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 317
SORTIES

5,925
LODGED



 1.8 million
gallons
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Weekend Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

Friday (a.m. / p.m.)

Partly Cloudy / Mostly Cloudy
Wind NW 15-25 mph
N 15-20 mph
High 59F / Low 50F



Saturday (a.m. / p.m.)

Mostly Cloudy / Partly Cloudy
Wind NE 10-20 mph
E 15-25 mph
High 62F / Low 54F



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

Mostly Cloudy
Wind E 15-25 mph
E 15-25 mph
High 61F / Low 52F



German, Spanish aircraft get a taste of the Lajes mission



A German air force C-160 Transall lands at Lajes Field, Azores, Jan. 17. The C-160 was at Lajes along with a C-130 Hercules from the Spanish air force. (Photo by Manuel Martins)

By Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Whether fueling a small aircraft, marshalling a heavy airlift cargo airplane, parking transiting jets on the ramp, or responding to an in-flight emergency, Lajes Airmen are a vital part of ensuring airpower gets across the Atlantic.

Even when the crew members in transit are not flying on a U.S. owned aircraft, the "Airmen" still offer top-notch service. This was the case for a Spanish air force C-130 Hercules that visited Lajes Field, Azores, for a mission Jan. 17.

The C-130 was at Lajes to assist ground crew in making repairs on multiple aircraft systems, including fire protection and flight deck instrumentation.

In addition, a German C-160 Transall aircraft also visited. The C-160s are twin turboprop transporters in service with the air forces of France, Germany and Turkey. The aircraft is a cantilever high-wing monoplane and is configured for transportation, paratroop drop,

electronic surveillance, airborne communications relay and medical evacuation.

When used as an aeromedical-evacuation aircraft, the C-160 has a smaller capacity for transporting patients than that of the U.S. aircraft.

C-130 aircraft also perform similar roles, including airlift support, aeromedical missions, weather reconnaissance, aerial spray missions, firefighting duties and natural disaster relief missions.

The C-130, known primarily for the tactical portion of the airlift mission, consumed more than 72,000 gallons of fuel supplied by the 65th LRS Airmen.

"We are responsible for refueling all aircraft that stop at Lajes," said Tech. Sgt. Justin Stellflug, Fuels Service Center NCOIC.

Anytime Lajes receives a notification about any incoming aircraft, the fuels section will get the approximate gallons needed so as to respond in a timely manner. And without any delay, the aircraft is served the amount of fuel needed before departing for its destination.

Members showcase talents in front of cheerful Lajes audience

By Staff Sgt. Olufemi Owolabi
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

"Simon, Paula and Randy Jackson," beware! There is another talent show in town. It is neither the American Idol nor the American Best Dance Crew.

It is "Lajes has Talent."

On Jan. 14, Lajes members were able to get their minds off the daily grind, when they gathered at the Community Center to witness some of Lajes most talented members.

Eleven talented participants, competing for the top spot, showcased their talents while the audience watched in excitement.

With the Community Center holding an audience capacity of 200 members, the floor was packed to the brim, with supporters and audience standing on the



First Lt. Jessica Roland, one of the participants of "Lajes has Talent" show, sings and dances as she walks through a vibrant audience at the Community Activity Center Jan. 14, 2011. (Photo by Guido Melo)

To read more on "Talents" see page 6



The Power of One

By Maj. Bob Sweeney
65th Operation Support Squadron

I'm writing this on the weekend before we celebrate the Martin Luther King Holiday as he has inspired me for this article. Many Americans see this day as another day off, but let's focus for a moment on his amazing character, legacy, and courage.

This one man's "Dream" changed the course of an entire nation. He is a true tribute to "The Power of One."

Many believed the role of one man in the monumental struggle against the hypocrisy of racial inequality and segregation would be inconsequential.

How could one man possibly make a difference? More importantly, how could one man make a difference while actively propagating and endorsing non violence and pacifism? The odds appeared to be stacked against Dr. King, but we cannot ignore or quantify the faith of the human spirit. Especially one in pursuit of justice and equality!

Martin Luther King, Jr. demonstrated enormous courage and fortitude. Throughout his journey he received hundreds of death threats, he was arrested several times, his house was bombed while his wife and children were still inside and his name was defamed on a daily basis. None of this stopped him.

So, where did his courage come from? Dr. King told of a moment in his life when it all became clear to him.

He received a threatening call one early morning that said "stop what you are doing or your life will be over." After this episode, King turned inward for his strength. He began to pray. An inner voice told him to stand behind righteousness and that he would not be alone. We don't all pray to the same God or have the same ideas about God, but inner strength is what this is all about.

Where you get that strength is up to you. It's in there, believe me.

In one of the greatest speeches ever given in the history of this country, King said: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

These powerful words are still becoming more and more of a reality. His words and actions live on.

Martin Luther King, Jr. left the world a better place and energized an entire country. He spurred change that no one thought possible. Now we can't all be Martin Luther King, Jr.'s but never underestimate the power of one.

You have the ability to affect change more than you know.

From E-1 through O-10 if you have a good idea, are right, and stand by it, you can make your "place" a better place to be. Let Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. be a role model for you. He was a powerful man in soul and spirit who continues to influence people around the world 42 years after his death.

Commissary egg, meat products not affected

By Leslie Brown
DeCA Europe Public Affairs

The Defense Commissary Agency Europe would like to reassure their customers that the meat and eggs in their commissaries are safe.

Concern was raised recently when dioxin was found in some eggs and poultry within Germany after tainted grease was inadvertently used to make animal feed.

DeCA officials would like to let everyone know that the poultry, eggs, pork and beef that are in the coolers and freezers are safe.

"All of the products we sell are not affected by the current egg recall or the ban on meats," said Cheryl Conner, DeCA Europe Deputy Director. "Our eggs come from Denmark, our pork comes from Bavaria and our fresh chicken comes from France."

DeCA is working closely with the European Regional Veterinary Command's Food Safety Office, The Exchange (formerly the Army Air Force Exchange Service,) and the Defense Logistics Agency. DeCA has initiated measures to ensure food intended for customers of the Department of Defense are not affected.

All suppliers of food products that could have been affected by the animal feed contamination have conducted investigations and have tested their products.



"All of our vendors have provided information to us stating they have intensified their monitoring programs," said Petra Pulze, Acquisition Management Chief for DeCA Europe. "Our suppliers take this incident very seriously and have increased testing on all of their products."

To alleviate any fears, commissary store directors have been asked to post signs near all of the products that could raise concerns with customers.

"Whenever a customer has any concern with a product sold in one of our stores they can always talk to our store management staff," Conner said. "Safety of the products we sell is our top concern."

Lajes members should call the Lajes Field Commissary at Com: 011-315-295-57-3515 and DSN: 535-3515.

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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 65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil.



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Air Force officials automate active-duty assignment notifications

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Grever

Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

Air Force officials are automating active-duty assignment notifications for Airmen in the ranks of lieutenant colonel and below beginning Jan. 21.

Airmen will receive an e-mail notification about their new assignments and have seven days to acknowledge their assignments through the Virtual Military Personnel Flight website. Colonels, general officers, basic military training and pipeline students still will use the current assignment notification process.

Officials are consolidating and modernizing many business processes, and transforming online personnel services was one initiative to help accomplish their goals.

Maj. Gen. A.J. Stewart, Air Force Personnel Center commander, said center staff members continue to research and develop new online solutions to reduce the amount of time Airmen spend on individual personnel actions.

"AFPC is here to take care of the needs of all Airmen by making the personnel process easier for them so they can focus on the mission," General Stewart said. "The new assignment notification process will automate how Airmen receive new assignments and make it easier for local military personnel sections to manage this program."

Master Sgt. Kathi Glascock, AFPC's relocation operations manager, said the new notification process not only gives time back to active-duty Airmen, but also streamlines the number of personnel actions associated with managing the assignment notification program.

"AFPC processes about 153,000 assignment actions every year," Sergeant Glascock said. "The new notification system will save Airmen time as well as base personnelists who manage assignments and relocations programs for their installations. It also condensed the new assignment (Report on Individual Personnel) from six to two pages."

AFPC specialists developed and tested the automated capability for almost two years and sought feedback from personnelists at Lackland



and Randolph Air Force bases.

Master Sgt. Charyl Samson, the 802nd Force Support Squadron relocations superintendent at Lackland AFB, said her office will be able to eliminate several manual processes that will allow them to accomplish their mission more efficiently.

"From a personnel standpoint, we will save a tremendous amount of time from processing new assignment notifications and suspending members," Sergeant Samson said. "I'm looking forward to seeing it in action in the field."

For more information about the automated assignment notification process, visit the Air Force personnel services website or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

TRICARE officials announce Young Adult program

By staff reports

Armed Forces Press News Service

The Department of Defense announced Jan. 13 its introduction of the premium-based TRICARE Young Adult Program which extends medical coverage to eligible military family members to age 26.

Expected to be in place later this spring, TYAP implements the National Defense Authorization Act of fiscal 2011. Premium costs for TYAP are not yet finalized, but the NDAA specifies rates must cover the full cost of the program.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 required civilian health plans to offer coverage to adult children until age 26. TRICARE previously met or exceeded key tenets of national health reform, including restrictions on annual limits, lifetime maximums, "high user" cancellations, or denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions - but did not include this expanded coverage for adult children. Dependent eligibility for TRICARE previously ended at age 21 or age 23 for full-time college students.

The fiscal 2011 NDAA now gives DOD officials the authority to offer similar benefits to young adults under TRICARE.

"We've been working hard to make sure we could put TRICARE Young Adult on a fast track," said Navy Rear. Adm. Christine Hunter, the TRICARE deputy director. "Fortunately for our beneficiaries concerned about health care coverage for their adult children, the law

signed by the President includes opportunities for military families to elect this new premium-based plan retroactive to Jan. 1."

Beginning later this spring, qualified, unmarried dependents up to age 26 will be able to purchase TRICARE coverage on a month-to-month basis - as long as they are not eligible for their own employer-sponsored health coverage.

"This program has the potential to extend TRICARE coverage to several hundred thousand additional beneficiaries," Admiral Hunter said. "The premium allows us to provide this excellent benefit to our military families while responsibly addressing the impact of health care costs on the DOD budget."

Initially, the benefit offered will be a premium-based TRICARE standard benefit. Eligible family members who receive health care between now and the date the program is fully implemented may want to purchase TYAP retroactively and should save their receipts. Premiums will have to be paid back to Jan. 1, 2011, in order to obtain reimbursement.

Adults who are no longer eligible for TRICARE, but need health insurance coverage, may wish to explore the Continued Health Care Benefit Program. CHCBP is a premium-based program offering temporary transitional health coverage for 18 to 36 months.

Coverage must be purchased within 60 days of loss of TRICARE eligibility.

For details on TYAP and CHCBP visit <http://www.tricare.mil/>



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Retired Chief Master Sgt. Cynthia Burney, 65th Force Support Squadron, speaks to more than 100 Lajes members at the Lajes Field Chapel during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Observation ceremony Jan. 15. Mrs. Burney was the guest speaker for the MLK Observation ceremony. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

LAJES AIRMEN OF THE WEEK



Name: Ryan L. Pochop
Rank: Staff Sergeant
Unit: 729th Air Mobility Sq.
Hometown: Albuquerque, N.M.
Duty Title: CP controller
Accomplishments: Sergeant Pochop manages the training program in the combined Air Mobility Control Center and the 65th Air Base Wing Command Post. He is responsible for developing U.S. Air Force

in Europe and AMC lesson plans and a monthly proficiency training, which consists of written emergency action examinations and scenario evaluations. His hobbies include reading, hiking, bowling and working on computers.



Name: Joshua J. Wheeler
Rank: Airman 1st Class
Unit: 729th Air Mobility Sq.
Hometown: Edmund, Okla.
Duty Title: CP controller
Accomplishments: Airman Wheeler provides Command and Control in combined AMC Center and U.S. Air Force in Europe's Command Post. Airman Wheeler also processes the emergency action messages from both COMUSAFE and CJCS. Furthermore,

he provides "flight following" for transient AMC missions going in and out of the Area of responsibility. His hobbies include doing automotive maintenance and furthering his education.

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Master Sgt. Chris Cady, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron receives the USAFE Unit Safety Representative of the Year award from Maj. Gen. Gregory Feest, Air Force Chief of Safety. (Courtesy photo).



SMOR Luis Gabriel receives a plaque from the Lajes Chiefs' Group during a Recognition Dinner held at the TORC Jan. 14, 2011. SMOR Luis Gabriel de Brum Ferreira had approximately 38 years of service with 28 of those years on Air Base 4. Sargento-Mor Luis Gabriel got his promotion to SMOR on Feb. 19, 2006. He retired recently in a ceremony. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Most Rev. Frank Spencer, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for Military Service, blesses Janae Washington, as her father Tech. Sgt. Dyjuan Washington, stands behind her at the Lajes Chapel Jan 15. Bishop Spencer visited Lajes Field from Jan. 14-17 to preside over the confirmation and rite election. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Senior Airman Estevan Escarsega (left) and Paulo Veredas, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters, put away fire hoses after responding to T-100 at Lajes Field Jan. 12. The fire department responded to a 9-1-1 call stating there was smoke coming from the roof of the building. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Maj. Darren Stastny poses with his wife, Maria, after assuming command of the 65th Security Forces Squadron at Lajes Field, Azores, Jan. 13, 2011. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Mark your calendar



CLINIC AVAILABILITY JAN 31-FEB 4:

Due to our Health Services Inspection and concurrent Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Healthcare Survey, the 65 MDG Clinic will have limited appointment availability from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4. In addition, the clinic will be open at 0800 on Friday, Feb. 11 and closed at 10 a.m. for the inspection out-briefs and an

official function. As a reminder, TRICARE On-line (TOL) is always available as an option for appointment booking. All beneficiaries must register at www.tricareonline.com for an account. If you have any questions, please call 535-3261.

CAIB MEETING: The next Community Action Information Board (CAIB) will be held Jan. 27 at the Conference room in Bld. T-100 at 9:30 a.m. For details, call R.J. Baptista, CAIB Executive Director, at 535-HAWC.

LAJES LEMON LOT: The Lajes FSS would like to announce the opening of the Lajes Lemon Lot at the Auto Hobby Shop. Exact location is the lot by the car wash (if you look along the side wall it has 7 numbered parking spots that say lemon lot). Please see if anyone is interested in having a car put on the lot and send them to the Auto Hobby Shop. Vehicles must have and maintain a valid/current vehicle registration, base registration and minimum liability insurance. See the base bulletin for details.

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halfway to watch and cheer on their favorite contestant.

According to one of the organizers, the show, which attracted all age groups, was a great success.

"The idea was to raise morale for all members at Lajes, not just to one squadron, one organization, or a particular group of people," said Airman 1st Class Michael Johnson, one of the organizers assigned to the 65th Communications Squadron. "We wanted kids to have a great time as well as parents, our Portuguese friends, single and unaccompanied members, which make up the Lajes workforce."

Even though the show mirrored a popular TV show, "The American Idol," it was nothing like it, in terms of the audience presence and cheerfulness.

"When I saw the two little girls jump on stage with Lieutenant Roland, I knew we had a wonderful show," said Airman Johnson.

The fates of contestants were decided by the audience, and contestants did not have to wait for another week before votes came in.

The honor of enjoying each others' performance goes both ways for the audience and the performers. As the contestants performed their talents, the audience showed their excitement with applause, and they also demonstrated

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Good evening. A table for four, please.

PORTUGUESE: Boa noite. Uma mesa para quatro pessoas, por favor.

PRONUNCIATION: Bohuh noit. OOmuh MAY sah PAR uh KWAR too pess OH ahsh, pohr fuh VOR.

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - The Next Three Days (PG-13)

7 p.m. Saturday - The Colored Girls (R)

4 p.m. Sunday - Burlesque (PG-13)

7 p.m. Sunday - The Next Three Days (PG-13)

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

further approval with a show of "stars."

A new "Idol" finally emerged after about two hours of thrilling performances under the watchful eyes of "Simon," "Paula" and Randy Jackson, who were mimicked by Mr. Jeff Adams, Tech. Sgt. Justina Meyers, and Master Sgt. Kevin Lee respectively.

The first, second and third-place winners were Jillian Mackinder, Kelsy Colwell and The Campbell Family, respectively. They were awarded a prize of \$300, \$200, and \$100.

"There was a lot of talented people involved, and we didn't think we would place third," said Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell, who did a duet with her husband Gregory. "I was excited that we all showcased our talents."

This show, according to the organizers, brought everyone together to laugh and forget about the hard times and just have a good time.

"What makes this show a successful one was the fact that people from all walks of life came together without being "volun-told" and had a wonderful time just to laugh. We have to remember laughter is a wonderful tool," said Airman Johnson. "We (Lajes Has Talent organizers) do have a few more events that we will be putting on, but you have to wait and find out for yourself!"

ASK ED

A column that looks at the culture and history of the Azores.

By Eduardo Lima,
Community Relations Advisor



Praia undergoes traffic changes

The Praia City Hall has created a new mobility plan for the city, and as a result, the course of vehicle traffic has changed in seven of the city's streets. There will also be changes in parking within the city.

In practice, vehicles will be travelling in reverse order compared to the way it was done before in the following streets: Rua Serpa Pinto; Rua São Paulo; Rua do Cruzeiro; Rua da Graça; Rua da Alfândega; Rua Corregedor José Correia Mesquita and Rua Conselheiro Constantino José Cardoso (the street where "O Pescador" restaurant is located.)

Also, drivers travelling in the street in front of Praia's Fire Department (Rua Comendador Francisco J. Barcelos) toward the main street will not be allowed to turn left at the yield sign and will have to go around the traffic circle (the one with the fountain close to Modelo store) if they want to proceed to the city's main street (Rua de Jesus) or the Health Care Center.

Vehicles descending the upper section of the main street will no longer be allowed to turn right toward Rua da Graça in front of Banif Bank and will have to take the left.

Drivers will need to pay closer attention to the new traffic signs installed on those streets and exercise caution while approaching those areas aforementioned.

The Portuguese Security Police officers are patrolling the streets affected by the changes in traffic signs, helping drivers to become more aware of the new traffic rules.

In addition, the streets and parking lots in the center of the city have changed its parking rules. They are now for short duration parking (maximum of two hours without having to purchase additional parking tickets.) The parking zones beyond those areas will be considered medium duration parking (maximum of four hours) or parking will be even free depending on the distance from the city center.

The mini buses hired by the City Hall will also run between 7:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. to transport people who parked their vehicles in the parking lot next to the soccer stadium and desire to go to the city's center.