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**Sunday (a.m. / p.m.)**

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## Lt. Gen. Franklin visits Lajes Airmen

Staff Sgt. Jacob Bailey, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, speaks with Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin, 3rd Air Force commander, about his family and his job experiences here at Lajes, during the commander's visit, Oct. 11, 2012, Lajes Field. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)

## Lieutenant brings soccer 'gold' to Air Force

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

1st Lt. Richard Nova, a civil engineering officer assigned to Lajes Field, recently brought a gold medal back from the All Armed Forces Soccer Championship.

Nova was part of the 18-man All Air Force Men's Soccer Team that competed against other service's soccer teams in a round robin tournament. Nova is the 65th Civil Engineering Squadron chief of programs management. In his professional duties, he oversees the design and construction management elements at Lajes Field.

The Air Force defeated the Army 2-1 during the championship game, held at the Camp Pendleton, Calif. parade field. According to Nova, the match appeared to be settled in the Air Force's favor until a late Army goal sent the game into overtime.

"It was 1-0 going into half time. In the second half, the Army puts a goal in and it's 1-1 and it takes us into overtime," said Nova. In soccer rules, overtime consists of two, 15 minute halves.

But in overtime, the game turned in the Air Force's favor one final time.

"In the beginning of the second half, we put a goal in and we basically locked down and played defense and won the championship," said Nova, who played



1st Lt. Richard Nova, 65th Civil Engineering Squadron chief of programs management, displays his gold medal earned as a member of the All Air Force Men's Soccer Team. The Air Force won the gold medal by beating Army 2-1. (Photo by 1st Lt. Mark Graff)

To read more on "soccer gold" see page 4



## Our Most Advanced Weapon System... The American Airman

**Maj. Lawrence Wyatt Jr.**  
65th Security Forces commander

The mission of the United States Air Force is to fly, fight and win... in air, space and cyberspace. The stakes are high.

To achieve this undertaking American Airmen develop, deliver and continually refine a dominant, versatile and smart arsenal of weapon systems. However the most advanced of these weapons systems is the awe inspiring low density, high demand American Airman itself. Airmen are the Cadillac of weapons systems.

The American Airman is built in every state and territory in the union. The weapon system has a history of unbeaten, dogged performance. He can permit a high degree of accuracy and even lethality when engaging a hostile enemy. She thinks critically and her decisions are grounded in core values. As a career security forces member, I've protected billions of dollars of powerful weapon systems whose loss or damage could gravely impact the readiness of our nation. But none are as sophisticated, irreplaceable and incredible as the American Airman.

Like most other weapon systems, the American Airman requires and deserves exceptional care and maintenance to enhance performance and operate under difficult conditions. This may include tests, measurements and even adjustments here and there when necessary. To ensure the safe and efficient operation of the American Airman, the following actions must be applied or there is a likelihood the weapons system will not perform to its full capabilities:

■ **Tough Training** - The American Airman must train, train hard and train often. Combat veterans often report that in the heat of battle, they reacted as they were trained. The weapon must stay competent and both tactically and technically proficient in his assigned craft. Gen. Douglas MacArthur said it like this: "In no other profession are the penalties for employing untrained personnel so appalling or so irrevocable as in the military."

■ **Physical Fitness** - The American Airman must stay fit. Combat is exhausting, physically and mentally. For the weapon system to perform in combat, make effective decisions under stress and have the stamina to accomplish extraordinary things required in combat, she must be exceptionally fit and healthy.

■ **Mental Fitness** - The American Airman must be prepared to face fear, danger and adversity. The weapon system increases self confidence, personal strength and wisdom as it faces and overcomes obstacles and hardships. The Airman is intelligent and seeks help when necessary. Seeking help is an indication of his strength, health and will to win. The



weapon system personifies the Vince Lombardi quote, "it's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up."

■ **Great Relationships** - Family and good friends fuel the American Airman. The weapon system cares for her family and friends with a passion. She understands that great relationships don't just happen. Great relationships are weaved, they are nurtured, they are built, they require effort and they require deposits. She avoids unhealthy relationships.

■ **Innovation and Continuous Improvement** - The American Airman has unlimited future capabilities. The weapon system thrives on innovation and is not afraid of change. He was born of innovation and change.

He is known for it. He is proud of it. He shapes the future of warfare and his life. He plans and sets goals.

Like an M-4 rifle in the hands of a Defender, the American Airman is entitled to outstanding leadership. Supervisors, particularly NCOs and SNCOs, must gain the trust of the weapon system, train the weapon system, discipline the weapon system and motivate the weapon system. Supervisors, who are not diligent in their duties, may fail or even damage the weapon system.

Officers set the tone and program its azimuth or GPS. Officers provide vision. Where there is no azimuth, no GPS, no vision, the weapon system may leave the planned route.

The American Airman is an awesome weapon system. It is the single most important weapon system in the inventory. Word has it there are folks who don't like our free way of life. The American Airman is our greatest deterrent. 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 American Airman weapon system provides capability and credibility.

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## Perspective

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Col. Chris Bargery

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## 'Log Dogs' welcome new squadron 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.



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)

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 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.

## Hispanic Heritage Feature - Staff Sgt. Loyda Martinez

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

*Each year, the United States Air Force observes Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. As a service, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage and culture, and honor the contributions Hispanics make to our nation.*

*This year's Air Force theme is "Diversity United, Building America's Future Today."*

*By volunteering for a community service project as a teenager, one Lajes Airman paved the way for her future in the military.*

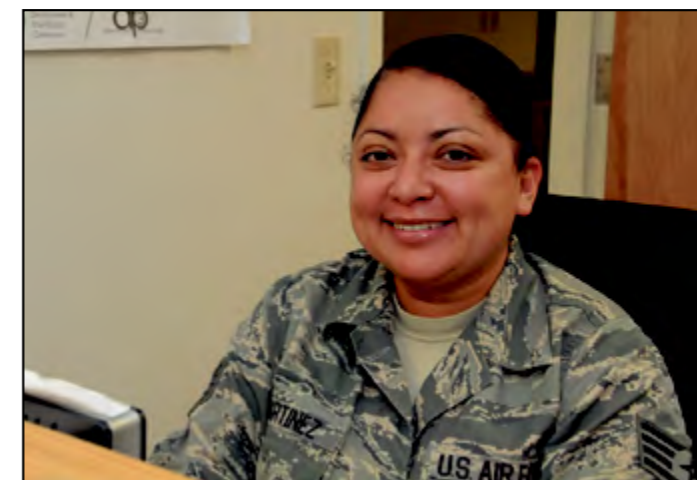
Staff Sgt. Loyda Martinez, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCOIC of personal property, was seven years old when her family left Honduras to seek better opportunities in the United States.

"My mom never went to college and I don't think she finished high school," said Martinez, who was the first person in her family to join the military. "She came here to give us those chances that she never had."

Martinez seized a chance to improve her life when she became part of the Explorer Program, which is organized by the Los Angeles Police Department.

At the age of 14, Martinez made the choice to volunteer within the program to better her community.

"It was a program for teenagers that were trying to make our community a better community to live in," said Martinez. "It was an incentive to stay out of gangs."



Staff Sgt. Loyda Martinez, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCOIC of personal property, poses for a photo at the Travel Management Office. (Photo by Erica Horner)

Since its establishment in 1962, Explorers have assisted law

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## New smoking policy brings changes to FSS facilities

By Amy Lenahan

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Marketing and Entertainment

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany -- Smokers will find it harder to light up at U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services facilities in the New Year.

Over time, the Air Force has tightened its policies on tobacco use among military service members, aiming to improve health and boost readiness. The latest step in the tobacco use strategy is Air Force Instruction 40-102, published in March, which outlines where and when tobacco use is permitted.

One big change is that Force Support Squadron facilities will be prohibited from selling any type of tobacco product. After this regulation goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2013, tobacco users in USAFE will no longer be able to purchase cigars, cigarettes, or any form of tobacco from FSS locations such as officer and enlisted clubs, bowling centers or

Air Force golf courses.

New restrictions apply to all installation force support and recreation facilities, including athletic complexes, golf courses and beaches. Under the new instruction, all tobacco use, including chewing tobacco, is restricted to Designated Tobacco Areas. Tobacco use outside of DTAs, including while walking to or from a DTA, is prohibited. Tobacco areas must be a minimum of 50 feet from building entrances, walkways and parking lots, and at least 100 feet from playgrounds. Smoking is also not allowed in lodging guest rooms, common areas or Temporary Lodging Facilities.

Besides controlling tobacco use, the new policy includes revisions focused on preventing and reducing tobacco use, such as cessation support programs, and community and medical intervention.

For more information about how the new AFI affects services facilities, please contact the base FSS.

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collegiate soccer for Clemson University.

Nova was substituted for late in the second half after playing much of the entire game, to that point. The coach favored a player with fresher legs while the game was on the line. The strategy paid off as the Air Force outpaced the Army during the final periods of the contest.

"When they tied it up, I was a little disappointed. But in the second overtime... we're knocking on the door. The Army was just exhausted. We were hitting the post left and right," said Nova.

"One of our defenders actually broke through and (made) a great move at the goalkeeper and put the ball in the net. That's when we knew we were going to win it, because they weren't even attacking us anymore, they were dead," said Nova.

Nova was honored to represent the Air Force and Lajes Field and that the entire experience, from training camp to the championship game, was enriching.

"(Training camp) was pretty grueling with three-a-day (practices)," said Nova. "We had cuts every week and that's how they get down to the 18 who make the (final) roster." 45 Air Force personnel competed for a spot among the final 18 on the All Air Force Men's Soccer Team.

During the selection process, Nova and teammates followed an athletic-focused, daily schedule of alternating practices, scrimmages and meals, sandwiched in between sleep.

Playing for the All Air Force Men's Soccer Team allowed Nova to better understand the tangible benefits that training and preparation play in any Air Force unit.

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enforcement with search and rescue efforts, crowd and traffic control, and daily report writing. To participate in the program, teens must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average through the 12th grade, pass an oral interview and demonstrate a willingness to serve others.

"I had to learn how to salute, how to march and also learn customs and courtesies," said Martinez, who went on police 'ride alongs' and DUI stops while in the program. "There were 18 other police stations with the same program and we would compete against them."

Martinez stayed in the Explorer Program until she was 17 years old, and says that the program contributed to her joining the military.

"I definitely wouldn't be the person I am today without this program," said Martinez. "I felt that my parents came to this country to give me a better life and I felt that I could better myself in the military."

Martinez has three sisters and they all followed in her footsteps by volunteering in the Explorer Program.

"I'm really proud of who I am and where I come from and that I'm able to represent two different countries," said Martinez. "And I'm especially proud to be a Hispanic female in the military."

## LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

**Name:** Jorge Fontes  
**Rank:** LGS-08  
**Unit:** 65th Comptroller Flight  
**Hometown:** Angra do Heroísmo  
**Duty Title:** Accounting Technician  
**Accomplishments:** Jorge has been providing financial support to the United States military for over 36 years. After being employed with the Navy for 16 years, he transferred to the Air Force and began working in the accounting section at Lajes Field. Jorge oversees the interest penalty payment program that was recognized as #1 in USAFE for the 3rd quarter and manages all invoices and receiving reports for local vendors. The accounting expertise Jorge provides the 65th ABW and local community cannot be matched and makes him an integral part of Lajes Field team.



**Name:** Micah Mincey  
**Rank:** Staff Sergeant  
**Unit:** 65th Comptroller Flight  
**Duty Title:** NCOIC, Financial Management Analysis  
**Hometown:** Miami, Fla  
**Accomplishments:** As the lone enlisted member in FMA, SSgt Mincey has gap-filled the SNCO position during the last 90 days. His arduous efforts led to a successful fiscal year end where he provided oversight of the \$56.7M Lajes budget. SSgt Mincey's critical analysis of base-wide programs freed up over \$100K that subsequently was used for funding mission requirements and wing top priorities. The decision support and laser focused precision of SSgt Mincey is an immense asset to the Comptroller Flight and the 65th ABW.

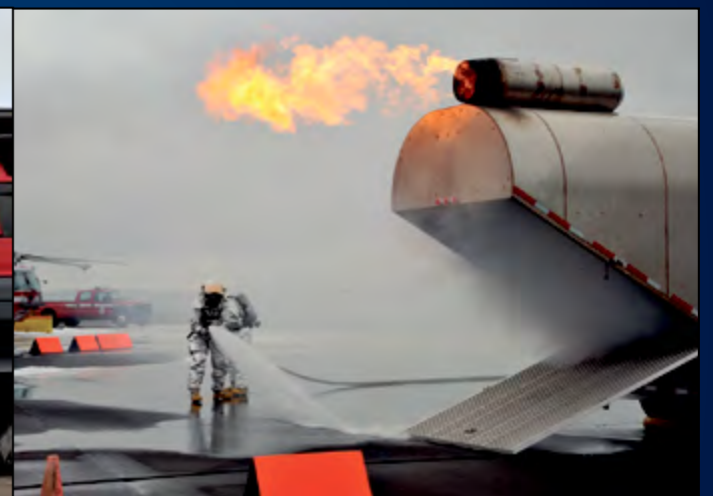


## "6-5... IN THE FIGHT!"

Feature



Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin and Mrs. Julie Franklin join Team Lajes in welcoming home Staff Sgt. Bethany West, 65th Contracting Flight, from her recent deployment, Oct. 11. West is joined by her son, William, during the Welcome Warrior event in front of the Top of the Rock Club. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Chenzira Mallory)



The 65th Civil Engineering Squadron fire department hosted an open house to complete Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 13. The firefighters conducted live fire demonstrations simulating the extinguishment of an aircraft fire and vehicle extractions using "jaws of life" and other equipment. (Photos by Guido Melo)



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)



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)



# Mark your calendar

**JOB & NETWORKING FAIR:** The Airman & Family Readiness Center will hosted a job and networking fair on Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Immediately after the event, USA Jobs will host a workshop from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. You must register to attend the USA Jobs workshop by calling 535-4138.



**THE VETERINARY TECHNICIAN** will PCS 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.

**MIDNIGHT CANCER WALK:** The Midnight Walk for Cancer Awareness will be held 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.

**VOTING ASSISTANCE PHONE LINE:** The installation's voting assistance officers, Maj. Tony Caruso and Capt. Pedro Colon, may be reached at the following numbers, respectively: 535-3685 or 535-5272.

**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.

**COMMISSARY REWARDS CARD:** The Commissary Rewards Card is available now in the Lajes Field Commissary. The card is free and designed to reduce the number of paper coupons commissary customers clip and carry - saving them time and money. As an introductory offer, customers who pick up their cards by Oct. 24 receive preloaded digital coupons on their cards that can be used immediately. Visit the commissary website at <http://www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm> for more information.

**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?




**STOP** **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 elect new regional parliament, government, Sunday

The Azorean people went 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 ran for the Azores' regional election which was won by the Socialist Party (PS).

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, including 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.

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.

