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SE 10 - 15 mph

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LOW 19C / 66F



Col. Bargery takes command of 65th Air Base Wing

Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin, 3rd Air Force commander, hands Col. Chris Bargery the wing guidon during the 65th Air Base Wing change of command ceremony July 9. Bargery assumed command of the 65th ABW from Col. Jose Rivera. (Photo by Guido Melo)

By 1st Lt. Mark Graff
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Col. Chris Bargery took command of the 65th Air Base Wing in a change of command ceremony at Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal July 6.

Bargery arrived here from Ramstein Air Base, Germany where he served as the Chief of Security Forces, Directorate of Logistics, Installations and Support, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe.

The men and women of the 65th ABW must remain focused on mission accomplishment and fighting today's fight, said Bargery.

"The Airmen that make up this dynamic wing, the United States and our allies, are still engaged in persistent conflict around the world and we will not forget that," said Bargery. "The reputation for excellence in this wing is not confined to this island."

Bargery takes command of the 65th ABW that partners with the Portuguese Air Force to operate Lajes Field, more formally known as Portuguese Air Base 4. Maintaining strong relations with the Portuguese is of the utmost importance, said Bargery.

"Everything we do here as a command team, with our partners, with the local officials here in Terceira and Praia,

all of this makes us stronger together. Let there be no doubt about that," said Bargery.

Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin, 3rd Air Force commander, presided over the ceremony. He highlighted Lajes Field's proud history with the Portuguese and a bright future for Lajes.

"Lajes has a long history of supporting U.S. operations and we look forward to continuing that history," said Franklin. "I know that under Col. Bargery's command, the 65th Air Base Wing will be ready to meet tomorrow's challenges."

Col. Jose Rivera, the outgoing wing commander, relinquished command before departing to become the Deputy Director of Cyber Security at the Pentagon. Rivera has commanded the wing since July 2010.

Rivera thanked the men and women of the 65th ABW for their hard work and dedication to service.

"You have shown me what it means to take mission and take people and make both of those things work. We take care of the mission and we take care of our people and you've done that better than any organization in the United States Air Force," said Rivera.

The change of command ceremony was attended by distinguished U.S. and Portuguese military leaders and Azorean civic leaders.

Today's Fight—Airmen and Families—Host Nation Relationship—Future Challenges



New commander proud to lead Team Lajes



Col. Chris Bargery, 65th Air Base Wing commander, and family: (from left) wife, Melinda, daughters, Haley and Mary Margaret, and son, Jackson, at Praia Beach in Praia da Vitoria. (Courtesy photo)

By Col. Chris Bargery
65th Air Base Wing commander

I've had my feet on the ground at Lajes for two weeks and I can say that the 'goodness' of Lajes is pervasive. I mentioned in my change of command address that Lajes' has earned a reputation for excellence and 'goodness' is well-known throughout USAFE. Rest assured: our hard work and dedication to service and our fellow Airmen is fully evident to USAFE and Air Force leadership. I'm proud to say that on many fronts, Lajes Field sets the standard for other USAFE wings!

On a personal note, Melinda and I want to extend our sincere thanks to Team Lajes for showing us the 'Lajes Goodness', or 'LG', as my kids would say. We're excited to be here with you. Thanks for making our transition to Terceira so easy.

Over the next few weeks, I'll be visiting each group and squadron. I'm looking forward to seeing how you serve our nation each day. Tell me about the challenges you face and how you overcome them. I want to learn why you serve. As your commander, I work for you. I value your thoughts and opinions and am excited to learn from you.

As I begin to learn about you during my visits to our squadrons or work centers, you should know where I'm coming from and what I believe is important, too.

Mission – Despite our unique and distant location, we must continue to focus on how we "fight today's fight." Lajes Airmen will continue supporting contingency operations worldwide and we will maintain a constant state of readiness and vigilance. I challenge you to remain focused on improving proficiency in professional endeavors and to take physical fitness to new levels. Most importantly, we must continue to execute our mission here at Lajes Field – our support to transiting aircraft and warfighters is invaluable to our nation and

its allies.

People – I've said it time and again, but it's worth repeating: people are the Air Force's most valuable resource. You, the men and women of Team Lajes, are the finest citizens and leaders that our nation has to offer. Therefore, leaders and supervisors, I charge you to engage and develop your people. Enhance their careers by seeking unique opportunities for our Airmen. Get to know your Airmen on a personal level – where they come from, what motivates them, what they're struggles are – and it will improve your effectiveness as a leader. More importantly, it will demonstrate to your Airmen that you care.

Safety – It's a busy time of year for families. We're traveling the world, enjoying outdoor activities, and getting in summer vacation with the kids. I want you to enjoy your summer, but I need you to be safe and cautious while doing so. As you plan your next day-trip or vacation, think carefully about things that could go wrong and what you'll do to keep that from happening. As the base open house and Praia Fest approach, please have a plan and make smart decisions!

Community – Lajes Field's sense of community and morale is so strong because of our great families and our Portuguese hosts. As servicemembers, we are able to complete our mission because of support from family and friends. Lajes Families – thanks for your sacrifices. Under my command, we will stop at nothing to care for you and make your time at Lajes unforgettable. When it comes to our Portuguese partners, I can't think of better people to work with. Our history of teamwork is impressive and important. Your service to your nation is honorable and we thank you for assisting us in serving ours. I look forward to continued partnership with Portuguese military officials and local leaders.

Lajes Field, I'm proud to be the Commander of the 65th Air Base Wing, the finest Air Base Wing on the planet!

Commander's Action Line
535-4240
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The Commander's Action Line is your link to the commander for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option — but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Action Line at 535-4240 or 65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil.



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729 AMS gives Lajes travelers Space-A tips

By Roy Vasconcelos
729th Air Mobility Squadron

The members of the 729th Air Mobility Squadron want passengers to enjoy their travels on space-available aircraft in a smooth, wrinkle-free manner. Here are a few tips for servicemembers, dependents or retirees who may be considering using Space-A travel for upcoming leave.

Remember that space-available travel is just what the name states: seats available after all military requirements, passenger and cargo, have been met.

A traveler's position on the Space-A register depends on his or her travel category and the date and time they signed up for that category. Some types of travel require that a person has entered a leave status before signing up. One can only stay on the list for 60 days or until their leave has expired, whichever occurs first.

Travel Documents

Remember to hand carry these travel documents when traveling Space-A: unexpired identification cards (DD Form 2, Armed Forces Identification Card), passports, immunization records, visas when required by the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide, leave form/EML/ or other appropriate leave documentation. Ensure the traveler's current name is on the ID card and passport or present valid proof of relation to the sponsor (i.e. marriage or birth certificate).



Roll Call

Roll call is conducted at the Passenger Service Center counter. To be considered travel ready, be physically present at the beginning of roll call with all accompanying family members, all required documentation, checked baggage and be marked "Present" within 24 hours of travel time.

Show Times

At Lajes, show time is normally two hours prior to departure for flights. Show times can change. Stay on top of changes through announcements, displays and telephone calls (i.e. AFN, Commander's Access Channel and Passenger Terminal at 535-3227/3582).

Leave Times

Summer and holiday seasons (Christmas, Spring Break) are usually the busiest times to fly. Consider "off-season" leave, if possible.

Flexibility

Flying Space-A doesn't guarantee that you fly into and out of where you want. In advance, decide personal ground rules with reference to times, places and costs. Plan the trip, be flexible, be patient. Typically, military ports offer more travel opportunities than commercial gateways. For example, sometimes, travel chances are better to Europe from Dover AFB, Del., than Baltimore-Washington IAP.

Luggage

Make sure all luggage is tagged with the traveler's name, address, phone number and it doesn't hurt to place a copy of your travel orders in each bag.

Travel Light

Two pieces of checked luggage which cannot exceed 70 pounds

or 62 linear inches each are authorized. Do not pack valuables, medicines or important documents in checked baggage. Carry-on baggage must fit under an airline seat or in an overhead compartment.

Keep Information Available

Keep telephone numbers of terminals and billeting locations handy. Also, hold on to any documentation received from any terminal. Write all information in one note book that can be kept in a purse or briefcase.

Hang Around Until the Flight Leaves

In some cases, seats can become available after a flight has been "closed out".

Bring Money

Space-A travel is free, however, be aware of additional expenses, such as rental cars, motels, entertainment and meals. There are also miscellaneous charges (federal inspection fees, etc) that may be charged depending on flight and destination. In a worst-case scenario, you may even have to purchase commercial air travel back home.

Return Travel

Sign-up for return travel on the list while you enjoy your leave.

Be Prepared

When traveling Space-A with young children, prepare for possible delays along the way where baby supplies may not be readily available. A good supply of games and books is also recommended. Be aware that a baby's ears, like an adult's, are sensitive to altitude pressure changes.

Buy Box Lunch

When you consider time waiting in the terminal and flight time to your destination, you will probably come to the conclusion that you will miss a meal time. Most box lunches have food that you can munch on throughout your flight, especially if you are flying with kids.

Liquids, Gels, Aerosols

To be carried on, these items must be packaged as described:

- 3-ounce or smaller containers placed in a 1-quart, clear, plastic, zip-top bag
- 1 bag per passenger placed in a plastic bin for screening.

Larger quantities must be placed in checked luggage.

Footwear

Wear footwear that can be easily removed to help speed through the X-ray screening process.

Batteries

When transporting spare batteries, effectively insulate battery terminals by isolating the batteries from contact with other batteries and metal. Do not permit a loose battery to come in contact with metal objects, such as coin, keys or jewelry.

More Information

For additional information on Space-A travel, check the AMC Travel Information Website at <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel>. To learn more about what is permitted or prohibited from being carried in carry-on luggage, visit the Transportation Security Administration website at www.tsa.dot.gov/travel.



Transforming sexual assault prevention in the Air Force

By Dr. Tom Appel-Schumacher
USAFE Sexual Assault Prevention
and Response Program manager

Air Force leadership takes sexual assault prevention very seriously and continuously works towards creating a culture where sexual assaults are eliminated.

To that end, senior Air Force leaders recently participated in a Sexual Assault Prevention Summit at Andrews AFB, Maryland in a continuing effort to improve the process of how the Air Force deals with sexual assault investigations, better care for the victims and ensure perpetrators are convicted.

The overarching tone of the summit squarely placed the responsibility of changing the culture on the shoulders of leaders at all levels in the Air Force. For example, studies suggest that sexual assaults can increase by as much as 30% in organizations where inappropriate relationships or off-colored remarks are tolerated.

Summit participants also explored how victims are perceived and treated once they come forward.

One of the guest speakers, Mary Lauterbach, whose daughter was sexually assaulted and murdered at the hands of a Marine perpetrator, called on leaders to first believe the victim's story. She added that the facts will come out eventually, but leaders must first believe and support victims so they know they are in an environment that will offer physical and emotional assistance and pursue justice.

On the other side of that coin, alleged perpetrators must be aggressively investigated especially with regard to their patterns of behavior. It is estimated that between three and five percent of sexual assault perpetrators commit over 90% of the assaults. Alleged perpetrators often are masters at deception, and more times than not are stellar performers in the workplace. So, if a person is accused of sexual assault, an investigation of facts is the best way to proceed toward prosecution.

Some recent procedural changes were also briefed at the summit. Some of them include:

- Dependents of military members, 18 years and older, can now file "restricted" reports.
- Expedited transfers for victims who filed an "unrestricted" report are now possible.
- Records and forensic evidence is now to be kept for 50 years for "unrestricted" reports; and for 5 years for "restricted" reports.
- Both the SARC and a victim advocate are now granted privileged communication status, which means VAs/SARCs cannot be called to testify in court with information they may have gotten from working with the victim.
- In many instances DoD civilians and contractors working overseas or at deployed locations may now access emergency care and the services of the SARC and victim advocate.
- In the future both SARCs and victim advocates will be required to be credentialed by a national accreditation agency.
- Beginning June 28, 2012, the initial disposition of a sexual assault case will be immediately referred to the special court-martial level or maybe even the general court-martial level for investigation.
- By Oct. 1, 2013, every wing will have a full time SARC and a full time victim advocate.

In addition to the changes, the Air Force has also put a focus on more efficient training.

The new Bystander Intervention Training, hailed as the cornerstone of the Air Force sexual assault prevention strategy, is a unique, data-based intervention program, which teaches Air Force members how to recognize dangerous behaviors in social settings, especially where alcohol and behavior of a sexual nature are intertwined. The class also provides members with ways to intervene in order to prevent a sexual assault from happening in the first place.

The Air Force has come a long way in creating a culture that does not tolerate sexual assault. As leaders in this awesome Air Force Family, it is our responsibility to continue to take the courageous steps along with our peers and subordinates to ensure all women and men can expect to live in a culture free of sexual violence and unwanted sexual conduct.

LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Sergio Meneses
Rank: LWS-10
Unit: 65th Operations Support Squadron
Hometown: Lajes, Terceira
Duty Title: AGE Support Technician
Accomplishments: For 32 years, Sergio Meneses has used his mechanical abilities and technical expertise to provide Lajes Field with well-maintained Aerospace Ground Equipment. After spending 26 years actively

maintaining and inspecting AGE, Meneses transferred to the flight's support section. For the last six years he has maintained responsibility for more than 2,200 tools and special equipment items. In addition, he is the point of contact for the 65th OSS Hazmat/Hazwaste programs. His leadership guided the squadron through the 2012 ESOHCAMP receiving zero significant findings and two best practices. He is also the flight supply liaison, ordering all the parts needed to maintain over 150 pieces of equipment. Meneses' expertise and attention to detail have been instrumental in keeping vital equipment readily available for transiting aircraft, keeping the 65th ABW "In the Fight."



Name: Ronald Hague
Rank: Staff Sergeant
Unit: 65th Operations Support Squadron
Hometown: Livermore, Calif.
Duty Title: Transient Alert Maintenance Technician
Accomplishments: Since Hague's arrival on station, he has supported 35 CORONET movements consisting of 212 fighter and 62 support aircraft. He's shown exceptional

time management by maintaining the squadron's Crashed Damaged Disabled Aircraft Recovery equipment valued at more than \$1.1 million dollars ensuring over 1,000 inspections were accomplished with zero overdue. He also led the squadron as a physical training leader and ensured the squadron reached an outstanding 100 percent fitness assessment pass rate. Furthermore, he guaranteed mission success by purchasing over \$10,000 in mission essential assets as a GPC cardholder. If that wasn't enough, Hague was also able to complete his CCAF. Hague's commitment and dedication has been pivotal in the success of the 65 Operations Support Squadron's mission of moving "Iron to the Fight"



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Feature



Mirage 2000D aircraft based at Nancy-Ochey Air Base in Ochey, France, stop at Lajes Field for a refueling mission while returning home after participating in the Maple Flag exercise that took place in Cold Lake, Canada. Lajes Field provides refueling and bed-down support to aircraft transiting the Atlantic Ocean. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Tyler Storms, son of Chief Master Sergeant Curtis Storms, 65th Air Base Wing command chief, sings along with Idols World Tour performer Adrian Madison during the Idols World Tour concert at the Lajes Community Activities Center July 1. The event was sponsored by the Armed Forces Entertainment. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Staff Sgt. Laurenz Blanco admires the John L. Levitow Award he recently earned during Airman Leadership School. 10 Lajes Airmen graduated ALS June 28. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Team Lajes congratulated its newest promotees during a promotion ceremony at the base theater June 28. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Mark your calendar

VA BENEFITS TELECONFERENCE: There will be a VA Benefits Teleconference on July 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center (Bldg. 126). Call the A&FRC at 535-4138 for more information.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP DAY: Be a club member at Lajes Field and have a free dinner on July 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the TORC. Families are welcome. You can also become a member at the door. For more information, contact the TORC at 535-1122.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: The next TAP class will be held from July 25 to 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center (Bldg. 126). It's open to all military members, spouses, and civilians. If you are planning to separate or retire from the military lifestyle, this program offers three days of information that cover job hunting skills, resume building, preparing for an interview, and much more.

SNCO INDUCTION CEREMONY: The Senior Non-commissioned Officer Induction Ceremony is July 27. Social hour is 6 p.m. and the ceremony begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$27 for club members and \$29 for non-members. Contact your unit representatives for tickets.

ELECTIONS FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY AWARENESS

COUNCIL (CDAC): The Cultural Diversity Awareness Council is currently accepting nominations for president, vice president and publicist. Please contact Master Sgt. Carmen Wyatt for more information at 535-5177.

65TH MEDICAL GROUP CLOSURES: The 65th Medical Group will be closed for official functions on July 20 after noon and July 23 until 1 p.m.

YOUTH CENTER REQUESTS A PIANO PLAYER: The Youth Center needs a piano player for the Missoula Theater camp/production on August 14, 15, 16, and 17. If you or anyone you know plays the piano, please contact Diana Sousa at 535-1192.



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. Ehvah-kooAIM oo edeeFEeeseoh poor fahVOR.

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



Saturday, Jul 14: 6:30 p.m. Santa Rita
Saturday, Jul 14: 9:00 p.m. Grota do Medo, Posto Santo
Sunday, Jul 15: 6:30 p.m. Ribeira Manuel Vieira, Santa Bárbara
Monday, Jul 16: 6:30 p.m. Porto Judeu
Monday, Jul 16: 6:30 p.m. Grota do Medo, Posto Santo
Friday, Jul 20: 6:30 p.m. Terreiro, Porto Judeu



Lajes Against Drunk Driving 295-57-LADD (5233)

Every year the Air Force loses great Airmen to drunk driving. Please help save a life and your career by calling Lajes Against Drunk Driving. LADD is a base program that provides free rides for individuals who've had too much to drink. LADD will be available between the hours of 9:30 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. every weekend.

The LADD program is available to all Lajes Airmen, so if you are the one who ends up needing a ride this or any weekend, call LADD.

For more information, please contact your squadron representative.



ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima
Community Relations Advisor



Are there any camping sites on Terceira? If so, are they free or do I have to pay a fee to use them?

Terceira Island offers local residents and visitors some campgrounds they can use during the summer months.

They are the campgrounds of Salga, located next to the swimming area at Salga Bay in the beautiful village of Porto Judeu; Salgueiros, also a popular swimming area located just beyond the village of Porto Martins; Cinco Ribeiras, next to the ocean; Biscoitos, next to the swimming hole and green vineyards; and Mata da Esperança, between Cabrito and the highway to Angra.

The well-maintained campground of Salga is operated by Angra's City Hall, while the one in Cinco Ribeiras is run by a private business. Both campgrounds feature showers with hot water and electricity that can be used inside your tent with the use of an extension cord. There is a daily fee for each occupant and a fee for a spot to place your tent, which varies based on tent size. Children under 10 are free.

The use of Salgueiros campground is free, but it doesn't provide all services available to the other camping sites, such as showers and electricity. While water is available for cooking and washing purposes, you will need to bring your own drinking water. This area is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Biscoitos campground, located close to the swimming hole in the village with the same name, offers the same features as Salga and Cinco Ribeiras.

The other authorized camping site, Mata da Esperança, is frequently used by the local boy and girl scouts during their campouts. This is a forested area located between Cabrito and the highway to Angra. It is the only area under the jurisdiction of the Regional Forest Services. This is also the only camping site that doesn't provide water or restroom facilities. Camping there is free and campfires are allowed as long as people take necessary precautions to prevent forest fires.

Although people still camp in the area of Duck Lake, in the center of the island, it is not an authorized camping ground. According to the Regional Forest Services, it's just a picnic area.

In addition to these camping sites, people are also allowed to camp on private property, such as an open field or a forest area, provided they have permission from the owners.

For more information on the featured camping grounds, call the following numbers: Salga -- 295 905 451, Cinco Ribeiras -- 295 907 087 and Biscoitos -- 965 235 417.