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8,957
LODGED



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gallons
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Popular Numbers

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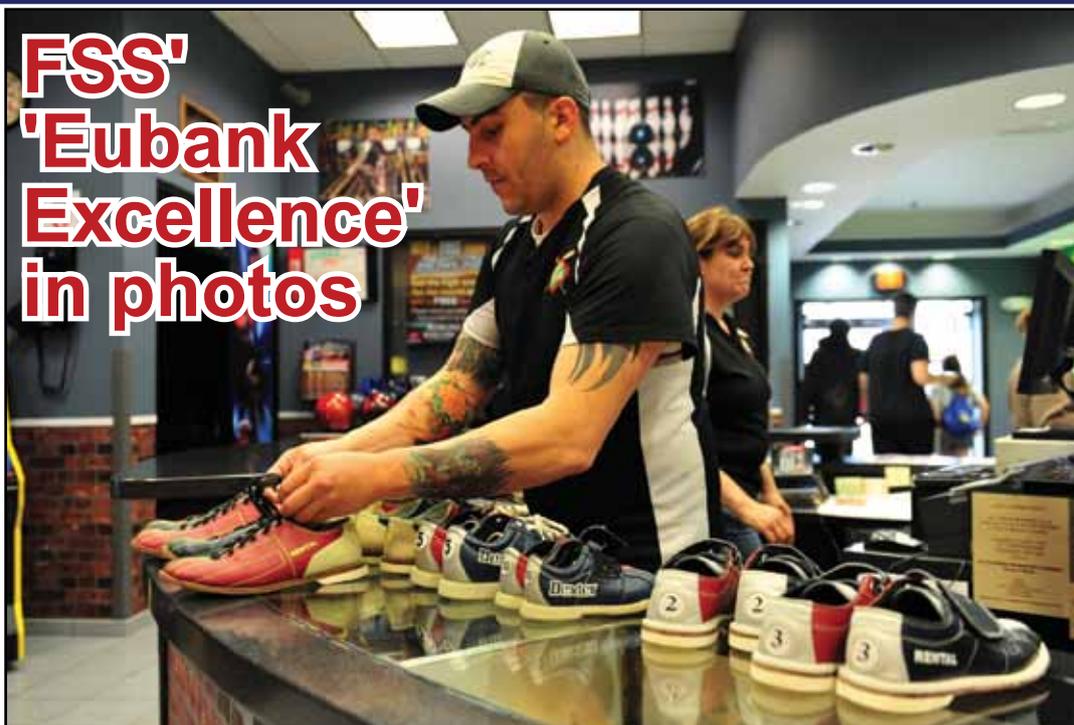
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Rui Borges, 65th Force Support Squadron bowling equipment mechanic, sanitizes the rental bowling shoes at the Lajes bowling center, May 4, Lajes Field, Azores. The Lajes bowling center's management and team of professionals were vital to the 65th Force Support Squadron winning the 2012 Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank Award. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory/releasedPhoto)

Lajes Airmen to compete on U.S. Armed Forces soccer team

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

Two Airmen from Lajes have earned the opportunity to participate in the 2013 International Military Sports Council (CISM) 1st World Football Trophy July 2 to 14.

According to its official website, the International Military Sports Council is one of the largest multidisciplinary organizations in the world. It organizes various sporting events for the armed forces of its 133-member countries. Soldiers, who may previously have met on the battle field, now meet in friendship on the sports playing field.

"This is the first world military soccer competition ever," said 1st Lt. Richard Nova, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron Programs Management chief. "This competition is mirrored like the World Cup."

Nova, who has twice played for the All Air Force Soccer

team, will compete for a spot on the U.S. Armed Forces Soccer team. He will first attend a three-week camp in June for tryouts at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Those who make the cut will then compete in Baku, Azerbaijan.

"This team consists of Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force players," said Tech. Sgt. Gilbert Gutierrez, 65th Medical Operations Squadron Physical Medicine flight chief. "Lieutenant Nova was selected as one of the wings, or the outside midfield."

Gutierrez himself was also personally selected by the coach to be the team's physical trainer this summer.

"The cool thing is he's (Gutierrez) guaranteed to go," said Nova. "I have to earn my spot; he's already earned his spot."

When the Air Force soccer team visited Hurlburt Field,

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DEERS locks down access to some information updates

By Debbie Gildea

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Base identification card issuing offices will no longer be able to manually correct or update certain types of personnel information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced recently.

DEERS is the system used to enroll Airmen and their eligible family members for an identification card and associated benefits such as medical and dental care, federal installation access and access to installation facilities such as the commissary or exchange.

DEERS updates are required for major life events that change an Airman's status, including marriage, divorce, birth or death of a dependent, promotion, reenlistment, extension, retirement, separation or unit transfer to another branch of service or agency. Personnel specialists use the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System to update DEERS.

In past, RAPIDS customer service representatives could manually update or correct members' DEERS information. Now, access to member citizenship, date of birth, gender, social security number, name, service dates, civilian or contractor employment dates,

Air National Guard or Reserve activation periods and member separation transition benefit information is locked down. The lockdown does not affect dependent family member record information that needs to be updated.

"Members' DEERS records are established and updated by an authoritative data feed directly from a personnel source like AFPC or the Air Reserve Personnel Center. If information about a member that feeds into DEERS is wrong, the ID card issuing office can't fix that. Only the office of primary responsibility for that information can correct it," said Ed Yoder, AFPC

DEERS/RAPIDS operations branch assistant chief.

For example, if a member's reenlistment date is wrong, the reenlistments office must correct it. If the social security number in DEERS is wrong or a member becomes an American citizen after the DEERS record is established, he or she will need help from the Total Force Service Center to verify information in the personnel data system.

"If you have incorrect or outdated information in your DEERS record and it is locked down, your first step is to contact the origin of the information and work with them to correct it. Once it's corrected in the personnel data system, it will flow to DEERS and be updated," Yoder said.

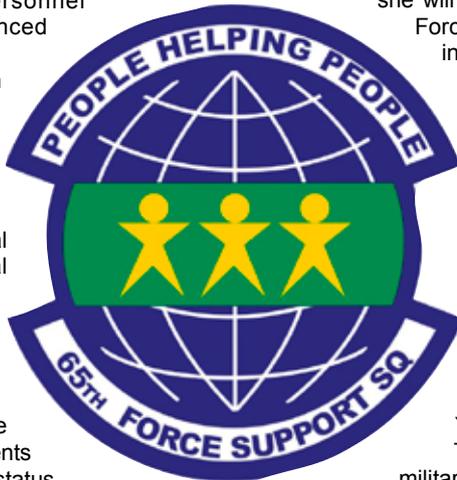
Typical OPRs include military reenlistment, separation and retirement offices, or the civilian human resource office, or the contractor trusted agent. Airmen who don't know the appropriate OPR for specific information should go to the myPers website, Yoder advised.

"Once your record is updated, you can check the corrections or updates online at the eMilConnect website," said Yoder. "Depending on the nature of the correction, Airmen may need to get a new ID card, so keep an eye on your records."

Retired military members who need a DEERS update or correction can submit a request to AFPC, Yoder said. Once AFPC completes the correction action, an Air Force Form 281, Notification of Change in Service Member's Official Records, is filed in the retired member's military record and the member's documents are returned.

For more information on DEERS updates and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil> and enter "21534" or "DEERS Record Correction" in the search window.

At Lajes Field, contact the 65th Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Section customer service for assistance at 535-4212.



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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 abw.cc@us.af.mil.



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Fla., in 2010, they requested medical assistance, and the physical medicine professionals volunteered.

"I was their trainer then, and now their coach is asking me to come back," he said. "I will probably be one of the only medical personnel at the camp for the first three weeks, and then there will be another athletic trainer who was picked from the Marine Corps. Both of us will be going to Azerbaijan."

There, Gutierrez will care for 40 players, keeping them healthy so they may stay on the field.

"Sergeant Gutierrez will be taking care of all of us," said Nova. "He's a true professional. I've worked with him, and he was the Air Force physical trainer in 2010 at Hurlburt Field, Fla. He personally took care of me and made sure I was fit to go in the tournament."

Nova said Gutierrez has a really tough job ahead of him in Azerbaijan.

"He's a very important aspect to our team," he said. "He's got 40 guys going through probably one of the most gruesome camps. We arrive at Camp Pendleton June 7, and then we start camp the next day. We will do three practices a day; each practice is roughly two hours. It's a grueling three weeks.

Actually, it feels like three months because by the end of it, you're looking at over 50 practices in a three-week period. Our bodies aren't used to that. No one has time in their military careers to prepare for six-hour practices, so he's going to be very busy keeping us healthy."

In discussing the upcoming schedule, Gutierrez revealed to Nova that one of the teams they will be playing in the competition is the LA Galaxy, one of the top soccer teams in America.

"LA Galaxy is one of the top rated soccer teams in the United States right now; former players of this team include David Beckham and Landon Donovan," said Nova.

Gutierrez said he's honored to have been selected.

"It's an honor for me to be able to help people, to help athletes do their best and to get to that World Cup," he said.

Nova said he's both nervous and excited.

"It's so amazing; it's a huge opportunity," he said. "It's a humbling opportunity because you're one of 10 people selected across an entire Air Force, and there are tons of great soccer players out there. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and the closest thing I'll get to an actual World Cup.

Hopefully, I come back on the team with a gold medal."

The U.S. soccer team's first three games will be against Germany, Oman and Ivory Coast.

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1st Lt. Richard Nova, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron Programs Management chief, and Tech. Sgt. Gilbert Gutierrez, 65th Medical Operations Squadron Physical Medicine flight chief, were selected for an opportunity to join the U.S. Armed Forces Soccer team in competition during the 2013 International Military Sports Council (CISM) 1st World Football Trophy in Baku, Azerbaijan, July 2 to 14. (Courtesy photo)



'Eubank Excellence' in Photos

Feature

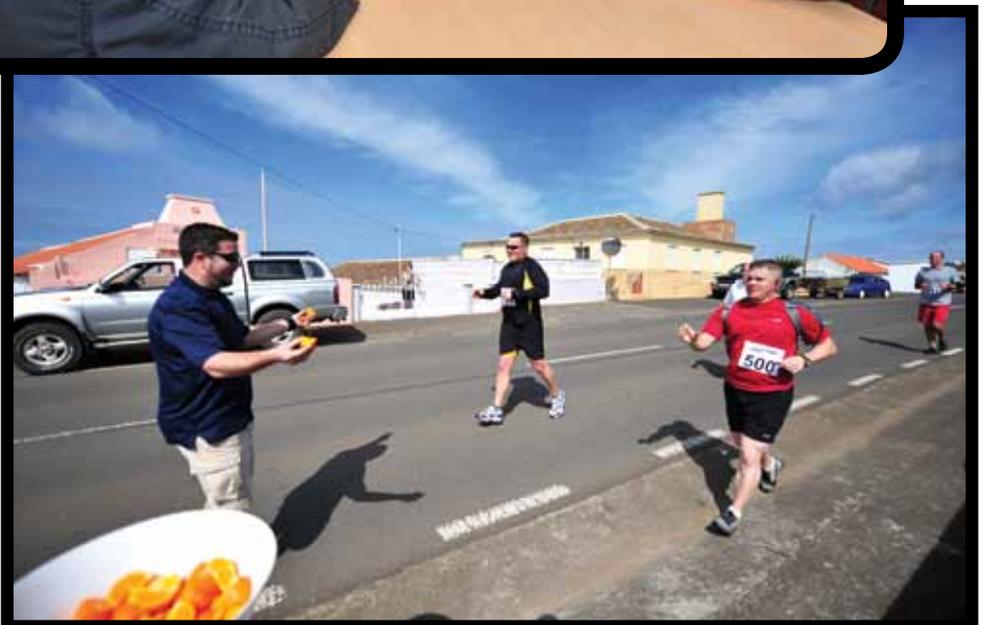


Tech. Sgt. Mark Delcambre, 65th Security Forces Squadron, participates in family bowling on Sunday at the Lajes bowling center. During the past fiscal year, the bowling center's sales increased by 24% from the previous year and had a total net income adjusted for depreciation increase of 500%. The bowling center's unparalleled management contributed to the 65th Force Support Squadron winning the 2012 Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank Award. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory/released)

Neisha Rogers, spouse of Staff Sgt. John Rogers, 65th Operational Support Squadron, creates crafts with children at the Lajes Youth Center. The youth center is one of many programs the 65th Force Support Squadron offers to take care of Airman and their families. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory/released)



(left) Agostinho Silva, 65th Force Support Squadron fitness and sports acting director, hands out orange slices to runners during a half marathon, at Sao Mateus, Terceira Island. Silva arranged for more than 50 Lajes Field members to participate in the island's half marathon. Over the past year, the fitness center has offered 16 special events and programs which exceeded Air Force standards by 400%. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory/released)





'Eubank Excellence' in Photos

Feature

(far left) Dominique Mihaliak plays basketball with children at the Lajes Youth Center. Over the past year, the Lajes Youth Program has trained and certified 12 officials and 80 volunteer coaches which enabled 400 youth to participate in seasonal sports. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory/released)



The 65th Force Support Squadron Outdoor Recreation office, hosted a Star Wars day event for families at Lajes Field. The 65th FSS hosted 2.4K programs and events with \$397K in non-appropriated funds which boosted morale for 3K U.S., Portuguese and dependants. (Courtesy photo)

(center) Staff Sgt. Yolanda Baskfield, 65th Force Support Squadron Military Personnel Section, conducts an inprocessing brief for new comers. The 65th FSS MPS section processed 538 assignment actions involving \$4.5 million in logistics and travel costs with zero Category 1 discrepancies and zero departure delays. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory/released)



LAJES ON THE WEB



Lajes Field

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

Events Calendar:

■ Lajes Single and/or Unaccompanied Member Dinner is Monday, May 20, 5:30pm at the Chapel

■ Col. Parr Family Going Away Party is Friday, May 24, 4pm at the TORC

Got a question? There's a tab for that!
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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.

Saturday, May 18: 9:30 p.m. Arena bullfight, Angra do Heroísmo
Saturday, May 18: 6:30 p.m. S. Mateus
Monday, May 20: 6:30 p.m. Terreiro, Terra Chã
Tuesday, May 21: 6:30 p.m. Largo S. Luis, S. Bento
Tuesday, May 21: 6:30 p.m. S. Bartolomeu
Wednesday, May 22: 6:30 p.m. Terreiro, S. Mateus
Thursday, May 23: 6:30 p.m. Rua do Rossio, Praia da Vitória
Friday, May 24: 6:30 p.m. Outeiro, Angra do Heroísmo
Friday, May 24: 6:30 p.m. Rua do Rossio, Praia da Vitória

ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima, Community Relations Advisor



Regional Government of the Azores explained



The Azores' archipelago, which is comprised by nine islands, has been an autonomous region since 1976 with its own government and parliament. The region gained the autonomous statute in the aftermath of the 1974 military coup that restored democracy to the country.

This means the Azores is still part of the Portuguese territory but has autonomy in many areas, creating its own legislation.

The Azores' political system is formed by the regional parliament and a regional government. The parliament is located in the City of Horta, on the Island of Faial, while the government has its headquarters in Ponta Delgada, on the Island of Ponta Delgada, and other departments on the islands of Terceira and Faial.

The Regional Government of the Azores is formed by a president, a vice president, five regional secretaries, one sub-secretary and 22 regional directors who are responsible for areas such as finance, education, health, public administration, agriculture, fishing, industry, tourism, housing, environment, social welfare and public works.

The city of Angra is home to three government departments, namely the Regional Secretariat for Education, Secretariat of Health,

and the Secretariat of Labor and Social Solidarity.

The regional government can legislate independently from the central government in Lisbon, but still needs to comply with national laws, especially in the areas of finance, justice and public administration.

Currently, the regional parliament is formed by the Speaker of the House and 57 representatives: 31 from the Socialist Party (PS); 20 from the Social Democrat Party (PSD); three from the CDS People's Party (CDS/PP), one from the coalition formed by the Communist Party and the Green Party (CDU), one from the Leftist Bloc (BE) and one from the People's Monarchic Party (PPM).

The city of Angra is also home to the Office of the Representative of the Republic to the Azores. The representative, who is appointed by the President of the Republic, represents the national sovereignty in the Azores besides being the liaison between the regional and the republic's government. He oversees the regional government's actions and has the power to veto regional legislation that is not in accordance with the Portuguese Constitution.

Monday, (20 May), the Azoreans celebrate "The Day of the Regional Autonomy" or Day of the Azores." This regional holiday celebrates the institution of the status of autonomy of the Azores in 1976.