different disaster response procedures, it was made clear the host nation relationship would be a vital part to the response.

"If something strikes the islands, I believe we need each other," said. Eng. Pedro Carvalho.

The disaster response information exchange meeting marks the beginning of emergency response preparedness between the 65th Air Base Wing and its host nation, building on the strong partnerships already in place.

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Would you like anything else? No, thanks. Only the check, please.

PORTUGUESE: *Você deseja mais alguma coisa? Não, obrigado. Só a conta se faz favor.*

PRONUNCIATION: VohSAY dehSEHza mosh allGOOmah KOIza? Now, ohbreeGAHdoo. Soh ah CONtah Fosh FuhVor.

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Tron: Legacy (PG)

7 p.m. Saturday - The Tourist (PG-13)

4 p.m. Sunday - Tron: Legacy (PG)

7 p.m. Sunday - Standing Ovation (PG)

Free Movie.

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

No Hat Areas



Compiled by
Lajes First Sergeants Group

Last week, the wing leadership released the "Authorized No-Hat Areas" for Lajes Field. In order to keep the first sergeants at bay, the overhang at the commissary entrance and the TORC enlisted and Officer Lounges are now no hat areas. In addition, the fenced-in area of Warrior Park and the area beneath the two gazebos in Ocean View Park are "no-hat" areas as well.

Don't forget, with the identified no-hat areas, saluting is not required in the identified locations as well. Always be mindful of who is in the vicinity and render the proper customs and courtesies.

Finally, don't take advantage of the locations. When departing, put your hat on.

Just a reminder, here is what we learned in Basic Training, and you can find more information in AFI 36-2903... Place hat squarely on the head with no hair protruding in front of the cap, and it may not be pushed, rolled, folded or tucked in (e.g. Ranger Fold).

Remember, we are all responsible for the proper wear and display of the uniform. If something doesn't look right, engage the situation with professionalism and tact.

ASK ED

A column that looks at the culture and history of the Azores.

By Eduardo Lima,
Community Relations Advisor

Azoreans celebrate day of friendship

Have you ever gone to a local restaurant or bar here on the island for dinner or simply a drink and the place is so packed you can't find a table?

There are two days of the year here when that may actually happen. They are called "Dia de Amigos" (day of male friends) and "Dia das Amigas" (day of female friends), which are celebrated every year on the fourth and third Thursday before Mardi Gras, respectively, on all Azorean islands.

On those two Thursdays, either at lunch or dinner time, male and female friends reserve a table in a restaurant and get together for a fun time and a good meal. In the most recent years, it has also become a custom for the party-goers to end a night of fun in the local night clubs or bars where the management puts on special shows with female or male dancers.

This genuinely Azorean tradition is a way for people to get together and have a good time, as well as engage with friends they haven't talked to in a while.

This year's "Day of Amigos" will take Place Feb. 10, while the "Day of Amigas" will happen Feb. 17. So if you are planning to go out to a local restaurant on those two days, your best bet is to make reservations in advance!

