



Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

**65...
IN THE FIGHT**
CY 2010
(as of Aug. 8, 2010)



1,268
SORTIES

19,493
LODGED



4.71 million
FUEL ISSUED
(gallons)

Weekend Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

Friday

Partly Cloudy

High 77

Low 69

Wind SE 10 mph



Saturday

Mostly Sunny

High 78

Low 71

Wind E 10 mph



Sunday

Mostly Cloudy

High 78

Low 70

Wind E 7 mph



Taking Care of Airmen and Families... The Air Force Way

By April D. Legere

Special contributor to the 65th Air Base Wing PA

For the past year, our Chief of Staff, General Norton Schwartz and his wife Suzie, supported the Year of the Air Force Family. Across the Air Force, we planned programs, streamlined communication flow and held contests to foster the sense of community and camaraderie of an Air Force Family. Last Friday, I had the honor of extending out a caring hand to a true Air Force Family. Not through a MAJCOM program or our outstanding Force Support Squadron, but through a personal, family tragedy with a happy ending.

Mr. Gavin Sundwall, the US Consul to the Azores, notified the Wing that we had a special mission in bound. A civilian medevac plane landed on our flight line with a young lady as its patient along with her parents. They were making their way home to the Baltimore metro from South Africa where they had spent the last three weeks. The young lady, Emily, 16, who had been in



Uganda on a mission trip, was the victim of a terrorist attack. As a result of the attack, she had severe damage to her right leg. Emily's parents flew to Africa to support her through the harrowing experience.

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Lisbon scout troop gets a glimpse of firefighters' mission at Lajes

By Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi

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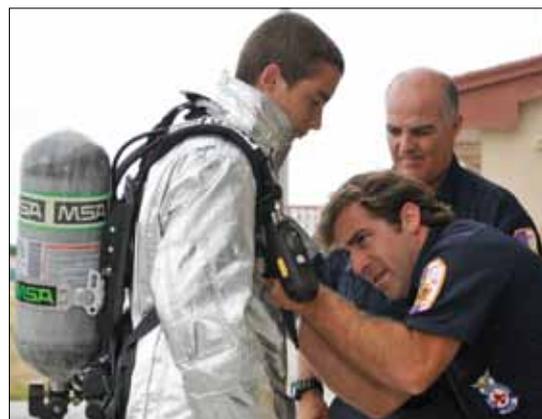
The mystic behind the timeliness of Lajes firefighters during emergencies, so-to-speak, was unveiled to a scout troop of students from the Mainland Lisbon during a visit to Lajes Field's Fire Department Aug. 2.

The visit, which began with a tour of the fire building, culminated with a real-world emergency response that allowed the Boys and Girls Scout troop to get a first-hand glimpse of the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron's fire department's mission.

"It is very cool to actually see the person that was briefing us not too long ago to quickly dress up when the emergency call came in," said Andre Cabrita, one of the three scout chiefs that led the troop to Lajes. "It makes the briefing about their response time to be clearer to us. I actually enjoyed the briefing and everything they described to us, and we are very happy to be here."

The first briefing of the fire station and the bedding area was given by Bruno Medeiros, 65th CES. The troop, comprising mostly of students, who were on Terciera Island for a week-long camping trip, were able to go literally everywhere in the fire station during the briefing.

In order to allow the students to fully understand how the firefighters extinguish fire, one of the briefers, Valdemar Toste, gave them a tour and hands-on of a fire truck,



Bruno Medeiros, a 65th Civil Engineer Squadron's firefighter, adjust a strap on a suit while gearing up a student from Lisbon during a visit of a Boys and Girls Scout troop to the fire station Aug. 2. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi)

the Striker 3000.

"The truck is the newest we have here at Lajes right now, and it's probably the best in the Air Force," said Mr. Toste, a 65th CES truck driver.

To read more on "Firefighters", see page 4



Preeminence

By Col. Eric Axelbank
65 ABW Vice Commander

As Col Jose A. Rivera took command of our Wing, he was clear about our focus and priorities. During last week's commander's call, he outlined our vision, "United States Air Force's preeminent enroute expeditionary focused combat support organization." Simply stated, our commander is challenging us to be the best combat support organization in the Air Force! Although this challenge will not be easy, we have the right resources, right location, right host nation teammates and most importantly the right Airmen and civilians to transform this vision into reality. Enabling this vision demands strong leadership at all levels and based on what I have seen, our talented team is already on this path.

Supporting our vision to be the best, Colonel Rivera outlined his four priorities: 1) Fight today's fight, 2) Take care of Airmen and their families, 3) Take our relationship with our host nation to new levels and 4) Prepare for future challenges.

First and foremost, we are a nation at war. We have Airmen in harm's way and we must never forget about them and their families and the sacrifices they are making. Speaking of Airmen and their families, this comprises our commander's next priority. Colonel Rivera explains that "Airmen" consists of those of us in uniform, our dedicated U.S. and Portuguese civilians as well as our most valued teammates - our families. We are all Team Lajes



Airmen!

Another top priority is our coveted relationship with our outstanding Portuguese Air Force partners. Team Lajes and our Headquarters Azores Air Zone hosts are longstanding teammates. We value this rich relationship and friendship and we will take our relationship with the Portuguese Air Force to new and unprecedented levels. Lastly, we will prepare for future challenges. We owe it to our Airmen and our families to ensure we are always ready for any challenge that tomorrow presents. Readiness demands preparation, training and a focused mindset on compliance and innovation at the same time. Our new boss's focus on Airmen is evident when he asks his leaders, "what have you done for your Airmen today?"

I am confident we will see our Wing achieve new levels of success and our Airmen will reap all the benefits of being the Air Force's preeminent enroute expeditionary focused combat support organization!



Taking Care of Airmen and Families

Once Emily was deemed stable enough to travel, they set off on the trip home, which had six stops, one of them being Lajes Field. With the assistance of our Portuguese Air Force Family, we were able to authorize the plane to land on the military side of the flight line, allowing Emily and her parents to be greeted by family; their Air Force Family.

The doors opened and her father Matthew stepped out of the plane, he embraced "the colonel" (65th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Jose Rivera) and said thank-you. He turned to the Command Chief and offered the same gratitude. His wife Jennifer came down the steps with a slight, tired smile and wearing an Air Force t-shirt. They were home. Matthew and Jennifer were both load masters. Matthew, still serving in the Air Guard, Jennifer had since retired. The family was grateful for the simple welcome we provided them;

a comfortable and quiet place to relax, a small, but thoughtful snack basket for Emily.

Through conversation we learned that Matthew's first TDY in his Air Force career was to Lajes. He shared with us his fond memories of the time spent here, and that those memories and this new one, would always have a place in his heart.

As we bid farewell to Matthew and Jennifer, Emily allowed us a brief opportunity to speak with her. Although struck with tragedy, she had a positive, uplifting spirit. She was ready to face the future challenges head on, with her family by her side.

Last Friday, my husband, Col. Jose Rivera along with Col. Eric Axelbank, Chief Master Sgt. Samuel Hagadorn and I met an awesome Air Force Family.

Editor's note: April is tracking Emily's recovery on Facebook and will keep you all posted!

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Col. Jose Rivera
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Bruno Medeiros, a 65th Civil Engineer Squadron's firefighter, briefs students from Lisbon during a visit of a Boys and Girls Scout troop to the fire station Aug. 2. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi)



BRONZE MEDAL

Col. Jose Rivera, 65th Air Base Wing commander, applauds Master Sgt. Rigoberto Chacon, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, after presenting him with a Bronze Star and a certificate during a ceremony here Aug. 6. Sergeant Chacon earned the medal during his deployment to Afghanistan, where he led his teams to 40 forward operating bases and bedded down over 40,000 combat forces. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi)

LAJES AIRMEN OF THE WEEK



Name: Staff Sgt. Robert Lilly
Unit: 65 CS
Hometown: Deltona, Florida
Accomplishments: An integral part of the 65 CS' success to include the "Outstanding" ratings on the 2010 Command Cyber Readiness Inspection (CCRI). His cyber surety expertise has been vital to other USAFE bases to train their communications warriors and prepare their bases for their inspections.



Name: Sr. Eduardo Lima
Unit: 65 CS
Hometown: Angra do Heroismo
Accomplishments: Maintains Lajes' High Frequency radio transmitters, receivers and control equipment located on Lajes, Cinco Picos, and Vila Nova. He completed over 600 preventive maintenance inspections that were key to sustaining Lajes' outstanding 99 percent system uptime rate.



Col. Brian Witt, 65th Medical Group commander, briefs Col. Timothy Jex, during the visit to Lajes medical clinic Aug. 10. (U.S. Air Force photo Mr. Guido Melo)



The commissary competed against approximately 9 stores of our size across Europe. The contest was to promote the Land O Lake Products. Each store had to build a display and holds a one or more day promotion. We took pictures and send the pictures in to the company. Then people from the company then selects the winners and inform DeCA.

Those in the picture are Becky, Michelle, Jan, Kyle, Cristina and Emily.

This is just one of the many promotional and theme contest the store will compete in throughout the year.

The more contest we can win will brings us closer to winning the Best Small OCONUS Commissary.

We also want to thank our great customers who also help by participating in the promotion by purchasing the Land O Lake products during the contest.

"6-5... In the Flight!"



Mark your calendar



2010 Air Force Ball: Sept 18 in the TORC Ballroom @ 1830. Prices are \$20.00 for E-6 and below. E-7 and above, officers and civilians: \$30.00 Please contact your Unit Representative for ticket information. Dinner will include London Broil or Mediterranean Chicken with a vegetarian option available upon request. The dress code for military members is Mess Dress or Semi-formal and formal attire for civilians.

For more information, contact 535-3217.

FSS FACEBOOK PAGE: The 65th Force Support Squadron has launched their "Fan" page on Facebook. The FSS marketing staff updates "fans" with photos, event information and videos. This powerful social networking media provides another means for the Lajes community as well as potential newcomers, to connect and gain information. To access this site, visit <http://www.facebook.com/65fss>. Log in to comment on a post or interact with the site. Click on the "Like" button which adds a link to your Facebook profile; information is then shared with your friends.

AF Academy teaching opportunity: Officers 1Lt thru LtCol interested in teaching at the US Air Force Academy in the 2011-2012 academic year have until 30 Sep 10 to submit applications. For more information please contact AFPC/DPASF, DSN 665-4048, email address afpc.dpasf@randolph.af.mil.

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The students also had an opportunity to operate the vehicle and spray a few gallons of water. The Striker 3000 truck, according to Mr. Toste, could spray water at the rate of about 200 psi or 1800 gallons per minute.

"This truck is really huge and I have never seen anything like it before," said Cabrita, who is visiting a U.S. military facility for the first time. "In Portugal we don't have a lot of vehicle like this. Our team loves everything we see here today because we are not used to seeing this every day."

After examining and test-driving the truck, the trip was about to wrap up with the students trying on the fire suit and helmet, when an alarm tripped off somewhere on base. It was neither an exercise nor was it a false alarm. It was the real deal; the firefighter had to gear up and respond immediately.

The firefighters and drivers, who were giving a tour some seconds ago, left the scene and rolled out within a few seconds of the call. And this gave the students an opportunity to see what their briefers' emergency response time was really like.

Even though the visit was terminated, the briefing and the hands-on experience already gave the students from Lisbon an understanding of the Lajes's firefighting mission. Most importantly, it was the sense of urgency that the Lajes firefighters demonstrated during the sound of the alarm that gave the visitors a lasting memory.

"It is really nice to host people, especially from outside the base," Mr. Toste said. "This tour right now is really important to us because we are able to show these students from Lisbon what we do here and how we do it. Today, they are able to see us in action, and they are really impressed."

Safety puzzle

ACROSS

- 1. Necessary "ability" for anyone boating ; 5. Significant contributor to boating accidents; 10. Charged particle; 11. What 4 down should do to be used properly; 12. Reeves's character in The Matrix trilogy
- 13. Margaret Mitchell novel ___ with the Wind
- 15. Feline; 17. Sailing destination in Hawaii; 19. Clairvoyant; 21. Greek letter; 23. Free boating safety program offered by 18 DOWN (abbrev.); 25. Departs (slang); 28. Dine; 29. Important tool while boating; 30. Day of the week, in short; 32. An "iced" summer drink;
- 34. What boater must be with regard to safety rules; 37. "_____ The Red"; 38. American cookery expert Rombauer; wrote; The Joy of Cooking; 39. Necessary boating item to warn others of presence;
- 40. What 4 DOWN, 36 DOWN, 39 ACROSS and 68 ACROSS are; 43. Horse food; 44. Otolaryngologist (Abbrev.); 45. Football official; 48. Mailed; 51. Exam; 52. MTV show with host Carson Daly; 54. Air Force equivalent to NCIS or CID; 56. Navigation rules are called _____; boaters must follow; 64. Old English: "before"; 65. Shoe width; 66. Assistant; 67. To sail a boat; 68. Necessary boating safety item to let others know your intent.

Phrase of the Week

A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Would you like the anything else? No, thanks. Only the check, please.

PORTUGUESE: Você deseja mais deseja mais alguma coisa? Não, obrigado. Só a conta se faz favor.

PRONUNCIATION: VohSAY dehSEHzha mosh allGOOmah KOIza? Now ohbreeGAHdoo. Soh ah CONtah FOSH fuhVOR.

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



Friday, Aug. 13	6:30 p.m.	Porto S. Mateus
Saturday, Aug. 14	9:00 p.m.	Porto S. Mateus
Sunday, Aug. 15	6:00 p.m.	Serra de Santiago
Sunday, Aug. 15	6:00 p.m.	Lameirinho
Monday, Aug. 16	6:00 p.m.	Largo da Igreja, Agualva
Tuesday, Aug. 17	6:00 p.m.	Cruzeiro, Agualva
Wednesday, Aug. 18	6:00 p.m.	Largo da Igreja, Agualva

At the Movies

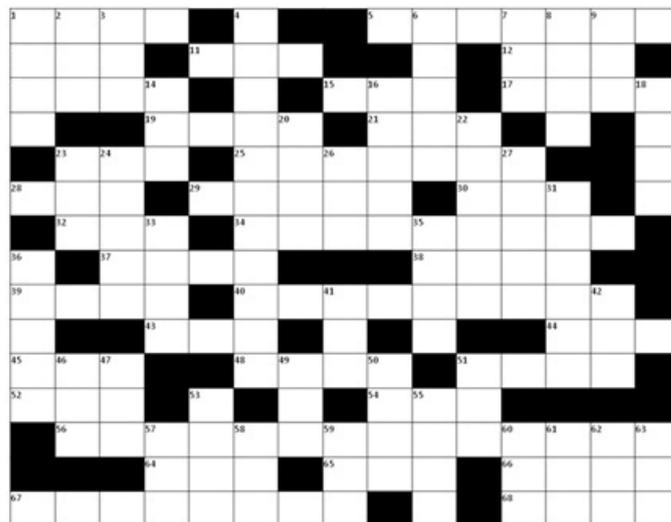


- 7 p.m. Friday - The Karate Kid (PG)
- 7 p.m. Saturday - Closed
- 4 p.m. Sunday - The Karate Kid (PG)
- 7 p.m. Sunday - Jonah Hex (PG-13)

Movie times and schedule are subject to change. Call 535-4100 for the latest update.

DOWN

- 1. Indication; 2. Director John of Broken Arrow; 3. Hotel; 4. Mandatory safety items for boating; 6. Game of chance; 7. John's wife Yoko
- 8. Cure; 9. ___ & aah; admiring sound; 14. Keyboard key; 16. Fable writer; 18. Federal org. concerned with boating safety; 20. Attempt again; 22. Certify; 23. Cauldron; 24. To guide by a rudder or paddle
- 26. Oscar-winning actor Robbins of Mystic River; 27. Window edging
- 31. People who are daft; 3. River in central Italy; 35. Cup brims;
- 6. Boating aid for location; 41. Vase; 42. Explosive combination
- 46. Mistake; 47. Cause of being sick; 49. The self, especially as distinct from the world and Others; 50. Type of large handbag
- 51. Even; 53. A mass of floating or stationary ice; 55. Place to put wood or tools; 57. Gift from 17 ACROSS; 58. Where a boat is necessary; 59. Due; 60. Knock on; 61. Boat engine necessity; 62. Oklahoma town; 63. Lair



The answers will be in the next issue of "The Crossroads Extra".