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Weekend Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

Saturday (a.m. / p.m.)
Partly Cloudy / Sunny
Wind NW 5 mph
W 5 mph

High 68F / Low 61F

Sunday (a.m. / p.m.)
Partly Cloudy / Mostly Cloudy
Wind N 5 mph
NW 5 mph

High 66F / Low 61F

A veteran's story, in honor of Military Appreciation Month

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

May has been designated as National Military Appreciation Month, allowing us to honor, remember, recognize and appreciate those who have served and are now serving, as well as discover the history behind their service. Along with a dynamic active-duty work force, Lajes Field is fortunate to have veterans who serve in the civilian sector, helping to achieve a critical fuel mission in the Azores.

One such veteran is retired U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer James Harkins, who serves as the deputy store director for the Lajes Field Commissary. When serving on active duty, his rich food-service career allowed him to visit countless countries, serve multiple heads of state, and do what he loved best every day--cook.

When young Jim Harkins was in high school, he was the assistant manager of a Kentucky Fried Chicken. His mom and dad owned three restaurants when he was growing up, so, "It was something that came natural," he said.

Once Mr. Harkins finished high school, he wasn't sure what he wanted to do. His father and two uncles

influenced him to consider the military, since he loved to travel. His father served two tours in the Navy, and both uncles served in the Air Force and Marine Corps for 30 years. He went to talk to a recruiter in each branch, and in 1978 he joined the Navy.

"I wanted to see the world," said Mr. Harkins. "I liked the fact I could see so many places within a short amount of time in the Navy."

His first duty station was Subic Bay in the Philippines, where he served as a boatswainmate seaman. It was there he encountered a key mentor in his Navy career, Master Chief Petty Officer Inquicano, who ran the dining hall.

"As a seaman, if you didn't have anything else to do, they sent you to the chow hall to work," said Mr. Harkins. "He's the one who really got me into cooking more."

Harkins' cooking led Subic Bay to win the Capt. Edward F. Ney award for the best dining facility operations in the Navy. This award would be the first of seven Ney awards during his career. He also had three Admiral Zumwalt awards for outstanding management of bachelors quarters in three different commands.

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(From left to right) The leading supply chief, Petty Officer James F. Harkins, leading petty officer, and the supply officer pose after receiving the Admiral Zumwalt award for outstanding management of bachelors quarters in 1984 at the Naval Coastal System Center and Naval Diving School, Panama City, Fla. (Courtesy photo)



During the first-ever Soviet fleet visit to the United States, First Class Petty Officer James F. Harkins serves the fleet admiral lunch at the enlisted dining hall at Naval Base Mayport, Fla., July 17, 1991. During the fleet's visit, Petty Officer Harkins was informed he had been selected to become a chief petty officer. (Courtesy photo)

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Airmen Readiness and the Effects of Divorce

By Kevin Cox

65th Air Base Wing Judge Advocate office

There are few events in one's life that have the same impact as a divorce. In many ways, the decision of whether or not to seek a divorce, the process itself and the consequences of one (psychological and financial) are felt by the parties for years after the entry of the Final Divorce Decree/Order. For many, it is the most traumatic event of their lives. The divorce process is so emotionally debilitating, that one can't help but bring those emotions to the work place. And it's this preoccupation that impacts Airmen's readiness.

The inability of an individual to "move on" or "put aside" the problems which caused the divorce can often result in a good or superior performer becoming a poor performer. Unfortunately, far too many individuals can't leave the emotions generated by a failed marriage at home. And those who are able to leave

them at home often turn to alcohol, drugs and even self-inflicted injury as a means of coping with the stress inherent in every divorce. The number of people who end their lives as a result of divorce is proof enough this process is an emotional rollercoaster. Love, anger, frustration and the feelings of betrayal and abandonment come together to create challenges that must be overcome if the individual is to succeed in moving on with his or her life. It's imperative every servicemember understands there are people who are trained to help those suffering from the effects of divorce to move on with their lives.

There are many avenues of help service members could explore if they feel overcome by events. For example, if someone doesn't feel comfortable speaking with an Air Force mental health professional at the local clinic, he or she can contact the Airman and Family

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535-4240

65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil

The Commander's Action Line is your link to the commander for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option — but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Action Line

at 535-4240 or 65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil.



Col. Jose Rivera
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing

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He then left the Phillipines for his first ship, the Oklahoma City WWII Class Cruiser, at a Naval base at Yukuska, Japan. The ship was decommissioned--sent to the reserve fleet--and he received orders to serve on the U.S.S. Ranger in San Diego, Calif. Prior to arriving on the Ranger, Mr. Harkins decided he wanted to work in the supply department, where he had the opportunity to go to school and become a Navy cook. He completed the Navy culinary arts school, and immediately upon reporting to the Ranger, he deployed, visiting nine countries, including Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, and the Phillipines.

He returned and served on the Ranger from 1979-1982 after a total of three deployments. During this time he helped his ship win another Ney award, met his wife, Norita, and got married, and also went to Panama City, Fla., to the Naval dive school, serving on the support staff. While running the barracks and the dining halls, Mr. Harkins found the time to attend dive school himself.

"It was a unique set-up because I attended classes when I could and got qualified as a Second Class Diver, but I still continued with my cooking career," said Mr. Harkins.

And when he reached his next ship, the U.S.S. Dale in Mayport, Fla., his cooking career really took off. During a deployment to the Indian Ocean on the Dale, he served dinner to the King of Jordan, the Prime Minister of France, and Johnny Carson

and his wife.

He then went to serve at Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., and the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt, winning Ney awards at each.

"It seemed like every command I went to we competed, and we'd win it," said Mr. Harkins.

While at the Naval hospital, he was part of the deployable medical unit, where he served in Haiti in 1993 supporting a joint medical operation. Ironically, he ran the security force at the fleet hospital, working for the executive officer.

"Being in supply, security is a big factor, because while you're bringing in containers of things on and off the ship all the time, you have to be aware of your surroundings--it comes as part of the job," said Mr. Harkins.

He then went to the U.S.S. Cable and Naval Hospital, Guam, and his last tour was in Newport, R.I. He retired after 26 years, during which he served five presidents dinner.

"First it was Jimmy Carter, then Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, Bush, Sr., Bush, Jr.," Mr. Harkins said. "Either they came to my ship or to the base

for a visit, and we provided a meal for them."

But his most memorable moment was when he made chief.

"The Navy is the only branch of service that separates the chief petty officer, E-7, E-8, E-9, from the enlisted ranks," said Mr. Harkins. "We have our own mess, our own chow hall, our own berthing, the uniform is distinctly different from the other enlisted,

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James Harkins staffs the U.S. Navy/Marine Corps booth providing information concerning the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Naval Academy to students during the Lajes Department of Defense Elementary/High School's Military Career Day held at the school gym, October, 2010. (Courtesy photo)



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Lajes supports service members headed to Morocco

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On their way to Africa for a training exercise that will help improve bilateral relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Morocco, more than 300 Soldiers, Sailors and Marines stopped at Lajes in a DC-10 aircraft May 14.

The DC-10, a commercial passenger aircraft, is similar to a KC-10 Extender used in the U.S. Air Force as an air-to-air tanker refueling aircraft.

The U.S. servicemembers were on their way to Exercise African Lion 2011, a U.S. Africa Command-sponsored annual exercise. The troops were attending the second phase of the exercise, which began May 16 and will be completed early June.

While here, the aircraft and crewmembers were provided a variety of services by Airmen of the 65th Air Base Wing, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal.

According to Capt. Gregory Ross, 729th Air Mobility Squadron's director of operations, the download of the troops from the aircraft and their transportation to the designated rest area were done in multiple trips. The AMS team worked together with the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, which provided the buses used for moving the troops, while Team Lajes provided fuel supply for the aircraft.

Two days after the group transited the base, another aircraft stopped at Lajes with more than 150 passengers. They were returning to the United States from the first phase of African Lion, which was conducted from April 28 to May 15. This movement of troops makes it the first time Lajes will be processing such a large number of servicemembers this year, according to officials here.

"This is the reason we are here," said Captain Ross. "Without us (being here doing this mission), they won't be able to continue their forward movement to support African Lion in Morocco."

Last year during the 19-day long exercise, U.S. servicemembers worked closely with the Royal Moroccan Army in a variety of bi-lateral training evolutions including small-arms training and weapons systems familiarization, and a final training exercise.

This year the exercise includes command post training, intelligence capacity-building, a field exercise with live-fire, peace operations, aviation and medical exchange trainings, as well as a humanitarian civic assistance exercise.

The exercise between the Kingdom of Morocco and the United States of America will involve more than 2,000 U.S. servicemembers



Servicemembers transit Lajes Field, Azores, May 16 to refuel the aircraft after participating in the first phase of Exercise African Lion 2011 in Morocco. The exercise between servicemembers in the Kingdom of Morocco and the United States of America involves more than 2,000 U.S. servicemembers and approximately 900 members of the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces. (Photo by Lucas Silva)

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Readiness Center and request to speak with a military life consultant. The consultants are not Air Force personnel, so their counseling is confidential and there are no documents that can later be produced in a court of law.

For those who don't feel comfortable speaking with an Air Force mental health professional or a military life consultant, there is always the chaplain. Also, like the mental health professional and military life consultant, the conversations are confidential. But if you indicate to any mental health professional that you may hurt yourself or someone else, that person must contact the chain of command and inform them that someone has indicated he or she may harm themselves or someone else. There is no confidentiality when the issue is suicide or injury to others.

For some individuals the mental anguish of divorce is not as pronounced. They understand the forces at work and have accepted the divorce as a matter of fact and are prepared to move on with their lives. Yet, these individuals often need help. This is where the base legal office comes into play.

The Air Force Judge Advocates (and their civilian counterparts) working at the installation's legal office are there to assist in answering questions about the divorce process. Although an Air Force

Judge Advocate cannot represent servicemembers in the actual divorce proceeding, he or she can explain several things: How a divorce action will proceed through the courts, the importance of obtaining counsel in the state where the service member is being sued for divorce or intends to sue for divorce, the Air Force regulations regarding support for dependants, and the federal law regarding service of process for servicemembers serving overseas.

It's imperative that every servicemember understands there are issues that arise as a result of seeking and obtaining a divorce that may impact one's career. A perfect example is the Air Force policy on dependent support. Active-duty personnel need to know that even if one's spouse leaves the member, he or she is still required to provide reasonable support to the spouse and children. The failure to provide adequate support to a servicemember's dependent(s) can negatively impact his or her career.

Many servicemembers are often reluctant to seek assistance for fear of what seeking mental health assistance will do to their careers. Leaders are responsible for educating their Airmen and NCOs that asking for help will not impair their careers. As for seeking legal advice, every Air Force leader should encourage those they supervise that if they are going through a divorce or are considering seeking a divorce, they should visit their base legal office. It is just good advice, and worth our Airmen's time!



WING EVENTS

Friday, May 20

- 65th Security Forces Golf Tournament, Terceira Golf Course, 8 a.m.
- Master Sergeant Promotion Party, TORC Ballroom, 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 21

- Combat Dining Out, LRS complex, 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 26

- SUM Dinner, Chapel Annex, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 27

- GOAL Day

Saturday, May 28

- Opening of Lajes Summer Campaign (see the Force Support Accents monthly publication for events)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2011 Armed Forces Kids Run, 9 a.m., May 21 -- This is a 2K run through Lajes base housing, starting at the Youth Center; all participants will receive a free T-shirt.

AWANA Closing Ceremony, 5-7 p.m., May 22 -- The final AWANA meeting for the school year is at the Base Chapel.

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and we do that because it separates the senior leadership from the junior leadership--and it gives you something to strive for," he said.

Mr. Harkins made chief in 12 years, and senior chief in 15 years having earned 23 medals and ribbons, including four Navy/Marine Corps Commendation medals, and nine Navy/Marine Corps Achievement medals. With permission by the Secretary of the Navy, he even managed to retire as the last rated Mess Management Specialist senior chief prior to them changing the rate to Culinary Specialist.

Once he retired, he began doing managerial work for a company that owned 15 Wendy's restaurants, but soon realized he still had the itch to travel.

He started working for the Defense Commissary Agency, as a commissary manager. He worked in Kings Bay, Georgia and Baumholder, Germany for two years each, and currently works at Lajes Field, Azores.

Mr. Harkins' son continued the military tradition as the commanding officer of his Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit at Guam and is currently a junior at Auburn University serving in ROTC.

His daughter just finished her degree in education and is looking to become a teacher.

At the heart of such an impressive military career is someone with a humble character and the willingness to work, making his dreams become a reality.

"When you don't have any idea of what you're gonna' do, and you need a little discipline to help you decide, the military's one of the best places to do that," said Mr. Harkins.

Although Congress adopted a resolution calling for Americans to recognize and honor U.S. servicemembers during May's National Military Appreciation Month, this already comes naturally to most Americans. It's easy to do when you hear about the perseverance and determination of people like Jim Harkins.

Team Lajes welcomes newest members!

Twin girls Deja Mae and Adrianna Marie were born Friday, April 22 to Airman 1st Class Xavier Kinsey.

Congratulations!

Share your newborn's photo! Just send it to 65 ABW/PA, and we'll happily place your newborn's photo in the Crossroads Xtra.



LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Denise Wade
Rank: Master Sergeant
Unit: 65th Air Base Wing JA
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
Duty Title: Law Office Superintendent
Accomplishments: Master Sgt. Denise Wade is the Law Office Superintendent. She is responsible for the overall administration of the office. Sergeant Wade and her husband, Master Sgt. Carlos Wade, recently

arrived from Malmstrom AFB. Since her arrival, Sergeant Wade has initiated several programs to support Airmen and their families, such as the wing's tax drive. Her innovative programs were applauded during the legal office's Article 6 inspection, where the office's programs overall were rated "superb."



Name: Nuno Lemos
Rank: LAW-10
Unit: 65th Air Base Wing JA
Hometown: Angra do Heroismo, Terceira
Duty Title: Host Nation Attorney
Accomplishments: Dr. Nuno Lemos works as the legal office's host nation attorney. In that capacity, he provides legal assistance to U.S. servicemembers to ensure their

interests are protected during their tour in the Azores. He also works to ensure the wing complies with its international agreements and obligations. He recently supported the legal office's Article 6 inspection, where the office's programs were rated "superb."

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Nurse Technician Week



Members from the 65th Medical Group speak with Portuguese Air Force and local medical personnel during the Nurse Technician Week at Lajes Field, Azores, May 13, 2011. The purpose of the week-long celebration was to raise awareness of the value of nurse technicians and the vital part they play in health care. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



5K Ruck Challenge

More than 20 people competed in the 65th Security Forces Squadron's 5K Ruck Challenge at Lajes Field, Azores, May 16, 2011. The run, which kicked off National Police Week, incorporated self-aid and buddy care, along with M-16 disassembly. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Warrior Departure

Chaplain (Capt.) Dominic Vitaliano, 65th Air Base Wing, gives backpacks to departing warriors (left to right) Capt. Harry James, Senior Airman Jacy Morey and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Jackson at the Top of the Rock Club's entrance, May 12, before the warriors' deployment. All Team Lajes members who deploy are given a "warrior" departure, or a welcome ceremony. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Taste of Asia

The Asian Pacific Heritage Committee at Lajes held a fundraiser serving Asian delicacies at the base chapel, May 13, 2011. The proceeds of the fundraiser went to the Lajes youth center. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Mark your calendar

MSGT PROMOTION RELEASE PARTY: The Lajes Top III invites all base members to the Master Sergeant Promotion Release Party, Friday, 20 May 2011, 4 p.m. at the TORC Ballroom. For more information, contact MSgt Elliott G. Weir at 535-5095.

65th ABW COMBAT DINING OUT: The Lajes Field Combat Dining Out is scheduled for 21 May 2011. Location: Building T-605. Social Hour: 1700. Dinner: 1800. Cost: \$20 E6 and below, \$25 E7 and above. Military UOD: ABU's, Flight Suits and Utility Uniforms only. Civilian UOD: Don't wear your Sunday best! Designated drivers will be provided by LADD. Call 964-995-992.

MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING FACILITIES EXCELLENCE: May 26-27, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Building T-521 MFH residents are encouraged to take pride in their units. Housing maintenance is providing FREE flowers and shrubs, lava rocks, stepping stones and potting soil to enhance your exterior. They're also providing a variety of hand and garden tools to help residents take care of their units. Please contact Randy Phillips, 535-2363 if you have questions.

JAPAN DISASTER RELIEF DRIVE: The Asian Pacific Heritage Association is collecting new or gently used (but clean) blankets, jackets and any other children's clothing, along with un-needed stuffed animals that are clean and in good shape. Please contact Mr. John Peters at 535-1106 or 966-46-8217, or bring them to Lajes Elementary/High School in the administrative office as well as all APHA base events. Let's show our friends in Japan that even though we're over 6,000 miles away, at Lajes we really do care.



Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: What is the name of this town?

PORTUGUESE: Como se chama este lugar?

PRONUNCIATION: Komoo see shama eshte loogahr?

At the Movies



- 7 p.m. Friday - Sucker Punch
- 7 p.m. Saturday - The Lincoln Lawyer
- 4 p.m. Sunday - Sucker Punch
- 7 p.m. Sunday - The Lincoln Lawyer

Sucker Punch: A young girl's dream world provides the ultimate escape from her darker reality. Locked away against her will, Babydoll has not lost her will to survive. Determined to fight for her freedom, she urges four other young girls to band together and try to escape their terrible fate at the hands of their captors. Led by Babydoll, the girls engage in fantastical warfare with a virtual arsenal at their disposal. Rated PG-13, 120 min.

The Lincoln Lawyer: Mickey Haller is a Los Angeles criminal defense attorney who operates out of the back of his Lincoln sedan. Haller has spent most of his career defending garden-variety criminals, until he lands the case of his career: defending Louis Roulet, a Beverly Hills playboy accused of rape and attempted murder. But the seemingly straightforward case suddenly develops into a deadly game of survival for Haller. Rated R, 118 min.

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

Did you know?

Thanks to AFSA's lobbying efforts on capitol hill in May, 2011, the House Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee rejected DoD's plans to raise retirees TRICARE Prime enrollment fees 13 percent and approved a 1.6 percent across-the-board pay raise for active duty personnel in Fiscal Year 2012.

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BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



- Saturday, May 21: 6:30 p.m. Canada Capitão Mor, S. Mateus
- Saturday, May 21: 6:30 p.m. Canada da Parada, Feteira
- Sunday, May 22: 6:30 p.m. Canada Capitão Mor, S. Mateus

ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima
Community Relations Advisor



How do the island parking meters work?



The cities of Praia da Vitoria and Angra do Heroismo have parking meters installed on most of their streets and some parking lots.

The streets that have parking meters have been identified by a big white traffic sign with a blue square and a white "P."

People who park on those streets need to purchase a parking meter receipt in one of the nearest parking meters that covers the period of time they expect to be parked there. To purchase the receipt, simply drop the coins in the slot, press the green button and then wait for the receipt to appear in the opening below. The receipt is then placed inside the vehicle on top of the dashboard, so that it's visible.



Parking fees will vary with parking time and the city. In Angra do Heroismo, a 15-minute parking period costs .20 euro cents, while a period of four hours will cost 3.53 euros.

In Praia da Vitoria, 30-minute parking costs .30 euro cents, while four-hour parking will cost 3.00 euros.

Parking meter receipts need to be purchased only during the following days and hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

The parking meters will accept 5, 10, 20, and 50-cent coins and one or two euro coins. The meters will not provide change, so people need to make sure they have the right change.

If people need to park an extra amount of time, they will need to purchase another receipt. If a vehicle is found parked with an expired receipt, the owner will get a ticket and be fined 30 euros.

People who find a parking ticket on the vehicle's windshield, either because of illegal parking or for not having a valid parking meter receipt, should contact the base security forces' staff translator, Ms. São Santos, at 535-6177 for assistance.