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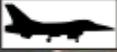
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Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal



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Lajes officer to tryout for USAF soccer team



1st Lt. Richard Nova, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron chief of Programs Management, will compete for a spot on the All Air Force Soccer Team at Lackland AFB, Texas, from Sept. 2 to 22. He is just one of two Airmen in U.S. Air Forces Europe to have earned an invitation to the training camp. (Courtesy photos)

By Staff Sgt. Erica Horner
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

An officer from Lajes Field will compete for one of 18 spots on the All Air Force Soccer Team at Lackland AFB, Texas, from Sept. 4 to 22.

1st Lt Richard Nova, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron Chief of Programs Management, has been playing soccer since he was four years old, and hopes to earn a spot on the team for a second time in his career.

"I feel nothing but pure excitement," said Nova, who played for the team in 2010. "This is a great opportunity; I just want to contribute to the team and help the Air Force bring home the gold."

Nova pre-qualified for the training camp in San Antonio by submitting an Air Force Form 303 that detailed his lifetime of soccer experience.

"The coaches review all the forms and then select the people they feel are most qualified to attend the training camp," he said. Nova also played collegiate soccer for Clemson University and competed as a member of the Georgia Olympic Development Program Team.

Of approximately 80 applicants Air Force-wide, Nova was one of only two people from U.S. Air Forces Europe to have earned an invitation to the training camp.

In preparation for training camp, Nova has been running roughly 20 miles a week, participating in extensive



cardiovascular training and working on his foot skills. He's also been playing with the Lajes Field soccer team, the 65th CES intramural team and a local Portuguese team in nearby Praia da Vitoria.

"The Portuguese are very talented and have a very different style of play than Americans," said Nova, who feels that being stationed overseas has been beneficial for him. "They are very skilled with the ball and focus on formation and quick play. While playing here, I have had to develop the Portuguese way of playing. In doing so, my foot skills have improved, and I have learned to play quicker."

Once tryouts are complete, players will be notified on whether they have made the Air Force team. Of the entire field of applicants, only 18 will be selected.

"After try-outs, the selected members will fly to Camp Pendleton, Calif., to participate in the Armed Forces Men's Soccer Championships," said Nova.

His family will travel to watch him compete if selected. Nova said he is very grateful for this opportunity.

"I want to thank my leadership for giving me this opportunity, and I especially want to thank the Mission Support Group and Civil Engineer Squadron for being flexible so I can leave for a month," said Nova, who also credits the Fitness Center for helping with his training.

"I am excited to represent Lajes at the Air Force level, and I plan on bringing home the gold medal."

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



Communication, personal connection

By Master Sgt. Eric Kerr
AFN Lajes station manager

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James Roy recently sent a letter to Airmen titled, "Analog Communication in a Digital World," which highlighted the fact that leaders must get to know their people by directly talking with them on a regular basis. It made me think about what we do here at AFN Lajes and why.

Our job on this base is to communicate command messages about all kinds of topics, from emergencies to personal finance to what's going on at the Bowling Center on Friday nights. We can talk and talk on the radio and the TV about everything that's going on, but when there's no personal connection with our audience, we lose the impact those messages can have.

Therefore, one of my initiatives when I arrived was to make sure we were "everywhere" all the time. I knew we needed to have representatives at every meeting that even remotely pertained to us, be represented at every major function, and broadcast from as many events as we could. We continuously remind Lajes that we are the community's station and "we're here for you." Our community needs to see us in person, which helps develop a personal connection with the people we serve.

It hasn't been easy. We're small in number, so a limited number of people have had to split those duties, which can seem overwhelming at times. However, everyone in our unit understands how important face to face interaction is with our audience, whether it be giving kitchen items away in front of the Commissary during our "Pimp My Kitchen" live remote broadcast, or making sure we do our best hosting the wing promotion ceremony. Being involved in base events gets us out of our building and



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into our community, which is the very reason why we exist in the first place. It enables us to develop a connection with our community that we can't replicate from behind a microphone or a camera. If we have no connection with our audience, we could very easily disappear and no one would notice. That's not only unfortunate, it's unacceptable, since AFN's mission is to broadcast information to as many people as possible.

This concept is also true in terms of communicating with the folks we work with every day. Knowing our people helps us to know their strengths, as well as areas for improvement. Knowing them may also help prevent potential problems before they arise, something that could save everyone a lot of headache or heartache in the future. But we can only get to know them by talking to them, one on one, face to face, where you get to experience their reactions and notice their non-verbal cues, which are an important part of the communication process.

People in the Public Affairs and Broadcasting community often say that despite the fact that we're professional communicators, we're often not very good at communicating with each other! Whether that's true or not, what it means to me is that improving my interpersonal dialogue with my Airmen must be at the forefront of my mind at all times. As a leader in our small organization, it's my daily challenge to find ways to learn things about my Airmen that I didn't know before.

Knowing our people helps us understand them and makes them feel valued. Understanding them helps us put the right people in the right place at the right time to do the right job. And that helps all of us accomplish our mission to Aim High...Fly, Fight, Win!

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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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High year of tenure changes take effect in 2013

By Debbie Gildea
Air Force Personnel Center

High year of tenure changes announced in December will go into effect in September 2013, Air Force Personnel Center officials reminded affected Airmen on Aug. 16.

Changes will affect senior airmen, staff sergeants and technical sergeants, said Lt. Col. Tara White, AFPC retirements and separations chief, who explained that high year of tenure refers to the maximum number of years enlisted Airmen in each grade may remain on active duty.

In 2003, HYT was adjusted upward to retain experienced Airmen during a robust economic era. In 2010, the Air Force began the process to normalize HYT, reducing senior airman, technical sergeant, master sergeant and senior master sergeant levels. In December 2011, the



Air Force announced that HYT would continue to be adjusted beginning in 2013.

Beginning in 2013, high year of tenure limits for senior airmen will be reduced from 10 years

To read more on "HYT" see page 3



Arriving at Lajes: “An Incredible Welcome”

By Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Despite being part of a small wing on a small island, members of the 65th Air Base Wing ensure that all newcomers to Lajes Field get the largest welcome possible.

This Lajes tradition – having newcomers greeted by essentially any available members of the 65 ABW – is all about welcoming Airmen and their families to the Lajes team, said Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Storms, 65th Air Base Wing command chief.

“First impressions are lasting,” said Storms. “We want our Airmen to know that they are so important to Lajes that we all want to come out and say ‘welcome.’”

Senior Airman Shaun Hannon arrived on Aug. 18 as the newest member of the 65th Security Forces Squadron. Lajes is Hannon’s third assignment and he says he’s never seen anything like this before.

“I felt like I was coming into Hawaii as an honorary guest,” said Hannon. “I felt like I was being welcomed to a small unit that had very good cohesion.”

“While it may be overwhelming at first, we want to show the newcomers that we’re embracing them into our family,” said Storms.

At each rotator arrival at Lajes Field’s Michael Passenger Terminal, anywhere between 50 and 100 Airmen greet newcomers and others arriving on the rotator. Sponsors, supervisors and spouses, alike,

are ready to help carry luggage and ease the newcomer’s transition. “When I arrived as a new commander with my wife, three children, and our dog, other commanders rallied to carry our luggage, help set-up my house and open a bottle of wine with us,” said Lt. Col. Scott Hopper, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander.

The greeting at the terminal is only part of the Lajes welcome. There’s also preparation work the sponsors put in prior to the newcomers arrival.

“The terminal is like a show, but it goes beyond that,” said Hopper. “I know when I have people coming in, I make sure their room is set-up, the fridge is full, and someone’s there every day to lend a hand if needed.”

A little bit of effort goes a long way in caring for Lajes’ Airmen and their families. Mike Peters, spouse of Capt. Melissa Peters, 65th Medical Group, recalls how one individual went above and beyond to assist him.

“I remember walking around the base looking for the lodging office and ended up at the Top of the Rock Club,” said Peters. “There was a woman working

there who went the extra mile to walk me to the lodging office so I wouldn’t get lost.”

Giving that good first impression helps set the tone for the rest of the newcomers’ tour here at Lajes.

“After flying for more than 20 hours and feeling jet-lagged, this arrival was better than a cup of coffee in the morning,” said Hannon.



Leadership from the 65th Air Base Wing greet newcomers as they enter the passenger terminal Aug. 18. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)

Lajes commemorates Women's Equality Day; Aug. 26

By Staff Sgt. Jezelly Milian
65th Medical Operations Squadron

For years women have wanted the same rights and opportunities as men. They wanted to have a voice and have the same privileges as their male counterparts. With leaders like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, women were finally being heard.

Women’s fight toward equal rights began in 1848 at the world’s first women’s right convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y. However, it wasn’t until 1878 that their efforts introduced the 19th Amendment of the Constitution to Congress. Although not passed immediately, it was certified 42 years later, granting women the right to vote on Aug. 26, 1920.

Team Lajes will observe Women’s Equality Day on Aug. 26.

Master Sgt. Dawn Hart, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, said Women’s Equality Day is a way to celebrate freedom and remember the sacrifices that women have made for centuries.

“I value having a voice and not deferring to the opinions of others,” Hart said. “In my 16 years of military service, I’ve seen progress. Changes are happening every day. My peer is my peer, whether male or female. We are both Airmen.”

To Airman 1st Class Krista Kollias, 65th Medical Support Squadron,

this day means “having the freedom to make choices, such as who to vote for and whether or not to go to school.”

Women’s Equality Day represents the hardships women have gone through and focuses on what they have become, she said.

Lt. Col. Kenny Harryman, 65th MDOS commander, said voting is a privilege she is honored to partake in. It is important that women, who must live under the same laws as men, be given the opportunity to voice their opinions and vote for lawmakers just as men do.

“I hope to someday see women all over the world have the freedoms of individual choice as I do now,” she said. “While there still continues to be some inequality among the genders, females have come a long way from our ancestors’ time.”

These strong women who have fought for equality and stood up for what they believed in have given us plenty of opportunities our ancestors did not have. They have opened the door for us to receive a great education. We are able to defend our country and vote for our commander in chief. Without the sacrifices of these women, we would not be where we are today. I can only imagine the diverse opportunities for our future daughters of America.

Though the long march towards women’s equality still continues, new doors are being open for the next generations to come.

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to eight years; staff sergeant 20 years to 15 years; and technical sergeant 22 years to 20 years.

As a result of HYT, AFPC cancelled some assignments, but those cancellations have no effect on promotion eligibility, White said. Airmen who are otherwise eligible to test for promotion will be able to test during the next cycle.

Although Airmen affected may be selected for promotion before they reach HYT, assignments are selected in most cases between

15 and 18 months in advance, and Airmen must have retainability at the time of selection to ensure a last-minute assignment decision isn’t necessary.

“Normalizing HYT helps develop and maintain the right balance of experience in the Air Force,” said White. “The future of the Air Force depends on balance in numbers, ranks, experience levels and career fields, so HYT is one way we can achieve that.”

For more information on high year tenure, assignments and other personnel issues, visit the Air Force Personnel Services website at <http://mypers.af.mil>.



Lajes' AFNet migration begins October 2012

By Staff Sgt. Daniel Roblero
65th Communications Squadron

The Air Force Network team will begin migrating Lajes's computer and network users into the Air Force network in October 2012.

As the Air Force continues transforming its cyber operations, the AFNet transformation is a dynamic, schedule driven project that will collapse existing "stand-alone" unclassified network, e-mail and directory service environments into a single, centrally managed active directory structure. This affects non-secure internet protocol router network users only.

The most visible change to Lajes network users will be in the format of e-mail addresses. The migration replaces the old first.last@Lajes.af.mil e-mail address with a standard first.last@us.af.mil e-mail address, allowing central management of these accounts. These addresses are kept for the duration of a career, employment or affiliation with the Air Force regardless of the organization assigned. The AFNet migration project builds on the successes of the E-mail for Life program, and as additional bases migrate, it provides Airmen log-on capability to any connected Air Force computer without having to re-register for computer access when on temporary duty or when a permanent change of station occurs.

Another feature of the AFNet is once all air force bases are migrated into the AFNet, all NIPRNET network users will have an account that is always active. Through the use of their common access card, users will have access to email and network services regardless of their duty location. This eliminates the need to de-activate or create accounts at each TDY or new PCS locations.

When will I be migrated (transferred to the AFNet)?

- Units will be migrated in phases, and each user will be notified of their specific migration date and time by a mix of email notices and desktop alerts (pop-up) prior to migration.

- Migrations will occur in two phases. Phase one will be the migration of each computer on the network and phase two will be the actual migration of each user's mailbox. There could be up to four weeks between PC and mail migration, however this will not affect your ability to access your mail.

- Computer migrations will occur between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. You can continue working during this period, but we strongly recommend you periodically save your work while the migration is in progress. When the migration is complete, you'll see a pop-up notification followed by an automatic computer re-boot with a 10 minute

countdown. Your computer will reboot twice.

- Mailbox migrations can occur any time after 5 p.m. on your scheduled day. Each network user will be notified of their scheduled migration date.

- Blackberry users will receive a targeted e-mail message with special instructions on how the devices will transfer to the AFNet.

How do I prepare for your mailbox transfer?

- Ensure your mail is not being delivered directly to a .pst during the transfer period.

- Reboot your computer in the morning during the transfer period.

- Wait a few minutes for the on screen popup to appear; this signifies your mailbox transfer is in progress.

- If the popup does not appear, open Outlook. If you received the "Mailbox Switch Notification" email, logoff, logon, and wait for the above popup to appear, if not continue with business as usual.

- Once the above tool has completed running, Outlook can be opened and used as before, and the user will be operating on the AFNet.

What else can I do to prepare?

- Practice good information management, read all AFNet related messages and desktop pop-ups sent out by the 65th Communications Squadron Communications Focal Point.

- Ensure all desktop computers and laptops are powered on and plugged into the network as soon as possible. All machines need to stay on and plugged into the network throughout the migration. If a computer (desktop or laptop) is not connected to the network, it will not be migrated and will lose connectivity.

What if I'm traveling, on leave or deployed?

- You will still be migrated, if and only if your mailbox is under its size limit. You can access your email using Outlook Web Access. We recommend you contact the CFP at 535-2666 for more information.

While Lajes's migration is projected to take around 4 weeks, your individual migration can occur anytime within that window. For planning purposes, future desktop pop-ups will outline your specific migration date.

As Lajes approaches its migration start date, a team of AFNet technicians are busy preparing equipment and resources to facilitate the migration of more than 1,000 users.

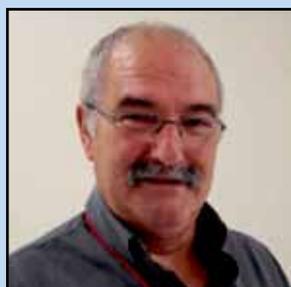
Be on the lookout for all eAdvisories for more detailed information. For questions concerning the migration, contact the CFP at 535-2666, or at 65CS.CFP@Lajes.af.mil .

LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Rebecca Stout
Rank: Airman 1st Class
Unit: AFN Lajes-Defense Media Activity
Hometown: Pataskala, Ohio
Duty Title: Broadcast Producer
Accomplishments: Stout is responsible creating and producing high quality Radio and Television programming for the 65th ABW and the DoD. Her Broadcast news products reach an audience of 25 Million viewers on

a weekly basis. Her job is to show the rest of the Air Force how 6-5 really is "In the fight!" She is a rock solid performer and was directly responsible for notifying the base populace via 96.1FM and base cable about the power interruption during Praiafest 2012. Her actions and technical skill have been recognized by DoD leadership as one, truly among the best.



Name: Rui Costa
Rank:
Unit: 65th Communications Squadron
Hometown:
Duty Title: Senior Producer
Accomplishments: Costa is a responsible for shooting and editing AFN Lajes' TV news reports, weather forecasts, and community information updates which air on nine AFN channels in the Lajes community.

Mr Costa has been an AFN Lajes employee for 36 years, filling multiple roles in the production of live and recorded TV productions. He has created, edited and produced thousands of newscasts for the Lajes audience. His knowledge about Terceira Island and its people has been a valuable asset to the unit and its ability to perform its mission successfully.



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

Feature



Senior Airman Thomas Taylor, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, analyzes suspicious powder found on scene at the post office during joint exercise Lajes Lighting 12-08 on Aug. 22. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Jorge Arruda, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, is first on-scene to evaluate the level of contamination and look for victims during joint exercise Lajes Lighting 12-08 on Aug. 22. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Senior Airman Thomas Taylor, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, dons a biochemical suit before entering a simulated contaminated scene to test a suspicious substance found during joint exercise Lajes Lighting 12-08 on Aug. 22. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Senior Master Sgt. Robert Stuart, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, briefs medical, security forces, and evaluation team members on proper procedures prior to entering a simulated contaminated scene during joint exercise Lajes Lighting 12-08 on Aug. 22. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Master Sgt. Anthony Watson, 65th Air Base Wing anti-terrorism and force protection office, pitches the ball to the opposing team during a kickball tournament Aug. 18. The 65th Operations Support Squadron won the tournament by defeating the Security Forces Squadron, 7-6. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Erica Horner)



The local chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association sponsored a kickball tournament to raise funds Aug. 18 to give back to the community via high school scholarships, Airman Leadership School physical fitness awards, and free boss-n-buddy wings for its members at the Top of the Rock Club. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)



Mark your calendar

LAJES CHAPEL: The Lajes Field Chapel Protestant Community is sponsoring a Family Fest Aug. 22 to 24. The Catholic Parish "Come on Back" Picnic is Sept. 2 after 9 a.m. mass at the Oceanview Park. For more information, call 535-4211.



AIR FORCE BALL AUDITIONS: The 2012 Air Force Ball is next month and the Air Force Committee is in search of emcees and national anthem singers for the event. If you believe you have what it takes or know of someone who would be a good fit, the tryouts will be held Aug. 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Activities Center ballroom. This includes everyone: civilians, dependents, etc. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scarlet Williams at 535-1343 or Tech. Sgt. Jerome LaPierre at 535-5166.

MONTHLY PROMOTION CEREMONY: The Promotion Ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 30 at 3 p.m. in the Community Activities Center ballroom.

DOGGY DAYS OF SUMMER: Sept. 23 is Doggy Days of Summer at 6 p.m. at the base pool. There will be free dog treats. The baby pool will be open for small dogs. Friendly dogs are welcome to go off leash. For more information, call the kennel at 535-3855.

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 wear mess dress or semi-formal uniforms. Civilians wear formal attire.

POSTAL VOTING MESSAGE 2012: Due to our location and flight schedules the Lajes Post Office recommends dropping off your casted ballot no later than 5 p.m. Oct. 22.

THEATER ADMISSION INCREASE: The price of theater admission has increased by \$.50 for adults and \$.25 for children for regular release showings. Admission for adults is now \$5 and \$2.50 for children. For more information, call 535-1124.

MDG TRAINING EVERY 2ND TUESDAY: The 65th Medical Group clinic is closed for unit training every second Tuesday of the month. TRICARE On-line (TOL) is always available as an option for appointment booking. All beneficiaries must register at www.tricareonline.com for an account. For more information, call 535-3261. In case of emergencies, call 911 on-base or 295-571-911 off-base.



AFN LAJES Radio 96.1FM

- The Morning Wake Up Call: 0600-1000
- The Double D MidDay Show: 1200-1300
- The Afternoon Drive: 1400-1800

Request Line: 535-3121 or 295-57-3121

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: What are you doing this weekend?

PORTUGUESE: O que é que vais fazer este fim de semana?

PRONUNCIATION: OO key eh key vije fazeryrd eeshte feem dee SSemana?

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



- Friday, Aug 24: 6 p.m. Rua do Pico, Fonte Bastardo
- Saturday, Aug 25: 6 p.m. Canada do Regelo, Fonte Bastardo
- Saturday, Aug 25: 6 p.m. Largo da Igreja, S. Brás
- Saturday, Aug 25: 6 p.m. Covões, S. Brás
- Sunday, Aug 26: 6 p.m. Rua do Biscoito, Fonte Bastardo
- Sunday, Aug 26: 6 p.m. Porto Judeu de Cima
- Wednesday, Aug 29: 6 p.m. Rua das Pedras, Cabo da Praia
- Wednesday, Aug 29: 6 p.m. Raminho
- Wednesday, Aug 29: 6 p.m. Casa do Povo, Santa Bárbara
- Wednesday, Aug 29: 6 p.m. Ladeira Grande
- Thursday, Aug 30: 6 p.m. Raminho
- Thursday, Aug 30: 6 p.m. Rua das Pedras, Cabo da Praia
- Thursday, Aug 30: 6 p.m. Ladeira Grande



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



A brief history of Portugal's Forcados

The "Forcados" or the "suicide squad" as Americans here call them, are a group of brave young men who challenge the bull with their bare hands and grab him by the horns and neck in the arena bullfights, with the objective of immobilizing the animal.

The forcados are unique to Portugal and unlike the matadors and horsemen (cavaleiros) they are not professionals.

They fight the bulls because they enjoy doing it and want to continue a very old Portuguese tradition.

The forcados have been part of the Portuguese arena bullfights for many years and it's uncertain why or when this type of bullfighting originally started.

The exploits of forcados have even been used in films. For example, in the 1951 movie "Quo Vadis," a classic film about ancient Rome and an imperial's soldier struggle to save a Christian woman he loves from the wrath of Emperor Nero, a renowned Portuguese forcado, named Nuno Salvação Barreto, appeared as the stunt double for actor Buddy Bear, who played the role of Roman gladiator "Ursus," and fought a bull alone in the arena.

Traditionally, the forcados are asked to jump inside the arena and seize the bull after it has just been fought by the cavaleiro (horseman). The leading forcado, wearing a green or brown cap on his head, starts walking towards the bull and tries to grab the bull by the horns and neck with the help of the other members of the group.

When the bull is to face the horsemen and the forcados, his sharp horns are covered with a protection made of leather so the horse and the forcados are not injured, but unfortunately injuries do happen sometimes despite the precaution measures.

The name forcados comes from the word "pitchfork" in Portuguese, which the forcados used to carry in their hands when appearing in the bullrings.

Terceira Island has two groups of forcados, one from Praia and the other from Angra, who usually perform during the arena bullfights that take place throughout the summer months.