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789
SORTIES

7,986
LODGED



4,53 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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U.S., Portuguese contain fuel spill in joint exercise



(l-r on the boat) Fernando Homem and Paulo Barbosa, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron fuel maintenance, place an oil containment boom across the entrance of the recreational marina to prevent fuel from spreading while Alvaro Silva, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron fuel maintenance guides them from the beach during a fuel response exercise at Praia fuel bay, April 18, 2013, Praia da Vitoria, Azores. This capability and exercise is made possible by utilizing 65th CES' fleet of boats, including "the Hurricane" watercraft, part of one of the only fleets of boats Air Force-wide. (Photo by Lucas Silva/released)

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

U.S. and Portuguese Air Force and civilian personnel participated in a fuel spill response exercise April 18, to test their ability to respond quickly and effectively in the event of a fuel spill on the island of Terceira, Azores, Portugal.

"The fuel spill exercise highlighted the importance the 65th Air Base Wing places on testing our ability to respond to a variety of incidents we might experience while performing our mission here at Lajes, and the importance of demonstrating this ability while working alongside local authorities and our Portuguese partners," said Col. John Oliver, 65th Mission Support Group commander. "Lajes Field has the Air Force's second largest fuel storage capability, and it's one of our base's primary weapons systems. With any weapons system, there exists the possibility that an unforeseen accident could occur, and we have to test our ability to respond to it and to do so appropriately in concert with local authorities and the Portuguese Air Force."



The response activated unified command in this joint triennial exercise included members of the 65th Air Base Wing, Air Base 4, Headquarters Azores Air Zone, Maritime Authority and Maritime Police, Commercial Port Management, Praia da Vitoria Civil Protection, Azores Civil Protection and the Portuguese Police.

"In this scenario, we had a fuel spill going from South Tank Farm (in Praia da Vitoria) on land and into the ocean," said exercise coordinator Vitor Berbereia, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental engineer, Spill Prevention and Response Program manager. "We worked together in cooperation with various off-base agencies to ensure we had open lines of communication between the local authorities and communities. This was a joint exercise in which we planned, coordinated, responded and shared decisions using resources jointly."

The overall objectives of this exercise included ensuring the safety of citizens, controlling the fuel spill, minimizing economic impacts, keeping the public informed of response activities, removing oil from impacted areas and recovering and rehabilitating injured wildlife.

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



Gen. Breedlove confirmed as next EUCOM commander, SACEUR

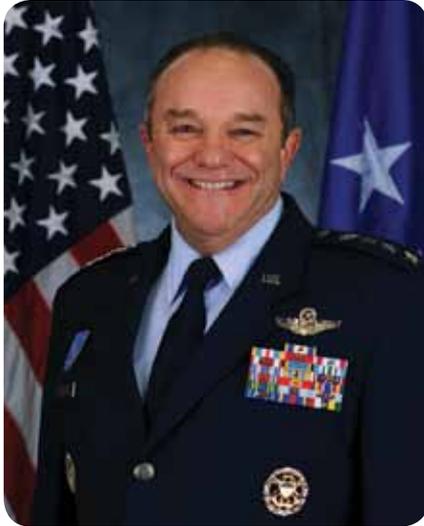
By US EUCOM Public Affairs

Philip M. Breedlove was confirmed by the United States Senate as the next U.S. European Command Commander and NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and will assume command from the current EUCOM commander and SACEUR, Adm. James Stavridis.

General Breedlove is currently serving as Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, U.S. Air Forces Africa; Commander, Headquarters, Allied Air Command, Ramstein; and Director, Joint Air Power Competence Center.

He will take up his appointments as successor to Admiral Stavridis, United States Navy, at change of command ceremonies at EUCOM Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany, and the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium, in mid-May, 2013.

"I have known General Breedlove for many years and can tell you that his impressive credentials, professionalism, and dynamic leadership make him an ideal choice," said Adm. Stavridis. "I can think of no better officer to lead the men and women of Allied Command Operations and U.S. European Command over the coming years."



Gen. Breedlove responded to his confirmation, saying "I am honored to have been nominated by our Commander in Chief, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the position of Commander, U.S. European Command, and Supreme Allied Commander Europe. I am humbled by their trust and confidence, and look forward to leading and

serving with our wonderful joint and coalition forces," he said. "Cindy and I pledge our total commitment to contributing to the long and proud record of excellence associated with NATO and U.S. European Command."

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FSS taking charge of Lajes movie theater

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

As a result of changes in technology and upgrade costs, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service have had to take a hard look at base movie theater operations worldwide.

At Lajes Field, the 65th Force Support Squadron and Azores Exchange have teamed up to keep the Lajes Theater running.

The 65th Force Support Squadron will take over servicing the Lajes Field Theater from AAFES May 17. Under the new management, movies will be free, and a snack bar will be available.

"We're not closing; we're just transferring to make sure that the theater's still here as a morale booster," said Carrie Cammel, Azores Exchange general manager. "This is a key success story here at Lajes."

As the movie industry converts from 35 millimeter films to digital projection, it became unfeasible to fund \$120,000 for the conversion of each of AAFES 120 theaters around the world. Therefore, 60 AAFES theaters will cease operations and 60 will be converted to the new digital upgrade.

Although AAFES will still own the equipment, theater services will be run by the 65th FSS library under a licensing program that will allow the showing of movies from various major motion picture companies.

"We'll align the theater operations under the library and show DVDs from major motion picture companies, such as Disney, Miramax, Paramount, Warner Brothers, Sony and DreamWorks," said Jeff Adams, 65th FSS director. "I'll just type the title in the search engine, and we'll be able to watch those movies."

Currently, the Lajes Theater uses 35 millimeter films. A paid

projectionist splices these movies together, changes the reels over and conducts other laborious and time-consuming actions.

"These 35 millimeter movies come in big silver cases," said Cammel. "The logistics of getting them here is difficult. We've already run into issues where we haven't received some releases because the company has not made them for 35 millimeter; they're all digital now."

Once AAFES turns over the theater May 11, the 65th FSS will show their first movie May 17.

"Now I'll be able to walk out of my office and just go push play," said Adams. "That gives us a huge capability in being able to keep the theater open and keep the costs low."

The 65th FSS and AAFES spent several months working together in generating ideas on how to keep the theater yet save a total of \$150,000 in upgrade and installation costs.

"This is teamwork," said Cammel. "We're keeping morale by keeping the theater here and making sure that they (the 65th FSS) are able to show these films. We're working together and making sure this happens."

According to Adams, this change allows for a number of advantages, such as flexibility in the base's programming abilities.

"We'll be able to do things such as serve pizza on certain nights," said Adams. "We'll be able to do themed holidays and have certain movies that correspond with events, such as Black History Month, as well as teen events, such as Teen Nights, movie marathons and educational films – lots of great things. My staff's really excited."

For more information regarding the Lajes Field Theater, contact Carrie Cammel at 535-1124 or Jeff Adams at 535-5212.



LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Name: Katrina Maloney
Rank: 1st Lt.
Unit: 65th Civil Engineer Squadron
Hometown: Dover, New Hampshire
Duty Title: Housing Manager
Accomplishments: Lt Maloney is the Housing Manager for the 65th CES. She oversees about 1,300 residents both on and off base, ensuring that proper maintenance and quality of life is met. She also manages the \$8.9M FMO inventory which supplies both on and off base residents with furnishings and appliances. She is currently working on the dorm transition plan, moving 40 residents from the NCO dorms to Beira Mar and then 80 residents from T-131 to our remaining dorms while it undergoes renovation. During the island floods, Lt Maloney was able to expedite coordination in order to donate 30 mattresses to the Portuguese Red Cross, directly providing assistance to flood victims. She is also the CGOC Vice President, winning for the second consecutive time, USAFE CGOC of the quarter. She was integral to the CGOC's raising of \$1.5K towards High School seniors' scholarships. In two weeks she will be participating in her first 1/2 marathon!



Name: Vitor Berbereia
Rank: LGS-11
Unit: 65th Civil Engineer Squadron
Hometown: Raminho, Terceira
Duty Title: Environmental Engineer
Accomplishments: Sr. Berbereia is an Environmental Engineer for the 65th CES Asset Management Flight. He provides his multi-faceted expertise to support critical environmental programs that safeguard Lajes and the community. His proactive management of one of the only fleets of boats in the Air Force ensures the marine spill response team is able to deploy booms around tankers prior to off-loading fuel. He is also a first responder to fuel spills on the airfield. His outstanding coordination of Lajes' 2012 Environmental Management System received high praise from USAFE inspectors and his recent coordination of a full-scale spill response exercise to include local response agencies received huge accolades. Additionally, each fall Vitor manages Lajes' Cory's Shearwater Rescue Program, which has resulted in saving many of these endangered seabirds.



Photos: Joint fuel spill exercise

(l-r) Tech Sgt. Tony Andres, Staff Sgts. Angel Diaz-Berrios and Matthew Weffer, all 65th Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuel system maintenance, secure a spill containment boom to the marina breakwater under the supervision of Vitor Berbereia 65th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental engineer and Spill Prevention and Response Program manager April 18, 2013, Praia da Vitoria, Azores. These engineers are responding to a simulated fuel spill during an exercise at the Praia fuel bay. (Photo by Lucas Silva/released)



(l-r) Tech Sgt. Tony Andres and Staff Sgt. Angel Diaz-Berrios, both 65th Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuel system maintenance, assist dispensing a spill containment boom to prevent fuel from entering the marina during a fuel response exercise at Praia fuel bay. This exercise provides an opportunity for the U.S. and host nation counterparts to coordinate response efforts for fuel spills or any similar disasters and maximize protection of environmentally sensitive areas on the island of Terceira. (Photo by Lucas Silva/released)

(l-r) Tech Sgt. Tony Andres and Staff Sgt. Angel Diaz-Berrios, both 65th Civil Engineer Squadron water and fuel system maintenance, assist dispensing a spill containment boom to prevent fuel from entering the marina during a fuel response exercise at Praia fuel bay. (Photo by Lucas Silva/released)





Photos: Joint fuel spill exercise



Senior Master Sgt. Brian Archuleta (left), 65th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department chief and Agostinho Simoes, fire department deputy chief set up a unified command center and plan their response following a simulated fuel spill during an exercise at the Lajes south tank farm. Lajes Field is the 2nd largest fuel store in the AF and the 1st largest within USAFE. This exercise ensures the base personnel and Portuguese partners can team up to recover the base and protect the local populace for fuel spills or other disaster were to occur. (Photo by Guido Melo/released)



Firefighters from the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, respond to a fuel spill during an exercise at the Lajes south tank farm. The U.S. and Portuguese Air Force along with Portuguese authorities and government agencies teamed up to evaluate their ability to respond to a fuel spill, or similar disasters as a cohesive team. (Photo by Guido Melo/released)



Eduardo Lima (left), 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs deputy, gathers information from Agostinho Simoes, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department deputy chief, to complete a press release during a spill response exercise at the Praia fuel bay. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory/released)

LAJES ON THE WEB



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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 19: 6:00 p.m. Fontinhas
Wednesday, May 19: 6:00 p.m. Fonte São Sebastião
Wednesday, May 19: 6:00 p.m. Fonte da Ribeirinha

ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima, Community Relations Advisor



Street bullfight season begins May 1



Traditionally, the street bullfight season starts every year on May 1 and continues through Oct. 15, which is the last official day for this type of event.

This type of bullfighting is an old local tradition. Though its exact origin is unknown,

some historians believe it began with the tournaments and jousts noblemen held during special occasions centuries ago.

Street bullfights have become a well-liked cultural event and an important part of the summer festivals around the island attracting hundreds, sometimes thousands of people to a single village.

The four bulls are transported inside boxes from the ranches where they are raised to the village where the bullfights will be held. When it's time for the bullfight to begin, usually at 6 or 6:30 p.m., a blast that sounds like fireworks lets everybody know it's time for the first bull to be released and warns those who don't want to play bullfighter to look for a safe place along the bullfight area.

After the bull is released, eight men dressed in white shirts and grey pants - known as "pastores" (rope handlers) - control the

distance the bull can travel by holding on to a rope attached to his neck as he pursues those who dare to harass him or stand in his way.

After the crowds teases the bull for about 30 minutes, the rope handlers pull the bull back into the box. Two blasts let everybody know it's safe to walk or drive down the street again for about 10 minutes until it's time to release the next bull. This routine continues until all four bulls are released and the bullfight ends.

All Americans are encouraged to witness a street bullfight while they are stationed at Lajes Field, though it's important to remember that U.S. military members, civilians and dependents are prohibited from actively participating in any type of bullfighting on the island. This includes people here on temporary duty status or just passing through.

Local bullfights are certainly an event worth seeing, but not without keeping safety in mind. Always make sure to watch the bullfights from a safe barrier or balcony that is at least five or six feet tall.

To better your chances of finding a safe place to watch the bullfights make sure to arrive early. More importantly, be cautious and use common sense while the bullfights are ongoing. If you are caught driving through a bullfight area, slow down and pay attention to the traffic.