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791
SORTIES

8,279
LODGED



4,69 M
gallons
FUEL ISSUED

Popular Numbers

Medical Appointment:
Base: 535-3261
Off base: 295-573-261
Base Alt: 535-1089
Off base Alt: 295-571-089

Emergency:
Base: 911
Off base: 295-571-911

Lajes Against Drunk Driving:
Fri & Sat: 295-57-5233

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator:
24/7: 535-7272
Off base: 966-677-266

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Coronet liaison bridges gap between fighters, Lajes



Members of the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (VMM-365) and Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 252 stopped at Lajes Field during a transatlantic mission in support of a special Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response April 25. The crews are on their way to Moron, Spain, from Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., and MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. Before their arrival, the 65th Operations Squadron coronet liaison, Tech. Sgt. Luke Adams, was their first point of contact at Lajes Field, as he is for all U.S., foreign fighter and refueling aircraft transiting through Lajes. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Angelique N. Smythe/released)

By Staff Sgt. Angelique N. Smythe
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

In calendar year 2012, Lajes Field serviced 184 coronet aircraft.

Between January through April 2013 alone, 163 coronet aircraft have already moved through the base to and from the U.S., Europe or the Middle East.

When it comes to coordinating and tracking all incoming U.S. and foreign coronets, Tech. Sgt. Luke Adams is the sole 65th Operations Support Squadron coronet liaison who makes it all happen here at Lajes Field.

"We're a stopping point halfway between the East coast of the U.S. and Europe/Middle East," said Adams. "A lot of jets don't carry a big enough fuel load to go straight from the east coast to the Middle East or straight from the east coast to Europe, so they're going to stop through here for fuel, liquid oxygen, crew rest or whatever they need.

Also, if there's bad weather in Europe, they can divert here. We pretty much support the majority of fighters and refuelers going back and forth from the east coast. We're

handling a lot of aircraft, moving a lot of stuff to and from Europe and the Middle East."

Adams coordinates the movement of all fighter aircraft coming through, to and from Lajes to make their touch and go visits as smooth as possible.

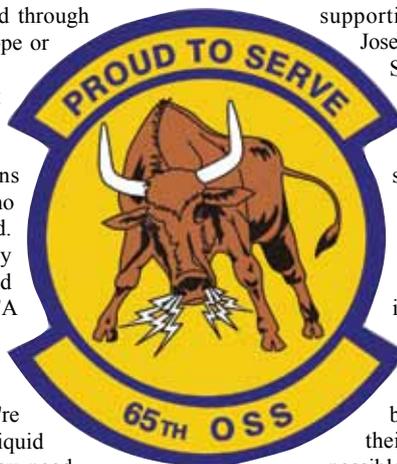
"The coronet liaison is vital to Lajes' success supporting fighter movements," said Maj. Joseph Okasinski, 65th Operations Support Squadron deputy commander. "He builds the foundation of awareness that enables Team Lajes to rally, providing consistently outstanding service despite our small size."

Staff Sgt. Andres Jimenez, who served as the former coronet liaison until February 2013, said Adams is the first person at Lajes to contact these individuals in order to get everything set up for them.

"This includes security clearances, equipment, answering questions before their arrival and making sure their stop at Lajes runs as smoothly as possible," he said.

Adams is responsible for touching base with the

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



65th ABW to host local products exposition

By 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 65th Air Base Wing will host a Local Products Exposition on May 8, at the Top of the Rock Club from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The event is held annually as a chance to build connections between the 65th ABW and local companies.

The exposition's main objective is for the 65th ABW to give local and regional Azorean vendors an opportunity to showcase their products and services, said Filomena Meneses, 65th Contracting Flight director of business programs.

"This event is mutually beneficial in informing the local business community how to do business within the structure of U.S. requirements, as well as an opportunity for members of the base organizations to meet with local businesses and become aware of what's available locally," said Meneses.

The goal of the event is to give local vendors a chance to present their products and services to the military.

"The Products Exposition will help business owners in Portugal advertise their products and services to the American component on base, creating more opportunities for U.S. service members to purchase items locally and

regionally," said Meneses.

In fiscal year 2012, the 65th CONF awarded 74% of its total budget to the local economy. The exposition enables continued 65th ABW support to the local businesses and economy.

The products exposition is open to the public and base personnel are encouraged to attend. Units are highly encouraged to send their government purchase card holders to the exposition.

"The event is especially tailored to Lajes Field government purchase card holders and unit requirement generators," said Meneses. "The event will give them a chance to see the variety of items available.

In addition, there will be a government booth at the exposition, to include representatives from contracting, public health, DeCA, AAFES and FSS.

The event is typically well-attended by commercial business and event organizers are hopeful for a strong turnout again this year.

"Last year we had 32 vendors participating in the products exposition and we hope to surpass that number this year," said Meneses.

For questions or information on how to participate, please contact Senhora Filomena (Phyllis) Meneses at 535-1465.



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1st Quarter Award Winners



Airman of the Quarter
Senior Airman Edward Leyba
65th Logistics Readiness Squadron



NCO of the Quarter
Staff Sgt. Ashley Delcambre
65th Medical Operations Squadron



SNCO of the Quarter
Senior Master Sgt. David Guthrie
65th Logistics Readiness Squadron



CGO of the Quarter
Captain Ryan McCrae
65th Medical Support Squadron

1st Quarter Award Winners



U.S. Civilian Cat I
Ms. Michelle Erickson
65th Operations Support Squadron



U.S. Civilian Cat II
Ms. Sonya Malacara
65th Medical Group



LN Civilian Cat I
Sr. Rogério Silva
65th Civil Engineer Squadron



LN Civilian Cat II
Sr. Bruno Nogueira
65th Air Base Wing



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points of contact of each group, be it Navy, Marines, Air Force or foreign fighters. He sets up lodging, equipment as well as transportation for all incomers.

"I get the names and manifest for all personnel," Adams said. "I set up lodging, transportation, vehicles and make sure they have food before they arrive. I make sure we have adequate equipment as far as aerospace ground equipment and make sure they're all running correctly. Once the aircraft are here, we get fuel for them, service the liquid oxygen, make sure they have nitrogen and service the aircraft."

Adams also stays in contact with representatives from the Air Operations Squadron at Langley AFB, Va., to keep informed on the types of aircraft, the schedule of each aircraft and number of personnel to expect.

Jimenez said a key characteristic one must have in this duty is flexibility as there are often delays due to budget constraints, aircraft maintenance or even weather.

"If an aircraft breaks down along the way, some of them will have to stay behind in order to stay together," he said. "If it's foggy or windy to the point that it will compromise the safety of flights, it's going to delay things, and then we'll have to divert somewhere else."



Tech. Sgt. Luke Adams, 65th Operations Squadron coronet liaison, is the first point of contact at Lajes Field for all U.S. and foreign fighter and refueling aircraft coming through, to and from Lajes. He ensures the crews' visits go as smoothly as possible by bridging the gap between them and their needs, be it fuel, equipment, food, computers, phones, base restrictions, information on local customs, etc. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Angelique N. Smythe/released)

The coronet liaison also has long and sometimes unpredictable work hours.

"Anytime a coronet is here, coronet liaisons are required to be here - be it weekends or during 5 o'clock in the morning launches - because if they need anything, we are the liaisons between the aircrew, maintenance crew and our Transient Alert shop," said Adams.

The coronet liaison bridges the gap between the coronet crewmembers and their needs - fuel, equipment, food, computers, phones, information on local customs and restrictions, etc.

"That's pretty much why Lajes exists - for these coronet missions," said Jimenez. "Not all aircraft can make it in one hop over the Atlantic. They need a pit stop, and that's what this place is for."

Lajes celebrates nurses, medical technicians May 6-10

By Staff Sgt. Yvette Baldwin
65th Medical Operations Squadron

The 65th Medical Group will launch a week-long celebration on May 6 to honor its registered nurses and medical technical staff members.

National Nurses Week begins May 6, marked as Registered Nurse Recognition Day, and ends May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession.

The purpose of this nurse and medical technician week is to raise awareness of the value of nursing and technician-care and help educate the public about the role they play in meeting the health-care needs of the American people.

The Air Force includes the recognition of medical technicians in this observance as they are very much an essential part of the military health care team.

Nurses and medical technicians make a difference behind the scenes every day. They ensure that safe and quality health care is provided to every Airman and family member.

To celebrate National Nurses Week, the 65th MDG would like to pay

tribute to the number of registered nurses and medical technicians who provide highly skilled, safe and quality care in a variety of settings and who encounter increased challenges to their professional and ethical commitment to deliver essential health care.

Take time to recognize Lajes' registered nurses and medical technicians during this special week by thanking them for what they do every day.

Nursing is immersed in military history. In 1854, Nightingale led a team of 38 British nurses in providing care to the sick and wounded soldiers of the Crimean War. It was during her time in the Crimea that Nightingale's calls for better sanitation and care for these soldiers made her world renowned. She used that influence to modernize nursing education. National Nurses Week was first celebrated in 1954, recognizing the 100th anniversary of Nightingale's work in the Crimea.

"It is the nurse's touch, compassion and care that often wills a patient to recovery or softens the transition from life to death," said Maj. Gen.

Kimberly Siniscalchi, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Medical Force Development, and Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Nursing Services, Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.



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"Lajes Link" - www.lajes.af.mil

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign runs through May 3. Points of contact are Capt. Pedro Colon and Master Sgt. Jennifer Bjorkman.

Got a question? Need detailed information? There's a tab for that! Lajes Link has tabs that take you directly to information that you need and want. Check them out today!



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BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE

Remember: Airmen and families assigned to Lajes Field are not allowed to participate in bullfights. If you are viewing a bullfight, you must maintain a safe distance, be behind adequate barricades or located on/in a building. Contact Wing Safety at 535-6137 for more info.



Wednesday, May 1: 6:30 p.m. Fontinhas
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Wednesday, May 1: 6:30 p.m. Fonte Ribeirinha
Wednesday, May 1: 6:30 p.m. Canada de Belém, Terra Chã
Saturday, May 4: 6:30 p.m. Rua Professor Augusto Monjardino, Angra do Heroísmo
Sunday, May 5: 6:30 p.m. Grota do Medo, Posto Santo
Monday, May 6: 6:30 p.m. Canada de Belém, Terra Chã

ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima, Community Relations Advisor



Ferryboats to sail again in the Azores



As it has been happening for the past years, two ferryboats will travel among eight of the nine Azorean islands again this year during the summer months.

The first ferryboat, named "Express Santorini", began sailing among the Azorean islands yesterday (May 2) and will operate through Sept. 29, while the second ferryboat, named "Hellenic Wind," will begin operations June 7 and sail in the central and eastern group of islands until Sept. 30.

These two boats offer a unique opportunity to travel to the other islands, with the exception of Corvo, where you can take your own privately owned vehicle and/or pets at an inexpensive cost. These two ferryboats will also offer additional special trips during the major festivals on the different islands.

"Express Santorini" will also sail sporadically to the beautiful Island of Flores, which is the most western point of Europe. From Flores you can take a small ferryboat to Corvo, the smallest Azorean island with a population of approximately 400 people.

Traveling by ferryboat can be a very pleasant experience, especially during the day among the central group of islands, since it offers breathtaking landscapes of the islands while you travel.

Both boats feature passenger cabins, lounges, bars and restaurants that you can use during the trip.

The ferries could take several hours to reach your destination island depending on the stops at the other islands. However, this will give an opportunity for passengers to have a glimpse of other islands' coastline and ports.

You can purchase tickets at the various travel agencies on each island without any additional cost, or at the commercial ports where the boats stop one hour before the boats' arrival.

Round trip prices from the port of Praia da Vitória range between 55 Euros (to Graciosa) and 102 Euros (to the Island of Santa Maria). A two-bed cabin will cost 40 Euros per trip while a four-bed cabin will cost 80 Euros.

As far as the cost for taking your own vehicle to another island a round trip ranges between 83 Euros (Graciosa) and 165 Euros (Santa Maria or Flores).

You can transport your pets (cats and dogs) inside a cage for 24 Euros.

For further information on the ferryboat schedule and prices, call the Public Affairs Office at 535-3413 or check the web site at <http://www.atlanticoline.pt>

Explore the Azores and enjoy your travels!