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Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal

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IN THE FIGHT!"
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**Weekend
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Saturday (a.m. / p.m.)
Partly Cloudy / Rain
Wind W 10 Kt
W 10 kt
HIGH 24C / 75F
LOW 19C / 66F
Sunday (a.m. / p.m.)
Partly Cloudy / Rain
Wind N 15 Kt
NE 10 Kt
HIGH 23C / 73F
LOW 18C / 64F



Lajes youth complete deployment camp

After marching from the Community Activities Center to the Youth Center, the children stand in formation for a briefing during the deployment camp at Lajes Field July 28. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)

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

The Lajes Field Youth Center hosted a deployment camp to familiarize children with the deployment experience here July 28.

The main goal of the program was to help children understand what their parents experience while deploying, said Carlos Wade, Youth Center sports director.

About 40 children, between 7 and 15 years old, participated in the event. The children were welcomed to the experience by Master Sgt. Chris Ramsdell, a former military training instructor, now with the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The children were organized into a military unit, complete with troop commander and first sergeant.

"The idea was to give them some responsibility," said Wade. "We have about three who are interested in joining the military."

Sean Rowland, 15, was the troop commander. He enjoyed the experience, but it was not without leadership challenges, said Rowland, son of Maj. Russell Rowland, 65th Air Base Wing Inspector General.

"It was fun, but being in charge is not always easy because you have to keep track of everybody and make sure everyone is doing their job," said Rowland.

Festivities began Friday afternoon when the children processed through a mock deployment line at 65th LRS facilities.

In the deployment line, children received mobility gear, equipment bags and learned about weapons safety on paintball guns. A paintball game – complete with safety briefing – was organized as well.

The paintball game received high remarks from the children.

The best part of the weekend according to Rowland: "Paintball. That was a lot of fun."

The kids were also taught to march in formation, a skill they mastered quickly.

"We completed a one and a half mile march today and they actually marched themselves," said Wade.

Technical Sgt. Yvette Prioleau, 65th Contracting Flight, an event volunteer taught the kids how to march in-step while singing a jodie.

"It was one that I sort of knew, but I kind of changed it and made it up. It was like one of those 'Hey Army, can you hear me? Pick up your tanks and follow me. We are the best at LYP (Lajes Youth Programs),' said Prioleau.

On Saturday, a sports-themed obstacle course awaited the young deployers.

Lajes Field Youth Center employees sought the children's feedback when organizing the final event of the weekend, said Wade.

"We always get inputs from the kids. We told them we had an obstacle course and paintball, and they were excited," said Wade.

Obstacles included a dizzy-bat spin, juggling a soccer ball, completing a low crawl and throwing a football at a target.

Prioleau said the deployment camp experience was a satisfying one for everyone involved.

"With the activities and the marching that we've done, it's been a fantastic time. The little things they think they can't do, you show them some skills and they impress you," said Prioleau. "It's just fun to see the energy, the light in their eyes, and their accomplishments."

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



Preparation to Open House 2012

By Col. Chris Bargery
65th Air Base Wing commander

As we approach Open House 2012 on Sunday, August 5th, I feel honored to be part of such an exciting event. In partnership with our Portuguese counterparts, we've put together an unmatched open house for all Airmen and local citizens to enjoy. On the 65th Air Base Wing side of the house, I thank our dedicated planning committee led by Maj. Bill Hesketh and Master Sgt. Travis Chaney. Keep these thoughts in mind as we make final preparations for Open House.

Open House 2012 is all about displaying American and Portuguese solidarity, cooperation and teamwork. In squadrons, flights and work centers throughout the base, we're completing the mission side-by-side.

American and Portuguese Airmen tackle challenges, enjoy success and serve our nations so well because of that fundamental element that makes Lajes Field special: teamwork.

So, let's show the world how powerful that partnership is!

The United States Air Force participates in open houses and community relations events to show the world the meaningful work that we do each day. Lajes Field Airmen are tied to operations around the globe and we'll demonstrate that through a representative sample of the aircraft that come through here every week. The ramp will include a C-5 Galaxy, KC-135 Stratotanker and F-15E Strike Eagles – aircraft that you help get to the fight each day!

Finally, as you enjoy Open House 2012 and also, venture down to Praia Fest, please keep safety in mind. It's a great time of year to get out and enjoy the island and all of the local festivities. Be mindful of your surroundings and look out for your fellow Airmen. I want you to enjoy Open House 2012 and Praia Fest to the fullest extent, but I need you to have fun in a responsible manner.

To all American and Portuguese "A"irmen at Lajes Field, I'm proud to serve with you!

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Teamwork starts at lowest levels

By Stephen Day
65th Civil Engineer Squadron

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success" - Henry Ford.

This statement is as true today as when Henry Ford stated it. Long ago we realized that together we can accomplish more than we can by ourselves. That was the beginning of teamwork. However, teamwork is not easily created. People have written about teamwork for centuries, how to create it, how to sustain it. But true teamwork in many ways is still elusive.

Teamwork starts at the lowest levels. It is all about individuals doing their part. Everyone from the commander to the airman basic has a role to play. It is ironic that for good teamwork, you need great individuals. Each individual has a part to play. Sometimes it is a major role that is seen by everyone, other times it is a role that is behind the scenes where, if done properly, no one will see the work done. But both roles are essential and just as important to accomplishing the mission.

The biggest challenge to a team is trust. Trust in the other members of your team and trust in your leaders. If you trust your teammates, then everyone will move in the same direction. However, if there is distrust then the team will flounder, as some tasks are repeated or double

checked.

The best way I know to gain the trust of your coworkers is to get to know them, spend time with them on and off duty and ensure they participate in the decision-making processes of the team. Once you get to know someone, you will learn the individual strengths and weaknesses, which will strengthen the team.

This is especially difficult here at Lajes.



Stephen Day is the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy commander.

Our Portuguese civilian employees are constantly adjusting to new team members. Some military and U.S. civilian personnel are here for 15 months, then move on. Others are here for two years typically with a deployment thrown in the middle. By the time they get to know someone they are gone and need to start over again.

Over time this can lead to a mentality of not wanting to know those members of the team since they leave so frequently. This is a mentality we need to fight. It is extremely important for the U.S. personnel to get to know each other and their Portuguese team members if

Lajes is going to effectively execute the mission.

Teamwork starts at the ground level. With every "A"irman doing their job, knowing the other team members Portuguese civilian, U.S. civilian or military.

It is vital that we get to know those team members and build strong relationships so we can complete the mission.



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Open House Program

LAJES FIELD, Azores, Portugal

Aug. 5
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Open House 2012

Static Display

- F-15E Strike Eagle
- KC-135 Stratotanker
- C-5 Galaxy
- CASA C-295M
- Merlin Helicopter
- Portuguese Rescue Watercraft & Jet Ski
- Classic Car Show
- Portuguese & American Motorcycle Club



Performances

- 10 to 11:15 a.m.** - A.J. Taisague Unplugged
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** - USAFE Band Touch 'n Go
- 1 to 2:30 p.m.** - Rock After Midnight - R.A.M.
- 3 to 4:15 p.m.** - Island Bombs
- 3 to 4:30 p.m.** - Cantares da Eira (Folklore dance in Portuguese hangar)
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** - USAFE Band Touch 'n Go
- 5:30 to 6 p.m.** - Island Bombs

Arts & Crafts

Decoupage	Honey
Photography	Pastry Makers
T-Shirts	Tiles & Ceramics Potters
Clay Potters	Tile Painting
Crochet	Upholstery & Textiles
Embroidery	Wine

For Children

- Bouncy Castles
- Face Painting
- Military Police K-9 demo - 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Location of Open House

The Open House will take place between the two base Portuguese hangars and surrounding area on the flightline. Security forces members will direct traffic from the main gate to the Open House.

Gate Closures

All Housing pedestrian gates, with the exception of the Commander's Row Gate, will be closed from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. All personnel will need to show ID to enter Nascer do Sol and Beira Mar Housing areas all day.

Vehicle gates will remain open. 100% identification checks will be conducted.

Plan accordingly and ensure all family members have their U.S. issued Department of Defense Dependent ID card (Brown ID) on their person as well as their Area Base 4 issued ID (Blue ID).

Shuttles & Buses

On-base shuttles will run every 15 minutes from the commissary and the walking gate beginning at 9:45 a.m. Proper identification will be verified prior to getting on the shuttle and must be kept on your person during the event.

On-base personnel (Nascer do Sol & Beira Mar residents, as well) should not drive privately owned vehicles to the event area. Take the base shuttles.

The City of Praia will run commercial bus transportation from the Praia Fest area to the Open House starting at 2 p.m., running every 30 minutes, until 5 p.m.



Open House Program

Food

Meat on a stick	Hot links
Oreos	Tacos
Twinkies	Smoothies
Nachos	BBQ Wings
Candy apples	Lumpia
Burgers	Pork sandwich
Pizza	Corn dogs
Hot dogs	Candy bars
Funnel cake	

Safety & Security

It is everyone's duty to ensure the safety and security of Lajes Field. Report suspicious activity to the nearest Security Forces member or the Eagle Eyes Hotline immediately.

Emergency:
911
Cell/Off base 295-57-1911

Eagle Eyes:
535-EYES (3937)
Cell/Off base 295-57-EYES (3937)

Security Forces:
535-3222
Cell/Off base: 295-57-3222

Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection:
535-3015
Cell/Off base 295-57-3015

AFOSI Detachment 516:
535-4180
Cell/Off base 295-57-4180

Prohibited Items

Bicycles
Coolers
Glass bottles
Pets
Skateboards or roller blades
Walkie-Talkies or HAM radios (*2-way radios*)
Weapons (*guns, knives, etc.*)
Large Backpacks (*small backpacks & diaper bags will be permitted but are subject to search*)

All items are subject to search.





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

Feature



Firefighters from the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron arrived on scene to put out a simulated fire on an aircraft during a joint exercise at Lajes Field July 30. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Senior Airmen John Carroll, 65th Communication Squadron, is guided by Dimas Martins, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, away from a simulated downed aircraft to a safe area here July 30. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Portuguese Air Force Lt. Marta Sousa, Air Base 4 medic, checks a simulated patient for broken bones during a joint exercise at Lajes Field July 30. Members of the Portuguese Air Force along with Lajes Airmen practiced their emergency readiness skills during a downed aircraft exercise prior to the Open House Aug. 5. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Firefighters from the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron secure a member with simulated injuries to a stretcher during a joint exercise at Lajes Field July 30. Lajes Airmen teamed up their Portuguese counterparts and practiced emergency procedures in the event of a possible downed aircraft prior to the upcoming Open House on Aug. 5. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Senior Master Sgt. Robert Stuart, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron fire chief, explains his plan as the incident commander to Tech. Sgt. Floydzell Kimble, 65th CES exercise evaluator, during a joint exercise at Lajes Field July 30. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Mark your calendar

STAFF SERGEANT RELEASE PARTY: The Staff Sergeant Release Party is scheduled for Aug. 3 at 3:30 p.m. at the Top of the Rock Club.

PRAIA FEST PARADE: For the first time ever, U.S. members of Lajes Field will join the Portuguese community in celebrating Praia Fest with a float in the Opening Parade Aug. 4 at 9:50 p.m. on Praia's main street. All are encouraged to arrive early so not to miss the energy and excitement of this event.

JOINT FITNESS DAY: The Aug. 4 Joint Fitness Day at the Praia Bay Area kicks off the following day's Open House with our Portuguese counterparts and civilians; 9 a.m. is a 5K Run; 10 a.m. is the Amazing Race in Praia; 5 p.m. is the Aerobics Class with the Air Force; 6 p.m. is Boot Camp with the Air Force.

LAJES OPEN HOUSE 2012: The Lajes 2012 Open House is scheduled for Aug. 5. Gates open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DORM BASH: The Dorm Bash is scheduled for Aug. 10 at the Dorm Gazebo from 3 to 6 p.m.

PORTUGUESE HOLIDAY: Aug. 11 is Praia da Vitória Day/Feriado Municipal Praia da Vitória.

ITALIAN AND SPANISH FOLKLORE PERFORMANCE: The two folklore groups will be performing at the Community Activities Center Aug. 13.

WING TRAINING DAY: Aug. 14 is Wing Training Day.

PORTUGUESE HOLIDAY: Aug. 15 is Assumption Day/Dia da Assunção.

SUM DINNER: Visit the Chapel Fellowship Hall for a Single and Unaccompanied Members Dinner Aug. 20.

USAFE DOWN DAY: Aug. 24 is USAFE Family Day. It is the last day of the DoDDS-E Summer Break.

LAJES 2012 AIR FORCE BALL: The Air Force Ball is Sept. 29 at the Golf Club of Terceira ballroom. Social hour is 6 p.m. Dinner is 7 p.m. Servicemembers must wear mess dress or semi-formal uniforms.



Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: I am doing fine what about yourself?

PORTUGUESE: Eu estou bem e você como está?

PRONUNCIATION: Eoo eeshtoh bain ee vohse komoo eshtah?

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



Friday, Aug 3: 6:30 p.m. Port of Porto Judeu
Saturday, Aug 4: 6:30 p.m. Areeiro, Fontinhas
Sunday, Aug 5: 6:30 p.m. Arrebalde, São Sebastião
Monday, Aug 6: 6:30 p.m. Terreiro, Terra-Chã
Monday, Aug 6: 6:30 p.m. Juncal
Tuesday, Aug 7: 6:30 p.m. Juncal
Wednesday, Aug 8: 6:30 p.m. Juncal
Wednesday, Aug 8: 6:30 p.m. Quatro Ribeiras
Thursday, Aug 9: 6:30 p.m. Quatro Ribeiras
Friday, Aug 10: 6:30 p.m. Cemetery Road, Praia
Saturday, Aug 11: 6:30 p.m. Praia beach



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



Praia Fest is Aug. 6 to 11 - Part 2



This year's Praia Fest will take place Aug. 3 to 11 in the city of Praia da Vitória. Unlike Sanjoaninas festival in Angra, Praia Fest does not have a long tradition. It began in 1978 and with the exception of a few years, the town of Praia has held its fest since then. Here are some highlighted events for Aug. 7 to 11. Events for Aug. 3 to 6 were listed in the July 27 Crossroads Xtra and can be found under Ask Ed on www.lajes.af.mil.

Aug. 7

6 p.m. – Street bullfight in Juncal / **9:30 p.m.** – Parade of folklore dancers followed by their performances (main street and main square) / **11 p.m.** – Concert by American rock band "Puddle of Mud" (music resort)
Midnight – Concert by USAFE's Band "Touch 'N Go (waterfront)

Aug. 8

6 p.m. – Street bullfight in Juncal and Quatro Ribeiras / **9:30 p.m.** – Parade of marching groups (main street) / **9:30 p.m.** – "World of Fantasy" show (grassy area across from the military port) / **Midnight** – Concert by Portugese rock band "Santos e Pecadores" (music resort)

Aug. 9

4 p.m. – Body Combat class (waterfront) / **6 p.m.** – Street bullfight in Quatro Ribeiras / **9:30** – Children's parade (main street) / **11 p.m.** – Concert by Portuguese singer "Monica Ferraz" (music resort) / **Midnight** – Concert by rock band from São Miguel Island (waterfront)

Aug. 10

5 p.m. – Spinning class (waterfront) / **6 p.m.** – Street bullfight (Cemetery road) / **9:30 p.m.** – Judo demonstration (waterfront) / **11 p.m.** – Concert by reggae singer and rapper "Shaggy" (music resort) / **Midnight** – Concert by Brazilian "Edu Miranda trio" (waterfront)

Aug. 11

5 p.m. – **6 p.m.** – Bullfight at Praia beach / **10 p.m.** – Parade of classic cars (main street) / **11:45** – Show featuring the "Celebration of 11 Aug. 1829 battle in Praia Bay" (sandy beach) / **Midnight** – Concert by local rock band "RAM" (waterfront)