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Lajes Field Newsletter



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COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

Team Lajes,

On Thursday January 8, 2014, the Secretary of Defense announced the certification of the European Infrastructure Consolidation (EIC) review. This announcement is the next step in the political process and serves as a validation by the Secretary to the US Congress of the previously announced streamlining efforts at Lajes in 2012. The streamlining efforts approved are part of an overarching USAF effort to gain efficiencies worldwide through infrastructure changes.

65 ABW has not received any specific guidance directing execution

of streamlining actions right now. I do not intend to schedule a town hall because I have no new information concerning Lajes streamlining other than the information included in this e-mail. If we do receive guidance to take actions which affect Lajes personnel or employees, I will let all of you know at the earliest opportunity.

If you have questions or concerns please speak with your commanders. All of your leaders understand that any consideration of streamlining is stressful for our valued local national employees. I ask that we all be patient and focus on our mission as the political decision concerning Lajes streamlining continue to unfold.

Col Martin Rothrock

Portuguese Appreciation Week

January 12-16 has been designated as 65 ABW's Portuguese Appreciation Week! In addition to squadron events, there will be several wing events.

From **13-16 January** there will be a Soccer Tournament. Teams may be a mix of Portuguese employees and military members. Teams must have a minimum of 7 players (partial teams can sign up and will be combined with other teams). Contact Lt Amanda Zenner by 1200 on 9 January to sign up.

On **13 January** from 1300-1700 there will be a Foosball Tournament held at J.G.'s (Building T-568). The event is open to all personnel on base. Please contact Brian Feliciano if you have any questions.

There will be a Wing luncheon for all Portuguese Employees on **15 January** at the TORC. The event is free, but you must have a ticket from your squadron representative to attend.

If you have any questions regarding Portuguese Appreciation Week please contact 1Lt Amanda Zenner, 535-3167.



AF government travel cards receive tech upgrade

Beginning this month, Citibank is issuing chip and PIN-enabled government travel cards (GTC) to new card applicants, individuals whose cards will expire in 2015 and individuals who have reported lost or stolen cards.

This is the first phase in a multi-phased rollout, which will enhance the security and convenience of government travel and pay systems. The new cards are embedded with a microchip that provides for transaction encryption and an elevated level of authentication. Chip and PIN technology strengthens data security, better protecting cardholders' personally identifiable information, as well as the government's sensitive transaction and payment data.

"The cards are yet another tool to combat potential fraud," said Eric

Cuebas, the director of Air Force financial services. "By working together with chip-enabled terminals, they ensure a more secure transaction by validating both the card and cardholder. Additionally, Citi's chip and PIN cards do not use radio frequency functionality and are strictly contact-only cards. Therefore, they are not susceptible to the skimming issue encountered by radio frequency identification cards." All cardholders should log into CitiManager and review mailing and email addresses and contact information under "My Card Account/Card Maintenance." The cardholder can also review their information using the account listing report in Citibank's custom reporting

For more on "Travel Cards" see page 2

Photo Perspective



The Lajes Field Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and victim advocates. Back row, L to R: SSgt Monteceo Perry, MSgt Jermaine Young, SSgt Charles Woomey, SSgt Stephanie Russ, SSgt Zenalee Rabsatt; Front row, L to R: Capt. Angelica Silva Garza, TSgt Lorita Henry, SSgt Laprincess Day, 1Lt Victoria Martinez.

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system.

"This new card change should have minimal impact on Airmen," Cuebas said. "If the current card will expire while TDY, the traveler should update the address at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the current GTC to ensure delivery of the replacement card to the new address. If the card is not expiring while TDY but the traveler feels they need an early reissuance of the chip card, they should contact their agency program coordinator (APC)."

He urged all Airmen who have questions or unusual circumstances to contact their APC for more information and assistance. Citibank worked closely with the Defense Travel Management Office and services on a phased rollout of the new cards.

In the second phase, between July and October 2015, Citi will issue chip and PIN cards for all remaining active accounts (cards used within last 18 months). Individuals with inactive accounts and cards not used within last 18 months will be issued a chip and PIN card upon expiration, regardless of the year. There will be no change to the account number and the three-digit security code for replacement cards and the magnetic stripe can still be used for merchants without chip and PIN technology.

"The cards can be used in regions where chip technology is dominant," Cuebas said. "It is expected U.S. merchants will be adopting chip technology more widely throughout 2015."

For more questions about chip and PIN cards, contact local APCs.

Base Announcements

Eagle Eyes

Drinking Water Leak Detection Study

GTC Payment Options

Holiday Mailing Season

Expanded Influenza Vaccine Available

New housing website

All members PCS'ing from Lajes Field with Privately Owned

Vehicle (POV)

TMO Information

Civilian Personnel Newsletter

Non-command sponsored dependents memorandum

BAH Revalidation Required for All Airmen

FSS MPS Holiday Hours

65th Medical Group Closed for Training 2nd Tuesday of Each Month

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Community Events

Portuguese Appreciation Week January 12-16

Wing Training Day January 13

Martin Luther King Day Celebration January 16

4th Quarter Awards Breakfast January 23

Resilient Relationships Class January 23

Annual Awards Ceremony January 24

Wing Promotion Ceremony January 30

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Island Events

Local Volleyball Games

Movie Schedule (Praia & Angra)

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