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Weekend Weather Forecast

Friday

Rain
High 60
Low 54
Wind SE 18 mph



Saturday

Showers/Wind
High 59
Low 55
Wind W 24 mph



Sunday

Showers/Wind
High 59
Low 54
Wind WSW 26 mph



Lajes Straight Talk Line is open 24/7

By 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The Lajes Straight Talk Line, which can be reached by dialing DSN 535-3542 and commercial 295-57-3542, is a number set up to facilitate communication during times of crisis response and situations that warrant rumor control messaging and during seasons of inclement weather.

Lajes members are encouraged to take advantage of the Straight Talk Line to get information during some of the afore mentioned situations.

The Straight Talk Line is managed by the 65th Air

Base Wing Public Affairs Office, and the number can be called at any time for up to date information at Lajes. The Straight Talk is updated by the PA staff in time of exercise or real-world, and to provide on-or off-base information, which may affect day-to-day activities of personnel.

For more information regarding the Straight Talk Line, please contact 65 ABW/PA at DSN 535-3413/3347/3467 or email the PA inbox at: 65ABW.PA@Lajes.af.mil.

Nominations open for 2010 Sijan award

By Air Force Personnel Center

Awards and decorations officials at the Air Force Personnel Center are seeking nominations for the 2010 Lance P. Sijan United States Air Force Leadership Award.

This award recognizes the accomplishments of officers and enlisted members who have demonstrated the highest quality of leadership in the performance of their duties and their personal lives.

Nominees will be rated on their scope of responsibility, professional leadership, leadership image and community involvement from July 1, 2009, to June 30.

The four award categories are senior officer, junior officer, senior enlisted and junior enlisted. Individuals will

compete in the category that corresponds to the grade held for the majority of the award period.

Organizations and base-level members must contact their major command, field operating agency, direct reporting unit or MAJCOM equivalent for applicable suspense dates and additional information regarding nomination procedures.

Each MAJCOM, FOA or DRU may submit one nomination for each of the four award categories. Completed nomination packages must be sent to AFPC by Sept. 1.

For more information about the Lance P. Sijan USAF Leadership Award, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site or call the 24-hour Total Force Service Center toll-free at 800-525-0102.



PLAYTIME

(Far right) Master Sgt. Mona Robinson, 65th Medical Group, and Staff Sgt. Courtney Bonner, 65th Comptroller Squadron, enjoy a moment of playtime with their sons and other children during a Parents-Children fun time at the CDC Feb. 12. The program, which allows Lajes parents and their children to spend quality time together, is held once a month. Job openings are now available at the CDC. For more information on how to apply, contact the CDC at 535-3188.



When high winds strike

By 65th ABW Public Affairs and Lajes Weather

With winds gusting for more than 50 knots, Terceira is known for its inclement weather and high winds during the months of December to March.

As a result, it is very crucial that everyone on the island should, at least, know what to do during adverse weathers.

Therefore, having pertinent information to protect base assets including personnel, structures, equipment and the airfield from adverse weather conditions such as high winds and heavy rains is a necessity.

On the island, wind speeds are increased dramatically as gusts push through narrow streets between tall buildings. Winds of this magnitude have the potential to bring down trees, power lines, scaffolding, signs and warnings.

Here are some of the things to do when such situation arises in order to prevent damage and injury:

- Bring loose items indoors and
- Fully secure outdoor objects.
- Strong winds can make driving difficult; therefore, maintain a firm grip on the wheel and keep a safe distance between vehicles.

After a high wind advisory or high wind warning is issued residents should take the following precautions:

- Take shelter.
- Ensure windows are secure and outside doors are firmly closed.
- Bring in unsecured objects from patios and balconies and secure outdoor objects such as lawn furniture or garbage cans that could blow away and cause damage or injury.

The safest place to be during high winds is indoors. Postpone recreational outdoor activities if a wind advisory or high wind warning has been issued.

If you are caught outside during high

winds:

- Take cover next to a building or under a shelter.
- Stand clear of roadways or train tracks, as a gust may blow you into the path of an oncoming vehicle.
- Use handrails where available on outdoor walkways and avoid other elevated areas such as roofs without adequate railing.
- Watch for flying debris. Tree limbs may break and street signs may become loose during strong wind gusts. Keep an eye toward nearby balconies for loose objects that may fall.

In the event of a downed power line:

- Call for help. Report downed lines. Do not try to free lines or to remove debris yourself.
- Avoid anything that may be touching downed lines, including vehicles or tree branches. Puddles and even wet ground can conduct electricity in some cases. Warn others to stay away.
- If you see someone who has been shocked who may be in direct or indirect contact with a power line, do not try to touch them. You may become a second victim. Get medical attention as quickly as possible by calling 911.
- If a line falls on your car, stay inside the vehicle. Take care not to touch any of the metal frame of your vehicle. Honk your horn, roll down the window and warn anyone who may approach of the danger. Ask someone to call the police. Do not exit the car until help arrives.

If you are driving:

- Keep both hands on the wheel and slow down.
- Watch for objects blowing across the roadway and into your path.
- Keep a safe distance from cars in adjacent lanes as strong gusts could push a car outside its lane of travel.
- Park your vehicle facing (towards) the wind.

A mentor's influence

By Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz
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Mentors touch our lives and help shape us into the people we are today. We value mentorship in the Air Force and both develop it in our subordinates while seeking it from our supervisors.

I like to think that one cannot have enough mentors, nor can one mentor enough. I've had many through the years, but one sticks out above the rest. This particular mentor touched my life in two important ways, separated by nearly 40 years.

While a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy, I struggled to keep my grades up. I was on the dean's "other list" six of eight semesters. Now, in the end, I managed to defeat my academic demons and graduate with a commis-

sion in 1973, but I certainly didn't do it alone. I owe my success in large part to my academic adviser and mentor, Col. Joe Henjum.

Col. Henjum wasn't what I expected when I met him for the first time in 1971. To be honest, I don't think I knew what to expect. He had been awarded the Silver Star for heroism while flying helicopters in Vietnam. I quickly learned that Colonel Henjum was the kind of person who was easy to look up to and even easier to follow.

When he took me and my academic worries under his wing, I was proud to be there. I knew that his guidance, combined with persistence and determination on my part, would lead me through the challenge. In the end, it most certainly did.

To read more on "Mentor's influence", see

Commander's Action Line
535-4240
actionline@lajes.af.mil

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 actionline@lajes.af.mil.



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Lajes Tax Assistance

Tax season is here and will continue until June 16. The Legal Office will only be taking walk-in tax assistance between noon and 4 p.m. on Thursdays until further notice. Unit VITA reps have been assigned.

Current Unit POCs:
 FSS, MDG, CS: Tech. Sgt. Donna Anchundia at 535-1454
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*General questions and screenings are handled Thursdays between 10 a.m. to noon. All other members should contact the legal office at 535-3546 for additional information.

When gathering the required documents for filing tax returns, filers need to have all W-2s and 1099s, information for other income, information for all deductions/credits, a copy of last year's tax return, proof of account for direct deposit or refund (i.e. voided check), and social security cards. It is crucial members have a valid social security card or identification number; otherwise the volunteers will not be able to file the members' taxes.

One advantage of being stationed overseas is that taxpayers receive an automatic extension of two months to file tax returns. Individuals who owe taxes need to exercise caution because if you owe you money still need to file and pay by April 15 or you will incur penalties and interest.

As a reminder, personnel should keep tax records for a minimum of 7 years. Anyone interested in using the VITA rep program to file their tax return for free should contact their unit VITA rep or the base legal office to make an appointment.



A group of musicians entertain audience members during the 2010 Carnaval at Casa do Povo dos Biscoitos. (Photo by Mr. Guido Melo)

Speed monitoring radars at "Via Rápida"

An announcement released on a Portuguese TV Station stated that Electronic Speed monitoring will be in place on the 4-lane highway between Praia and Angra starting Feb. 8. Members are thereby urged to watch out for the speed limit on this route because here and in Europe where speed cameras are used, it doesn't matter who was driving; if it's your car, you get the ticket!

There are two radars installed: one at Reguinho (little up from the circle of access to the dump, Angra-Praia) and another one at Quatro Canadas (intersection to Agualva and Fontinhas, near Galanta's Bar).

For now only these two radars are installed at Via Rapida, but there is the possibility of installing more, depending on the drivers' behaviors.

According to the release, if these radars are enough to discourage drivers to speed there will not be more radars installed.

Welcome to Team Lajes' newest member!

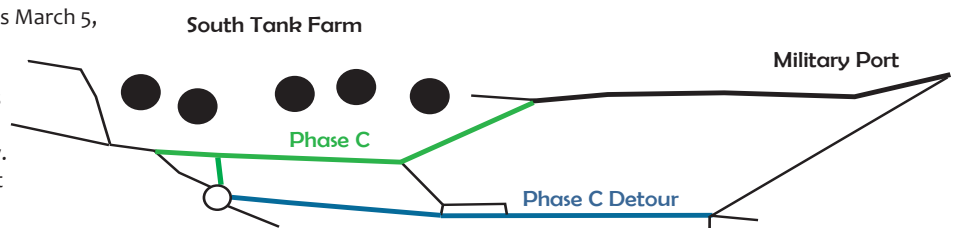
Holden Alexander Auty was born Feb. 10 to SSgt Edward Auty and his wife Dorothy. Congratulations!



Military Road Closure Update

The final stage of the Military Road repair project has begun. The map below depicts the final phase with alternate routes to the base and Praia da Vitoria. Estimated completion date of the project is March 5, 2010.

As each of the phases are implemented, updates will be provided in the Crossroads Xtra newsletter, Commander's Access Channel, AFN and the Lajes website (www.lajes.af.mil). If you have questions, contact Capt. Matthew Altman at 535-6817 or the Public Affairs Office at 535-3413.





Mark your calendar



ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET: The 65th Air Base Wing 2009 Annual Awards banquet will be Feb. 25 in the TORC. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The keynote speaker is Maj. Gen. Judith Fedder, ACC/A4 and former 65th Air Base Wing commander. Tickets are \$23 for club members/\$25 for non-club members. Dress for military is

semi-formal/mess dress and for civilians is formal. To purchase tickets, contact your first sergeant. For questions regarding this banquet, you can contact the overall POC

Master Sgt. Sonia Lopez at 535-6322.

SUM DINNER: The next SUM Dinner will be hosted by African American Heritage Committee on Friday, Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the chapel.

LAJES 2010 AFAF: The 37th Annual Air Force Assistance Fund, "Be a Hero" campaign has kicked off and will run through March 19. Team Lajes' goal this year is to raise \$20,160. The Air Force Assistance Fund is a unique campaign because it is managed by Airmen, who are helping Airmen. Members should contact 1st Lt. Cornita Kimbrough at DSN 535-4260 to find out more information on how to donate.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL FESTIVAL: A College Musical Festival, sponsored by the Nursing School (Junior College) of Angra do Heroismo, will take place starting on February and Saturday, Feb. 19 & 20. Performances start at 9 p.m. each of the evenings at the Angra Theater (Little Theater). This festival will consist of 12 university groups from all over Portugal. They will compete for nine different prizes. We have been courteously invited to participate. The contact number for this activity is 912-011-236 or just show up on each of the Festival Days, Feb. 19 and 20.

LAJES CGOC MEETING: The Lajes Company Grade Officer Council holds their meetings every first Tuesday of every month at 1130 at the TORC. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd. All CGO's are invited to attend.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH events:

Feb. 24 Library Assembly for Discussion on Buffalo Soldiers at Library from 1030-1300

Feb. 25 Book readings and crafts at base library

Feb. 27 Dinner & Movie at CAC at 1700. Movie: "The Great Debaters." Menu: Chicken/Fish, Cornbread, Greens, Mac n Cheese, Sweet Tea, Dessert.

BASIC GOLF CLINIC: A free Basic Golf Clinic is scheduled for Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. Learn the basics or refresh your skills. The clinic includes a golf cart tour of the course.

"Mentor's influence", from page 2

When I walked across the stage with the rest of the Class of 1973, I strode with the confidence that Colonel Henjum had helped build within me. He had been a crucial part of my Academy experience and, in many ways, part of who I am today. I kept in touch with Colonel Henjum over the years, often thanking him for making a difference in my life. I never imagined that his influence would impact me all over again, especially at this point in my career.

The second time Colonel Henjum touched my life began with tragic news. On Jan. 1 of this year, Colonel Henjum passed away after battling a long illness. His son, Mark, asked if I would speak at his father's memorial service. I was touched by his request and spent hours trying to find the right words to convey how great a person had just left our earth. I wanted to make sure everyone understood the lasting difference he made in the lives of others.

When it was my turn to speak, it came from my heart. I told the crowd about a man who dedicated his life to serving and helping others. When I finished, his son rose to speak. While listening to Mark's story, I found Colonel Henjum leading me on another journey. I was touched and want to share the story with you.

A few months ago, Mark accompanied his father to the hospital and they both knew what was about to happen. The doctor was going to tell Colonel Henjum that he only had three months left to

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: What is the special of the day?

PORTUGUESE: Qual é o prato do dia?

PRONUNCIATION: Koowal e oo prato doo deeya?

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Sherlock Holmes (PG-13)

7 p.m. Saturday - Precious (R)

10 p.m. Saturday - Did You Hear About The Morgans (R)

4 p.m. Sunday - Sherlock Holmes (PG-13)

7 p.m. Sunday - Precious (R)

Movie times and schedule are subject to change.

live. It was an appointment they were both dreading. While riding up to the doctor's floor, Colonel Henjum greeted the building janitor who shared the elevator with them. He complimented the janitor for keeping the building so clean. The janitor was shocked; no one had ever thanked him before. Colonel Henjum noticed the building and took the time to notice the janitor. His actions resonated with me. That janitor would never forget Colonel Henjum.

When getting off the elevator, Colonel Henjum introduced Mark to the receptionist. He told Mark about the receptionist's son who was a Marine and currently flying combat missions in Afghanistan. He reassured the receptionist that her son would come home safely; Marines are excellent pilots. Not only had Colonel Henjum met and talked with the receptionist before, but also he remembered her and took precious time to introduce his son. He even thought to reassure her fears with a son deployed to combat operations.

Now, think about it. Colonel Henjum was riding the elevator to find out he didn't have much time left. Instead of lamenting his fate, he was concerned about others. That day, he made a difference in their lives. Almost 37 years after graduating from the Academy, Colonel Henjum was once again making a difference in my life.

I always like to tell people that they should strive for two things in life: make a difference in people's lives and leave the campground better than you found it. Colonel Henjum certainly did that throughout his 75 years. He mentored me as a cadet at the Air Force Academy and once again just this last month. I couldn't ask for a better mentor and friend.

Go and thank those who have guided you through the years and take time to make a difference in the lives of those you mentor. Our Air Force is only as good as those of us who serve. Let's all work hard to make each of us a little better each and every day. Just as Colonel Henjum did for me and many others.

LAJES SALUTES MAJOR PROMOTEES



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