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Partly Cloudy / Rain
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Light and Variable
HIGH 24C / 75F
LOW 18C / 64F

Sunday (a.m. / p.m.)
Partly Cloudy / Mostly Cloudy
Wind Light and Variable
WNW 14 mph
HIGH 23C / 73F
LOW 18C / 64F



Lt. Gen. Franklin visits Lajes

Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin, 3rd Air Force commander addresses the crowd during the 65th Air Base Wing change of command ceremony, Lajes Field. Franklin is visiting Team Lajes this week. Stay tuned to the Lajes.af.mil and The 65th Air Base Wing Facebook, "Lajes Field, Azores" site for more updates. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)

Logistics Team welcomes new commander

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

The 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron guidon changed hands on Tuesday as Lt. Col. Scott Hopper relinquished command to Maj. Billy Shaw in a change of command ceremony here Oct. 9. Col. John Oliver, 65th Mission Support Group commander, presided over the ceremony.

"This moment isn't mine. This moment is ours," said Shaw to the men and women of the 65 LRS.

"I look forward to proving myself a man of my word. I'll never make the mistake of (forgetting) to take the time to get to know my people and getting to know their stories," said Shaw, before a formation of his logistics personnel, distinguished guests and visitors.

Shaw credited his family and both parents, Air Force veterans with more than 50 years of combined service, for shaping his leadership qualities and career. Shaw and his wife have two daughters.

"I want to say 'thanks' to my father for teaching me the importance of character and the importance of perseverance," said Shaw.

"I want to thank my mom for demonstrating determination and courage. She lost both of her parents when she was a young girl and spent several years – about five years – in

an orphanage. But she transformed herself into a Chief in the United States Air Force," said Shaw.

Shaw added that his mother conducted detainee operations in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. "My mom is the definition of personal courage," said Shaw.

Shaw takes command of the 65 LRS which provides logistics support to allied forces operating in and throughout the Atlantic Ocean area of operations.

The squadron enables expeditionary forces by providing supply, distribution, refueling operations and vehicle management functions for the 65th Air Base Wing and other Lajes Field mission partners.

65 LRS personnel also maintain and operate a remote sea port location supporting U.S. personnel assigned to Lajes Field.

Shaw is a 2000 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy with a degree in management.

He holds a master's degree in transportation and logistics management from American Military University. Shaw is a career logistics officer and has been deployed to Afghanistan twice.

Hopper had commanded the 65 LRS since June 2011. He was recognized with the Meritorious Service Medal and a final salute from 65 LRS personnel prior to relinquishing command.

Hopper is being assigned to Headquarters Defense Logistics Agency, as the Deputy Director of the Defense Logistics Management Standards Office.



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



The Battlefield Airman... the best of its kind

Maj. Lawrence Wyatt Jr.
65th Security Forces commander

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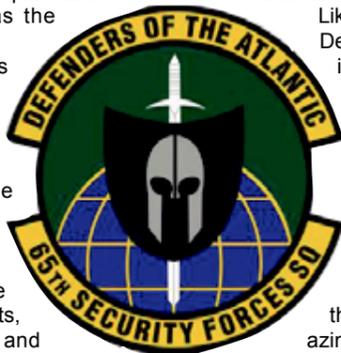
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The Battlefield Airman is an awesome weapon system. It is the single most important weapon system in the inventory. There are folks who don't like our free way of life. The Battlefield Airman is our greatest deterrent to those who wish to harm us. In the words of Gen Jerome F. Malley, "deterrence is not just aircraft and missiles in silos. It is not defined by the size of the budget. It is the product of both capability and credibility." The Battlefield Airman is the capability and credibility.

The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win...in air, space and cyberspace. Take care of yourself and your wingmen. The stakes are freedom!



Perspective

Commander's Action Line
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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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Lajes Airmen go to Washington

Feature

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

Two Airmen from Lajes Field accompanied Col. Chris Bargery, 65th Air Base Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Storms, 65th Air Base Wing command chief, to Washington, D.C. for the command team's visit to Capitol Hill to speak with U.S. Congressmen about Lajes Field.

Staff Sgt. John Rogers, 65th Operations Support Squadron transient alert technician, and Airman First Class Brooke Busby, 65th Medical Operations Support Squadron dental assistant, competed to be selected for this unique opportunity against other Airmen within the wing.

There were numerous rounds of interviews during the selection process.

"It was an interviewing process," said Rogers. "It started within the squadron, advanced to the group and then to the wing. I was fortunate enough to be chosen by the command team."

Each year the wing commander and command chief take a temporary duty trip to discuss wing and base operations with congressmen in Washington, D.C. This year, the command team was able to take two Lajes Airmen with the goal of showing them the importance of congressional relations and enhancing their already bright careers.

Not only is it important for Airmen to see how they contribute to

the Air Force mission, but to also see how their top leaders interact with Congress.

"I felt honored to be selected," said Busby. "It was an amazing experience."

Before heading to Washington, D.C., Rogers thought he was going to be in an official-looking, windowless, top-secret room. But, he was surprised to discover just how much he was able to see and do with the command team.

"We tagged along with (Col. Bargery and Chief Storms) every step of the way," said Rogers. "We didn't have a different agenda. We went to all of their office calls with the congressmen and had the opportunity to speak, as well."

During their visit, Rogers and Busby spoke with a handful of Congressman about the mission at Lajes, host nation relationships and how Lajes fits into the bigger Air Force picture.

For Busby, what she gained from the visit was most evident not only on the personal level, but also enhanced her professional skills as well.

"The biggest thing I learned was how... to represent your base," said Busby.

In Rogers' case, the congressional visit to Washington, D.C. afforded him an all-new perspective on operations at Lajes.

"Going to Washington showed me how Lajes is represented and that even though we are small and in the middle of an ocean, we are important and we are represented in a big way," said Rogers.

"It sort of hit the reset button for me."

Air Force medical treatment facilities not involved in meningitis outbreak

By Air Force Surgeon General Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force Surgeon General confirms that no Air Force medical treatment facility (MTF) purchased, dispensed or administered the contaminated steroid injection implicated in the fungal meningitis outbreak reported in national news.

In fact, no Department of Defense MTF is included in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website list of medical facilities that received the tainted compound from the New England Compounding Center (NECC).

As reported in national news, the CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are coordinating a multi-state investigation of fungal meningitis among patients who received a steroid injection into their spine or other joints with the potentially contaminated product on or after July 1, 2012. Several patients have suffered strokes allegedly caused by a tainted injection. The contaminated medication has been recalled by the manufacturer.

Patients who feel ill and are concerned if they received medication from NECC at one of the affected facilities should contact their physicians, according to the CDC.

Symptoms of fungal meningitis are similar to symptoms of other forms of meningitis but often appear more gradually and can be very mild at first. In addition to typical meningitis symptoms, like headache, fever, nausea, and stiffness of the neck, people with fungal meningitis may also experience confusion, dizziness, and discomfort from bright lights. Patients might just have one or two of these symptoms.

It's important to note that the type of epidural medication given to patients affected by this outbreak is not the same type of medication given to women during childbirth.

To reemphasize, no Department of Defense MTF is included on the CDC's list of medical facilities that received the tainted medicine from the NECC.

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/outbreaks/meningitis.html>

AF officials reestablish squadron commander support staffs

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Grever
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- Air Force officials reestablished squadron commander support staffs on Oct. 1 to help commanders manage administrative duties and other personnel and knowledge operations functions.

The decision to recreate squadron CSSs was made by Air Force senior leaders during a Corona South conference in February to help squadron commanders who were overburdened by personnel, knowledge operations and administrative support workloads.

To jump start this effort, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Manpower, Personnel and Services was given functional oversight of the CSS organization throughout the Air Force and will be responsible for developing guidance. Group-level knowledge operations personnel will provide initial support for squadron CSSs and be distributed to squadrons according to local requirements and priorities. These

personnel will work directly for unit commanders and provide a variety of support functions to squadron leadership and personnel.

Additional billets are scheduled to be added to CSSs in fiscal year 2014. These additional billets will be filled by Air Force personnelists. Senior leaders are also considering options for standardizing Air Force Specialty Codes and grades within each CSS and adding additional manpower in future funding cycles.

"CSSs are the building blocks of strong squadrons. They support commanders and the mission. By rebuilding our CSS, we are helping commanders focus on their top priorities: the mission and the outstanding Airmen who accomplish our mission every day," said Lt. Gen. Darrell Jones, Air Force manpower, personnel and services deputy chief of staff. "This initiative to rebuild unit CSSs will greatly enhance mission effectiveness."

For general information about personnel services and programs, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.



Sister-service PME provides valuable joint tool Feature

By Staff Sgt. Amanda Dick
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- As part of a career broadening opportunity, a new nomination and selection process to attend sister-service enlisted professional military education (EPME) courses has been established for senior non-commissioned officers.

"The significance rests with the transformation from a first-come, first-served process to one that incorporates deliberate development and a return on investment," said Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Horn, the chief of Air Force Enlisted Developmental Education. "We owe it to both our Airmen and our Air Force to put this level of rigor into our developmental processes."

To be eligible for sister-service senior NCO courses, Airmen must not only be nominated by their unit, but must also meet the specific criteria of the applicable service. The package must then be submitted through a board process at the unit's major command, where the first cut is made.

From there, packages are sent to an Air Force-level board that determines the selectees who are given final approval by the chief master sergeant of the Air Force. This year the Air Force-level board is scheduled for Oct. 10, and if all goes well, it will be benchmarked as the new selection process.

For Master Sgt. Michael Noel, the chance to attend a joint EPME course was invaluable.

"I wanted a different PME perspective," said Noel, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs office superintendent of force management. "I was really interested to see how other services (work), to see what kinds of issues they talk about when it comes to leadership and management. We all have a common goal to be effective leaders. So, I wanted the challenge of going somewhere else and finding out what I can learn from it. I jumped at the opportunity to attend the Marine advanced course."

Noel attended the U.S. Marine Corps Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy Advanced Course at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., which is one of the approved classes Air Force senior NCOs can attend in place of the Air Force Senior NCO Academy. The course also provides the joint tools needed to become an effective senior enlisted leader.

"Sister-service EPME opportunities provide our Airmen with a perspective that is critical to today's joint warfighter," Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy said. "We're operating more and more in the joint environment, so it makes sense to train and educate that way.



Air Force Master Sgt. Michael Noel attends class with Marines and one international student during the U.S. Marine Corps Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy Advanced Course at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., Sept. 14, 2012. Noel is attending Senior Enlisted Professional Military Education as part of a new program called EPME-Next. Noel is the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs superintendent of force management at the Pentagon. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christina Brownlow)

This helps us understand our joint partners better."

That joint partnership is exactly what sister-service members hope for.

"I think it's really important for Air Force senior enlisted management, like Master Sergeant Noel, to come here and actually see the type of leadership training we get, to get a better flavor for what we do, especially now that we get more joint," said U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Kevin Simmons, from Company I Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion in Hawaii. "He's assimilated right in with the group. It's been great to have him here."

Noel's biggest piece of advice for other senior NCOs in the joint-EPME environment is to have the "right mindset, to go in with an open mind and be willing to listen to those other perspectives."

Other joint PME courses include the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas; the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy at Newport, R.I.; the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy at Petaluma, Calif.; and the U.S. Marine Corps courses also located at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Camp Butler, Japan.



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



Maj. Billy Shaw takes the unit guidon from Col. John Oliver, 65th Mission Support Group commander, during the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron change of command ceremony. Shaw assumed command of the 65 LRS from Lt. Col. Scott Hopper. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)



Col. Chris Bargery, 65th Air Base Wing commander talks with Airman First Class Demetrius Blizzard, 65th Communications Squadron, during his visit to the unit's external sites, Oct. 2, Lajes Field. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)



Col. Chris Bargery, 65th Air Base Wing commander talks with Senior Airman Donald Lehman and Staff Sgt. Alex Holycross, 65th Communications Squadron, during his visit to the unit's external sites, Oct. 2, Lajes Field. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)



Maj. Billy Shaw addresses the crowd during the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron change of command ceremony, Oct. 9, Lajes Field. Shaw assumed command of the 65 LRS from Lt. Col. Scott Hopper. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)



Members of the 65th Air Base Wing participate in a 5K 'Race for the Cure', Oct. 5, Lajes Field. The race raised donations for Cancer Awareness Month and proceeds were donated to the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)

LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Name: Stephanie Butler
Rank: Senior Airman
Unit: 65th Security Forces Squadron
Duty Title: Assistant Flight Sergeant
Accomplishments: As an Assistant Flight Sergeant with the Security Forces Squadron is responsible for leading, managing and mentoring 15 active duty members and protecting 2.3K personnel, along with securing \$1.3B in Air Force resources. Her team operates jointly with 10 Portuguese AF personnel. Together they execute the 65th Air Base Wing's Integrated Defense Plan. Along with directing all response activities, she oversees her flight's training programs, which includes evaluating physical fitness and self-improvement goals. Airman Butler's keen leadership and fundamental knowledge of operations enabled her to establish command and control for fence cuts, theft of government property, and vehicle accidents.



Name: Tanisha White
Rank: Airman First Class
Unit: 65th Security Forces Squadron
Duty Title: Patrolman
Accomplishments: As a Security Forces Patrolman is responsible for conducting vital security patrols for 854 buildings. Additionally, she is charged with executing the wing's Integrated Defense plan, by providing continued security and force protection for over 20K personnel and 2.8K aircraft transiting annually through Lajes Field airfield. Her leadership and actions have ensured that our force projection and global communication is well protected and goes unhindered on a daily basis. Protection of her fellow Airmen is also top priority for this Wingman. Airman White has racked up over 50 hours of volunteer time with Lajes Against Drunk Driving.





Mark your calendar

THE VETERINARY TECHNICIAN will be permanently changing stations in December 2012. At this time, another technician is not on orders to the location. Please call to schedule your pet's vaccination appointment if your pet will be due during the months of November - January. The last week for appointments will be Nov. 26 - Nov. 29.



BOWL FOR A CURE: Come to the bowling alley on Oct. 12 from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. and show your support for Combined Federal Campaign and Cancer Awareness Month. Cost is \$12 per bowler with 5 bowlers per team. Sign up by Oct. 10.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK EVENTS(OCT. 7-13): There will be a two-person team Fire Muster on Oct. 12 at 8 a.m. Contact Staff Sgt. Dudden at 535-5166 for more information.

KIDS BOWLING WITH SPARKY for FREE Oct 12 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fire Station.

MIDNIGHT WALK: The Midnight Walk for Cancer Awareness will be held on Oct. 26-27 starting at 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

POSTAL VOTING MESSAGE 2012: The general election occurs this year on Nov. 6. The casted absentee ballots need to be collected and "postmarked" no later than noon on Oct. 30. This date provides the last possible time casted ballots have a "reasonable" expectation of reaching the appropriate voting office before the election. 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.

TMO PERSONAL PROPERTY CLOSURE: TMO Personal Property will close every Friday at 12 p.m. for training. Our new hours will be Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. -12 p.m. TMO Passenger Travel Office will be open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Where is the bathroom?

PORTUGUESE: Onde fica a casa de banho?

PRONUNCIATION: Un-day feekaha ah ka-sa day ban-ho?

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



Saturday, Oct. 13: 5 p.m. Bairro Joaquim Alves
 Saturday, Oct. 13: 5 p.m. São Sebastião
 Monday, Oct. 15: 5:00 p.m. Terreiro, São Mateus
 Monday, Oct. 15: 5:00 p.m. Caminho da Esperança, Porto Judeu



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.



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ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima, Community Relations Advisor



Azoreans to vote for regional parliament, government, Sunday

The Azorean people will go to the ballots Sunday to elect 57 new regional parliament representatives and consequently a new regional government of the Azores based on the results of the election. Both the parliament and government will serve a four-year term unless there's a need to call for early elections. A total of 12 political parties will run for this election.

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 this 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 São Miguel, and other departments on the islands of Terceira and Faial.

Currently, the Azorean government is formed by a president, a vice-president and eight regional secretaries and 24 regional

directors who are responsible for areas such as finance, education, health care, public administration, farming, fishing, industry, tourism, housing, environment, social welfare and public works.



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 President of the Parliament (Speaker of the House) and 57 representatives: 30 from the Socialist Party (PS); 18 from the Social Democrat Party (PSD); five from the CDS/ People's Party (CDS/PP) one from the Portuguese Communist Party (PCP); two from the Leftist Block (BE) and one from the Monarchic Party (PPM).

The city of Angra is also home to the Office of the Representative of the Republic for the Azores. This high-ranking official is the Portuguese government's representative to the region and represents the national sovereignty 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.