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Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low



Days remaining
until
Lajes Field's
Limited Unit
Compliance
Inspection

Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday

Mostly Cloudy
High 64
Low 58
Wind E 12 mph



Saturday

Mostly Cloudy
High 64
Low 58
Wind NE 14 mph



Sunday

Mostly Cloudy
High 64
Low 59
Wind N 16 mph



Ferryboats sail again in Azores

By Eduardo Lima

65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

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," started sailing among the central and eastern group of islands on May 3 and will operate through Oct. 10, while the second ferryboat, named "Hellenic Wind," will begin operations on June 7 and sail in the same group of islands until Sept. 26.

These two boats offer a unique opportunity for everyone to travel to the other islands with the exception of Corvo.

When travelling to those eight islands, 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" sails weekly 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 boat's arrival.

Round trip prices from the port of Praia range between 55 Euros (to Graciosa) and 98 Euros (to the Island of Santa Maria).

A two-bed cabin with a restroom will cost 40 Euros per trip while a four-bed cabin will cost 80 Euros.

You can transport your pets (cats and dogs) inside a cage for 25 Euros per cage.

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!

Get active, fit and moving during National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

By Brian Kirby

USAFE Health Promotion

United States Air Forces in Europe Health Promotion teams up with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports to Get Active and Fit in May

Various Air Force organizations within Europe will join the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports to challenge Americans to get moving for health and to get active and fit during National Physical Fitness and Sports Month in May.

It is recommended that Americans of all ages incorporate more movement in their daily lives.

"Adults need at least 30 minutes of activity five days each week," said Melissa Johnson, executive director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, which started National Physical Activity and Sports Month in 1983. "This can be done by choosing to bike or walk instead of driving, taking stairs instead of elevators, or pushing a lawnmower instead of riding one. Children

need at least 60 minutes of active play daily. They need to run, climb, jump, and just get up and move around, away from their desks, the television and computer games."

Twenty minutes of vigorous physical activity three times a week, such as sports, aerobics, working out in the gym, and running, has added health benefits.

"But, it's important to understand that you don't need to sweat in a gym or run a marathon to reap the health benefits of daily physical activity," Johnson said.

"Even 30 minutes a day, broken up into shorter increments of ten or fifteen minutes, can greatly improve your health."

For more information about National Physical Fitness and Sports Month events in your area, contact your local Air Force Health and Wellness Center.

For information about the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, visit www.fitness.gov.

To start a physical activity and fitness program, visit www.presidentschallenge.org and sign up to take the President's Challenge.



When in doubt, leave it out

By Maj. Jeff Banks

65th Operations Support Squadron

Information travels through a global network instantaneously and once available, endures forever.

Social media has been around for some time but has expanded significantly over the last few years given the innovation of emerging technologies.

On April 26, 2010, US Space Command released a public statement highlighting a two-week phased opening of access to social media sites. Initial implementation has already occurred in PACAF and USAFE began access on May 10. It is widely acknowledged that social media and emerging technologies enhance communication and collaboration; however, there is one important disclaimer all Airmen must consider when engaging in social media (regardless of whether at work or play).

Air Force personnel cannot post any classified or sensitive information and must follow the guidelines for appropriate social media and Internet use. The inappropriate posting of information on the Air Force network and any OPSEC (Operations Security) violations are punishable under the Uniform Code of the Military Justice.

Basic to the OPSEC process is determining what information harms the mission if available to one or more adversaries. Critical information consists of information and observable actions about our activities, intentions, capabilities, or limitations that must be controlled to prevent an adversary from gaining a significant advantage (military, economic, political, or technological). Airmen must remain vigilant and never post classified or other information on their respective MAJCOM's Critical Information List.

Although OPSEC is the moniker for Operations Security, I came up with a simple acronym which may help determine what should or should not wind up on social media websites. When posting information consider the following:

- O** - OPERATIONAL: How does the information apply to mission related activities/CIL?
- P** - PRIVACY: How does the information violate privacy?
- S** - SECURITY: Would you be OK if your enemy or adversary knew this information?
- E** - ETERNAL: Would you post this information if you knew it would be posted forever?
- C** - CLASSIFICATION: Does this information violate UCMJ in terms of classified/sensitive? A safety Checklist can ensure you are abiding by sound practices:

Do you:

- Keep sensitive, work-related information OFF your profiles?
- Protect the names and information of co-workers, friends and family members?

- Check all photos for indicators in the background or reflective surfaces?
- Check filenames and file tags for sensitive data (your name, organization or other details)?
- Are Passwords sufficiently hard to guess?
- Are Passwords adequately protected?
- Know your profile accessibility/visibility?
- Add "unknown" or "untrusted" people to any groups with the lowest permissions and accesses?
- Keep your anti-virus software updated?
- Stay away from links, downloads, attachments, applications or plug-ins?

People ready to engage in activities to disrupt US operations will relentlessly seek ways to do so. They are inspired and/or paid to put pieces of information together from various source materials like a puzzle. Also known as "data mining", social media is simply the easiest way to turn the data into information (consider it the path of least resistance). These little bits of information can "indicate" or forecast activities which they can use to exploit (critical information/indicators). Consider the following article (ironically found on a blog) and published Wednesday, March 17, 2010 by Arie'h O'Sullivan and Felice Friedson:

Modern Armies grapple with leaks of classified intelligence on the plethora of new social media like Facebook, Twitter and Youtube.

The Israeli army was planning a night raid into a hostile Palestinian village in the West Bank to arrest suspected terrorists. Troops were in place and back-up units were deployed. But unexpectedly, they came upon a formidable foe -- Facebook.

The operation was scrubbed when it became known that one of the soldiers in the raiding unit had uploaded details of the impending sweep on his Facebook account. The army says the leaking of classified information put its troops at risk. The soldier was court-martialed and jailed for 10 days. He was also kicked out of his combat unit.

"The operation was postponed because of this," Lt Col. Avital Leibovitz, an IDF Spokesperson, tells The Media Line. "Since the soldier specified the name of the village and the time. He also specified that after the operation there would be another two raids. We had no choice but to postpone the operation because we were not sure whether it had been leaked to the people in that village."

Individuals motivated to execute malicious intent will always exist, you can't necessarily stop all of them. What each Airman can do, and is responsible for doing is maintaining good order and discipline to prevent you from being a "source." OPSEC is an everyone and everyday responsibility. Regardless if you agree or disagree with the Air Forces' new migration towards embracing social media,

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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 65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil.



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Over 40 members from the 65th Air Base Wing came together May 2 to hike Monte Brazil in Angra do Herosimo. The hike was sponsored by the 65th Force Support Squadron in support of the Air Force's Fit Family initiative. (Photo by 1st Lt. Naomi Evangelista)



Members from the 65th Air Base Wing load clothing, toys and other donations to be donated to an orphanage in Angra. The donations were collected as part of a Chapel Charities event on May 3, hosted by the base chapel. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1653 President, Master Sgt. Tyrone McDougald congratulates Tech. Sgt. Kenyatta Wilson after presenting him an AFSA Five-Star Coin for Recruiting and Retaining 12 members. (Courtesy photo)



Members of the 65th Air Base Wing joined over 60 other competitors from around the island to compete in a half-marathon May 1. The half-marathon was held between the towns of Serreta and Sao Mateus. Members from left to right, front to back are: Maj. Frank Hughes, Aracelli Hughes, Capt. Robert Russin, Dayana Russin, Monica Rodriguez, Capt. Brandon Morgan, Matt Kachmar, Tech. Sgt. Keith Eberhardt, Airman 1st Class Marshall Hunsaker, Trish Dotson and David Blumberg. A half-marathon is 13.1 miles. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Senior Airman Angelica Ramirez, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, looks at brochures at an information booth during Alcohol Awareness Day held at the Lajes Field Fire Department on May 7, 2010. (Photos by Tech. Sgt. Rebecca F. Corey)



Senior Airman San Kin, 65th Operations Support Squadron, attempts to walk on a straight line wearing "beer goggles" during Alcohol Awareness Day held at the Lajes Field Fire Department May 7.



Mark your calendar



UPCOMING BASE WATER/POWER OUTAGES:

Saturday, May 15: T-588 (Dental Clinic) WATER OUTAGE from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 17: T-500 (AFN) WATER OUTAGE from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18: Beira Mar Housing T-1533 to T-1560- POWER OUTAGE from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19: T-925 (Water Pumping Station) WATER OUTAGE from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 22: T-506 (Medical Warehouse) WATER OUTAGE from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25: Beira Mar Housing T-1500 to T-1510- POWER OUTAGE from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS:

May 20- Story Telling @ Base Library- 1500

May 27- Story Telling @ Base Library- 1500

May 27- SUM Dinner @ Base Chapel- 1730

May 29- AAPHM Grand Finale @ CAC- 1300

May 31- Library cultural display ends

SUBWAY TEMPORARY CLOSURE: Subway will be closed temporarily May 10-22 for the installation of a new sprinkler system. The store will reopen Sunday, May 23. If you have any questions, contact Subway at 295-543-324.

SARC OFFICE'S NEW LOCATION: The SARC office has moved to Building T-715. Contact Maj. Angela Carlington at 966-677-266 if you have any questions.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR MAY 16: All Eagle Scout members' presence is requested for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. This is an opportunity to congratulate a new Eagle and to reaffirm your Eagle pledge. The Court of Honor is scheduled May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Lajes Base Chapel. Please RSVP by May 10 to LCCIRANNI@hotmail.com or call 295-549-382.

A TASTE OF THE NORTHERN COAST: A trip of the Northern Coast of the Island is scheduled for Saturday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m. The trip will give members an opportunity to enjoy vineyards, wineries, museum, and a free bottle of wine. Then on to a basket weaver, a delightful folk museum and church. A wonderful lunch tops off this tour. Contact Outdoor Recreation at 535-4140 for reservation information.

PRODUCT EXPOSITION: The 65th Contracting Squadron is hosting its Annual Vendor Products Exposition on May 27 at the Top of the Rock Club from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The exposition gives Azorean vendors the opportunity to showcase their products and services available to American units and personnel on Lajes. This event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to stop by and see what is available in our local market.

WORLD DAY AGAINST OBESITY HIKE: Join the Montanheiros Hiking Club Saturday, May 22 at the Montanheiros Club House in Angra at 2 p.m. for a hike and tour of Algar do Carvao. If you have any questions, contact Senhor Manuel Martins at 535-6763.

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE: Some children's Tylenol, Motrin, Zyrtec and Benadryl have been RECALLED. If you have any of these products at home, please dispose of them. All affected lot numbers have already been removed from sales shelves. Contact Staff Sgt. Camp at Public Health at 535-5134 if you have any questions or concerns.

(SUM) DINNER: hosted by Asian Pacific American Heritage Organization: 5:30 p.m. May 27 at the chapel. For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Ismael Rodriguez at 535-4211.

2010 USAF MARATHON: USAFE is sponsoring teams to participate in the 14th Annual USAF Marathon, which will take place on September 18, 2010, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. The Sports and Fitness Exposition will take place on September 16 and 17, 2010 at the Ervin J. Nutter Sports Center, Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, Dayton, OH. Applicants should submit their "Air Force Form 303" to the USAFE Sports Office not later than 18 June 2010. The USAFE team will be announced on June 21 and details for transportation to Wright-Patterson will be provided on 1 July. POC: Mr. Thomas J. Burkett, HQ USAFE/A1SCS; 478-2301. Please look for additional information on www.usafefitness.org or e-mail; Thomas.Burkett@sembach.af.mil,

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Do you have this item in a larger (smaller) size?

PORTUGUESE: Tem este artigo num tamanho maior/mais pequeno?

PRONUNCIATION: Tem eshtay arteego noom tahmon yo miegor/mash puhkenoo?

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



Saturday, May 15: 6:30 p.m. Ladeira Branca, Angra

Saturday, May 15: 6:30 p.m. Canada do Rego, Biscoitos

Sunday, May 16: 6:30 p.m. Fonte do Bastardo

Sunday, May 16: 6:30 p.m. Santa Luzia, Angra

Monday, May 17: 6:30 p.m. Pico da Urze (near Angra)

Tuesday May 18: 6:30 p.m. Posto Santo

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Alice In Wonderland (PG)

7 p.m. Saturday - The Bounty Hunter (PG-13)

10 p.m. Saturday - Repo Men (R)

4 p.m. Sunday - Alice In Wonderland (PG)

7 p.m. Sunday - The Bounty Hunter (PG-13)

Movie times and schedule are subject to change.

Fax#480-7375 or 0049 (0) 6371-47-7375.

SAME MEETING: The Society of American Military Engineers meets every third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the TORC. The next meeting is May 19. If you have any questions, contact Capt. Matthew Altman at 535-3839.

ESC MEETING: The Enlisted Spouses Club General Meeting and Fiesta is scheduled for Friday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Carolyn's Home: 1406C Nascer Do Sol Housing. Exciting Game Night Follows; please bring a dish and recipe to share keeping w/ the theme of Cinco de Mayo. Not a member? No problem! Come get to know us! Please call Cori at 295-549-253 if you have any questions, or email us at lajesesc2010_11@yahoo.com

JOB POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT THE THRIFT SHOP: The Thrift Shop is hiring two part-time employees. The position of store manager will be available June 1, 2010. Duties include accepting donations, pricing items and staging the store. The position of bookkeeper will be open July 1, 2010. Must have knowledge of Excel for bookkeeping position. If interested, please go to building T-125 (behind the A&FRC) for details and application or email: dotsonclan@yahoo.com. Thrift Shop Hours: Tues and Wed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thurs from 2-6 p.m. & 1st Sat. of month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For details, call 295-57-4146.

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it's here. How we use it will be monitored and will require a good deal of discretion.

The Air Force entrusts crew chiefs with safely maintaining multimillion dollar aircraft, air traffic controllers to guide them and pilots to fly them. There are countless other Airmen in various AFSC's within our Air Force which provide an ability to execute with laser-focused precision -- and no other Air Force (or service for that matter) does it better. What is the critical link? All are trained with the necessary skills to execute. When it comes to engaging in social media activities, an education will ensure all are equipped to provide an "Integrated Defense" plan around our critical information which will arm every Airman with the necessary skills to eliminate OPSEC violations; our vocation is too important and the results are too permanent to expect anything less.