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Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal

## Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha  
Threat Level: Low

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

FY 2011



572  
SORTIES

10,429  
LODGED



3 million  
gallons  
FUEL ISSUED

### Appointment:

Base: 535-3261  
Off base: 295-573-261

### Emergency:

Base: 911  
Off base: 295-571-911



## Weekend

### Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

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

Partly Cloudy  
Wind NW 10-15 mph  
N 10 mph  
High 59F / Low 57F



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

Partly Cloudy / Mostly Cloudy  
Wind SW 10 mph



High 61F / Low 57F



## Lajes fuels E-3 in support of NATO operations

An E-3 Sentry from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. parks at Lajes Field, Azores, April 11, 2011 en route to support NATO Operation Unified Protector. The NATO Operation Unified Protector mission involves reducing the flow of arms-related materials and mercenaries to Libya in the effort to protect civilians, as called for in U.N. Security Council Resolution 1973. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

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

An E-3 Sentry from the 552nd Air Control Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. stopped at Lajes Field before continuing on its mission in support of NATO Operation Unified Protector, April 11, 2011.

NATO Operation Unified Protector is part of NATO's contribution efforts to protect civilians in Libya, as called for in U.N. Security Council Resolution 1973.

Team Lajes members from the 65th Operations Support Squadron and the 65th Mission Support Group supported the E-3 team by providing lodging for the crew and aircraft security, along with aircraft support by issuing fuel.

"It was a lot of responsibility helping with the security coordination for the E-3 Sentry, which is a Protection Level 2 aircraft," said Airman 1st Class Matthew Mattson, 65th Security Forces Squadron security defense coordination center controller.

Security forces works with Air Base 4 Portuguese air force police to provide security for the installation.

"Providing security to the E-3 Sentry in support of the NATO mission was just like any other day," said Staff Sgt. Jason Khan, security forces flight sergeant. "We're postured to provide the highest level of security, regardless if it is a protection level one asset or routine base security."

The E-3 Sentry, after being refueled with more than 2,000 gallons of fuel, was able to continue its NATO mission.

## General Harding praises Lajes' legal office teamwork

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

To ensure the legal services provided to the Lajes members are up to par, the 65th Air Base Wing legal office participated in an inspection conducted by the Judge Advocate General's Corps leadership, which visited April 11-12.

The inspection team was led by Lt. Gen. Richard Harding, The Judge Advocate General, from Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

General Harding is in charge of more than 2,200 judge advocates, 350 civilian attorneys, 1,400 enlisted paralegals and 500 civilians in the Total Force Judge Advocate General's Corps worldwide. He also serves as the legal adviser to the Secretary of the Air Force and all officers and agencies of the Department of the Air Force, and he directs all judge advocates in the

performance of their duties.

According to Maj. Lynn Sylmar, 65th ABW, TJAG conducts frequent inspections of military legal offices. Some of the mission areas inspected include military justice and criminal law, administrative law (including military personnel law), procurement law, labor and employment law, medical-legal jurisprudence, and legal assistance.

"The inspection is called an 'Article 6 inspection,' because it is conducted in accordance with Article 6, UCMJ, Title 10 USC 806," said Major Sylmar. "During the inspection, as with other inspections, the TJAG reviews all of our programs, metrics and assesses the legal office overall."

Lajes was last inspected 11 years ago, but the team of lawyers and paralegals at Lajes were well

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# Force protection is everyone's responsibility

By Maj. Darren Stastny  
65th Security Forces  
Squadron commander



In recent months there has been a noticeable increase in criminal activity on base and in the housing community. This rise in crime, coupled with increased security concerns throughout the European theater, has led to many changes and amplified force protection measures throughout Lajes Field.

The 65th Security Forces Squadron has increased its presence in the community through additional U.S. Air Force security forces and Portuguese Securitas patrols. However, we cannot be everywhere at all times. It is imperative the entire community becomes involved in deterring crime. "Eagle Eyes" is a program through which the base community acts as extra eyes and ears for reporting crime or suspicious activity.

Suspicious activity can include anything from someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars, vehicles moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights, to anyone taking photos of the flight line or other areas without permission. Report these inci-

dents immediately to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations or security forces, by calling 295-57-EYES. Briefly describe the suspect or event and any details such as sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing and distinctive characteristics. If a vehicle was involved, provide a detailed description such as color, make, model, license plate and special features, such as stickers. These critical indicators make it much easier for us to locate potential suspects, track common trends and identify probable threats.

We have also seen an increase in Random Antiterrorism Measures, which are used to create a psychological deterrent of uncertainty for an installation's overall force protection posture. In any terrorist attack, surveillance is one of the first steps of planning. Terrorists or criminals may observe a particular area for weeks, noting our procedures and vulnerabilities in security. With this information, they are capable of planning and circumventing the system.

RAMs help reduce the predictability of our security posture while eliminating the terrorist's advantage. These enhanced security measures may be inconvenient at times, but

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## Emergency fund--plan for the next "big one"

By James E. McDaniel  
65th Force Support Squadron

The recent prospect of a federal government "shutdown" provided a wake-up call that all Airmen (military and civilian) must have an emergency fund. How many of us were really ready for "no pay" or "reduced pay" on 15 April 2011? The scenario of a "no pay due" caused wide-spread alarm, and many started asking, "How am I going to pay my rent, car payment, childcare, insurance or necessities like food?" "Where can I go for extra money to live and survive?" The possible shutdown of the government presented us with a great learning opportunity and real motivation to start saving for an emergency fund.

How much is enough for an emergency fund? How do you ever save enough to have an emergency fund? These are questions that can be answered objectively, but each Airman and family must take action to build their own emergency fund today by consciously making decisions and choices not to spend all their income every month. We know that all of us will experience emergencies throughout our lives. Today is the best time to start taking steps to build your savings for the next emergency.

What is an emergency fund? Plan for the worst and hope for the best! Prior to this event, many Airmen and civilian federal service workers felt that having enough money to fly home would be sufficient for an emergency fund. Most of us would not have thought the worst could be "no pay due" for an undetermined time. Being able to financially survive without pay for three to eight months should be your

new planning figure. Most financial advisors say Americans need at least three months of living expenses in a liquid form (savings or checking) to pay for emergencies. How many months could you survive from your checking or savings accounts without going into debt or borrowing from your retirement account?

How much is enough? You need to figure out how much it is costing you to live each month. Keep track of your spending for at least 30 days. Multiply this amount by three (months).

How can you save enough for an emergency fund?

- Identify 'wants' versus 'needs' using your monthly expense tracking. Realize that every purchase of a 'want' reduces your ability to be financially secure for your 'needs.'

- Make changes to reduce unnecessary overhead costs, such as to eliminate money wasters that are not necessary and actually keep you from reaching your goals.

- Pay yourself first for your emergency fund and set up an allotment into an account that you will not touch unless there is a true emergency: a death or extreme illness of a family member or 'no pay due.'

- Seek help on how to reduce your debts to minimize financial emergencies. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 535-4138, and ask for an appointment to discuss your financial goals.

You must prepare now for the next emergency. If you are financially prepared, you will have the confidence and resiliency to deal with any financial emergency that can be thrown at you.

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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# Lajes students face off in model 'Senate' debate *Feature*

By Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi  
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In an event which mirrored the operations of a U.S. Senate Committee in Rhein-Main, Germany, some Lajes students found themselves "in a senator's shoes" March 29 to April 1.

In the United States, before a bill is signed into law by the president, it has to be passed by both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Students from the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Europe were selected to play the role of senators and get their "bills" passed after an in-depth argument.

The students had to face off in a combative debate, and two of Lajes' hopefuls stood out among their peers. DeMarcus Hodge and Katrina Hermanson were recognized for exceptional performance after delivering a convincing argument to the Senate. Their bills were passed into a simulated law.

"The goal of Model United States Senate is for the students to learn about the legislative process, to write bills proposing laws, and to introduce and debate those bills in an effort to have the bills be voted for and made into law," said Jesse Sanchez, a Lajes DODDS teacher, who mentored the high schoolers. "Katrina and DeMarcus were able to coauthor bills in their respective committees and get them on the agenda for the full Senate. They were able to introduce and debate their bills in the full Senate and get them passed—something that not all the students participating get a chance to do."

Before the team departed Lajes for the competition, the students were well prepared by Mr. Sanchez.

They researched good topics to present to the committee. They also put a lot of practice into their arguments.

"The event is, for the most part, student-run," Mr. Sanchez said. "The coaches help prepare the students ahead of time, but once they are there the students are responsible for playing their roles and coordinating the various events. Their success or failure is based on their level of willingness to participate."

During the debate, Katrina delivered and argued for a bill that

supported women in combat. DeMarcus, on the other hand, urged the committee to pass a bill called "Internet Neutrality," that would eliminate internet monopoly. Katrina is the daughter of Capt. Erik Hermanson, 65th Communications Squadron's flight commander, while DeMarcus, a junior at the school, is the son of Lt. Col. Gwen Johnson, 65th Medical Operations Squadron commander.

According to Colonel Johnson, given the large number of participants in the event from across Europe and other DODDS, passing the bills of two students from Lajes is "pretty prestigious."

While in Germany, the students lobbied to encourage people to support their bills.

"I believe that Internet should be a free-flowing source of information, and it should be free for everyone," said DeMarcus.

Despite some of the politicians, who thought DeMarcus' bill was unconstitutional, it was one of those passed with unanimous votes.

"The atmosphere was very political," said DeMarcus. "The students took it seriously, as if they were real senators."

Even though some of the students did not have future plans to become a senator, they said the Model United States Senate was an eye-opener about the way the Senate works.

Regardless of whether or not the bills will be passed into real law, the Lajes team was able to show its counterparts the caliber of students and teachers working together.

"Participating in an event such as Model United States Senate demonstrates that our students are conscious of the importance of understanding how the United States government works and their willingness to put in the effort to prepare for an event that is intellectually demanding," said Mr. Sanchez. "It also helps to create more well-rounded students that will be better informed and prepared to be contributing citizens when they pursue their own goals after leaving school."

The recognition received in Germany is one of the ways the school team is upholding its mission statement of providing an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all their students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

## Alcohol Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Tech. Sgt. Carmen Wyatt  
65th Medical Operations Squadron

April is a time to observe many prevention areas for the military community. Two of those areas are Alcohol Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention.

Founded in 1987 by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Alcohol Awareness Month aims to raise community awareness about the gravity of alcohol abuse and addiction, and to educate the public that alcoholism is a disease from which a person can recover.

According to the December 2010 Culture of Responsible Choices Dashboard Report, the Air Force's top three alcohol related misconducts were:

- Driving While Intoxicated or Driving Under the Influence - 1,020
  - Underage Drinking -703
  - Drunk and Disorderly - 318
- Lajes had a three-way tie for our top three:
- Duty Related Incident- 2
  - Drunk and Disorderly- 2
  - Crimes Against Property-2

In April 1983, the alarming rate at which children continued to be abused and neglected brought recognition of the need for innovative

programs to prevent child abuse. Assisting families affected by maltreatment, the president proclaimed the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Since then, child abuse and neglect awareness activities have been promoted across the country during April of each year.

In fiscal year 2010, the Air Force had a total of 3,059 Family Advocacy child abuse incident referrals. Of those, 1,217 were substantiated for abuse. During the same period, Lajes had three referrals, but they did not meet criteria for abuse. However, not all calls to Family Advocacy result in a formal investigation; many of the calls received showcase a need for supportive services to deal with a family stressor. Family Advocacy, at its core, is a prevention program designed to intervene to prevent abuse before it happens. In addition, the Family Advocacy Program helps people make safe and healthy adjustments to resolve family concerns. Please note that many incidents go unreported. As a result, families do not get the services they need, and unfortunately the risk for continued abuse may persist or worsen.

A famous quote by an unknown author says, "Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." Continue being good Wingmen, so that we all can have moments that take our breath away.

For more information, please contact the Mental Health Clinic at 535-5177.

### Calendar of Events for the Month of April

- Apr. 1-30** Library Display for Alcohol Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention
- Apr. 22-23** Informational Booth at Dr. Edwards presentation at TORC
- Apr. 22-** DoDDS School: Lunchtime activity with students
- Apr. 29-** DoDDS School: Lunchtime activity with students



# WING EVENTS

- Friday, April 22
  - Earth Day
- Wednesday, April 27
  - First Quarter Awards Breakfast, 8 a.m., TORC

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Sunday, April 24
  - Holy Ghost Festival, taking place all over the island



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are a vital part of our overall security posture. When the "Fort Dix Six" were arrested in 2007, it was revealed these individuals previously surveyed Dover Air Force Base as a potential target, but later indicated Dover was "too hard of a target" and moved onto a softer one at Fort Dix. This "hard target" perception is what we want to convey to potential suspects here. The shooting-spree massacres at Virginia Tech, Fort Hood and most recently in Frankfurt, remind us the threats we face today are very real and extremely dangerous.

While our law enforcement officials are doing a tremendous job, we rely on everyone's assistance. Education is one of the most important elements of defending against those who threaten our way of life with acts of violence. Together, we ensure the term "force protection is everyone's responsibility" is a testament that all of Team Lajes, not just members of the 65th Security Forces Squadron, take the appropriate steps to protect their facilities, resources and personnel.

When irregular "suspicious" events occur, especially those that are potential acts of elicitation, surveillance, probes of security or rehearsals, call Eagle Eyes. Hopefully, the number is already loaded in your phone!

Team Lajes welcomes newest member!

Eireann Michelle Trimble was born Friday the 8th of April to Staff Sergeant Michael Trimble and his wife Jessica.

Congratulations!



21 Weeks remaining until the... ORI

## LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

 <p><b>Name:</b> Curtis Finklea  <b>Rank:</b> Airman 1st Class  <b>Unit:</b> 65th Security Forces Squadron  <b>Hometown:</b> Greenville, Mississippi  <b>Duty Title:</b> Desk Sergeant  <b>Accomplishments:</b> Airman 1st Class Curtis Finklea is the primary dispatcher for security incidents involving U.S. personnel and U.S. Air Force resources. He assists the flight sergeant with command and control of joint patrols during all daily and contingency operations. He also coordinates security forces actions with the host nation controller, command post, and U.S./Portuguese air force emergency services. Finally, Airman Finklea took the initiative to coordinate a 10-man team to clean up all playgrounds in base housing. They collected approximately 60 pounds of trash, ensuring a safe and clean environment for all Lajes family members. He is truly one of the up-and-coming 65th Security Forces Squadron's shining stars.</p>	 <p><b>Name:</b> Mário Jorge Terra  <b>Rank:</b> LGS-07  <b>Unit:</b> 65th Security Forces Squadron  <b>Hometown:</b> São Sebastião  <b>Duty Title:</b> Language Specialist  <b>Accomplishments:</b> Sr. Terra is one of the 65th Security Forces language specialists. As part of the joint police control with Air Base #4 and 65 SFS, he performs duties as a translator, providing written and verbal translations. Among the translations are statements of personnel involved in police related issues, citations, the joint blotter, police reports and any other document needing translation. For the past 30 years, he has provided excellent service for security forces and the Lajes Field community. He responds to incidents and accidents on and off base involving Portuguese and American nationals, providing clear and efficient translations. He also assists personnel in the court system, and other police matters.</p>
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# "6-5...IN THE FIGHT!"



**TJAG visits legal office**

Lt. Gen. Richard Harding, The Judge Advocate General, poses with JAG members during his visit to Lajes Field, Azores, April 12, 2011. General Harding was here for an inspection of the Lajes JAG office April 11 and 12, and he also took the time to meet and greet Airmen in other units. (Photo by Guido Melo)

The Lajes Annual Volunteer Awards nominees hold a \$352,580 faux check presented by the Airmen and Family Readiness Center during the 2010 Volunteer Awards at the community center April 14. The check represents the dollar amount saved by Lajes volunteers' work-hours. Tech. Sgt. Shari Owoh and Kyle Roland won the military and civilian Volunteer Award of the Year, Mrs. Loida Hagadorn won the Volunteer Excellence Award, and the Wing Staff Agency took home the Squadron/Unit Award. (Photo Guido Melo)



**Lajes Annual Volunteer Awards**



**Lajes Field school trip**

Luisa Cota, a worker at the Queijo Vaquinha cheese factory, talks to Lajes Youth Center's children about the process of cheese making during a field trip April 13, 2011. LYC hosted field trips for the Lajes youth to various places around the island and base during spring break. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

A team of First Aid Technical Rescue members from the fire academy at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, conducts a specialized training to the Portuguese Fire Department at Lajes Field, Azores, April 14, 2011. Some of the military instructors were Staff Sgts. Christopher Steves and Winston Jerez, and Senior Airman Scan Cantrell. (Photo by Guido Melo)



**First Aid Technical Rescue**



## Mark your calendar

### Lajes Field 2011 1st Quarter Awards Breakfast

**When:** Wednesday 27 Apr 11 from 0800-0900

**Where:** TORC Ballroom

**Uniform:** ABUs/BDUs for all nominees and attendees

**Cost:** \$10 members, \$11 non-members

**Menu:** Buffet w/ scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and fruit.

Contact your unit POC for tickets.

**CAIB MEETING:** The next Community Action Information Board (CAIB) will be held April 28 at the Conference room in Bldg. T-100 at 9:30 a.m. For details, call R.J. BAPTISTA, CIV, CAIB Executive Director, at 535-HAWC.

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prepared. Before the inspection, the team reviewed its programs for compliance, conducted two additional Self Inspections, reviewed all its records, and conducted updates on all its programs.

"We identified several strengths and took the opportunity to highlight the responsible individuals," Major Sylmar added. "As a part of the inspection, the chief of each legal section briefed TJAG on their area of responsibility. Because all of our programs (from military justice to environmental) and office records were being reviewed, we prepared over 80 slides to lay out each program and how it was performing. As an office, we reviewed the information and identified benchmark programs, weaknesses and potential areas for improvement."

While doing all these, the Lajes legal office team did not forget about teamwork, which is vital to the outcome of the inspection.

They worked closely with other supporting units on base, such as the Lajes Protocol office, and the first sergeants and commanders, to provide a relevant and enjoyable itinerary, which highlighted JA's role in supporting Team Lajes.

During his visit, General Harding also visited various units and shook hands with Airmen getting the job done. Major Sylmar said the entire Lajes team supported the effort, and "that effort was reflected in TJAG's comments that the overall performance was 'fantastic.'"

The Rising VI is sponsoring a Paintball tournament on April 29 from 10-5 p.m. This is a morale event for the entire base. All Lajes Field and Air Base #4 personnel with base access are invited to join. Team payment and names are required NLT 25 April. Please contact Tech. Sgt. Edward Dieterle, 535-6280.



## Feature

### Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



**ENGLISH:** There is an emergency. Evacuate the building, please.

**PORTUGUESE:** Há uma emergência. Evacuem o edifício, por favor.

**PRONUNCIATION:** Ah oOomuh ehmeJAINseeah. EhvahkooAIM oo edeeFEEseeoh poor fahVOR.

### At the Movies



**7 p.m. Friday** - Big Mommas: Like Father, like Son (PG-13)

**7 p.m. Saturday** - Take me home tonight (R)

**4 p.m. Sunday** - Unknown (PG-13)

**7 p.m. Sunday** - Big Mommas: Like Father, like Son (PG-13)

**Big Mommas: Like Father, like Son:** FBI agent Malcolm Turner and his 17-year-old son, Trent, go undercover at an all-girls performing arts school after Trent witnesses a murder. Posing as Big Momma and Charmaine, they must find the murderer before he finds them. Rated PG-13, 107 min.

**Take me home tonight:** Matt Franklin should be working for a Fortune 500 company, instead takes a part-time job behind the counter of a video store. Tori walks into the store and when she invites him to an end-of-summer party, Matt thinks he finally might have a chance with the girl of his dreams. Rated R, 97 min.

**Unknown:** Dr. Martin Harris awakens after a car accident in Berlin to discover that his wife suddenly doesn't recognize him and another man has assumed his identity. Ignored by disbelieving authorities and hunted by mysterious assassins, he finds himself alone, tired and on the run. Rated PG-13, 113 min.

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



## ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima

Community Relations Advisor



### Portugal celebrates Day of Liberty

The Portuguese people will commemorate one of their most meaningful holidays, the Day of Liberty, Monday.

This date commemorates the April 25, 1974 military coup that put an end to 47 years of Fascist dictatorship in the country, as a group of Portuguese military officers overthrew the oppressive regime of Dr. Marcelo Caetano, who had replaced Dr. Antonio Salazar in 1968, due to a disabling illness.

The coup was known as the "Revolution of the Carnations," because the people placed carnations in the soldiers' gun barrels; also, the revolution was marked by the absence of bloodshed or major violence. Only a small incident stained the coup when members of the secret police, the Direcção Geral de Segurança (General Directorate of Security), previously known as Policia Internacional e Defesa do Estado (International Police and Defense of the Country), opened fire against civilian demonstrators causing a few casualties.

During the Fascist dictatorship period, the majority of the Portuguese people and military officials were discontent with the regime's political and economical situation. Dissension grew worse with years of what some thought was a senseless war in the African colonies of Angola, Mozambique and Portuguese Guinea. It seemed to many there were no possible solutions in sight.

Then a group of young captains planned the coup with the objective of restoring democracy, ending the overseas war and allowing the people of those Portuguese African provinces the right to become independent and carry out their own destiny.

In the early morning hours of April 25, 1974, a previously banned protest song, entitled "Grandola, Vila Morena" was aired on a Portuguese radio station, giving the secret signal to the rebellious military to move toward the country's capital, Lisbon, and oust the government.

By the end of the day, the military (calling themselves the Armed Forces Movement) had defeated the forces loyal to the old regime and offered the country a much-anticipated democracy.

As news of the coup spread, large crowds gathered in Lisbon and other cities around the country, and applauded the military members who put an end to a decrepit regime, giving hope for a brighter future.

The restoration of democracy, which had been taken in 1926 when the military dictatorship was instituted, opened the road to independence of the former Portuguese colonies. This allowed the archipelagos of the Azores and Madeira to become autonomous regions with their own governments, while still respecting the national sovereignty.