



Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low


"6-5...
IN THE FIGHT!"
FY 2011


 433
SORTIES


7,526
LODGED 

 2.3 million
gallons
FUEL ISSUED

Weekend Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

Friday (a.m. / p.m.)
Mostly Cloudy
Wind SW 17-28 mph 
SW 17-28 mph
High 64F / Low 59F

Saturday (a.m. / p.m.)
Mostly Cloudy
Light Showers 
Wind SW 11-17 mph
Variable 6 mph
High 64F / Low 59F

Sunday (a.m. / p.m.)
Mostly Cloudy with Light
Showers 
Wind SE 11-17 mph
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High 64F / Low 59F

Lajes supports Egyptian C-130



An Egyptian C-130 Hercules en-route during a mission, lands on Feb. 20 at Lajes Field, Azores. The aircraft received fuel and aircraft support from U.S. Air Force and Portuguese Air Force members. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

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

It's not just a saying that Lajes Airmen, including Portuguese and Americans, are a vital part of ensuring airpower gets across the Atlantic. An Egyptian C-130 Hercules that landed during a mission to refuel at Lajes Field, Azores, Feb. 20 received help from Team Lajes members.

The aircraft and its crew were attended to by Airmen and were offered a bit of the Lajes mission. Part of the services provided included transient alert and billeting support.

"To provide assistance to a third-world country is a great learning experience," said Senior Airman Matthew

Shoppell, 65th Operations Support Squadron's transient alert/crash recovery technician. "It allows us to assist a fellow non-NATO-ally country with any requests they may need. It also assists the wing in maintaining a bilateral relationship with Egypt."

The next day, before the aircraft and its 16 Egyptian aircrew departed Lajes, Airmen of the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron supplied the team with more than 5,400 gallons of JP-8 fuel.

The U.S. version of the Egyptian C-130 operates throughout the U.S. Air Force major commands.

The C-130 aircraft perform roles such as airlift support,

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USAFE command team makes first visit to Airmen at Lajes

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

Airmen of the 65th Air Base Wing hosted the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander, Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, and USAFE Command Chief Master Sgt. David Williamson during a two-day visit to see the men and women of Lajes Field, Azores, Feb. 15-16.

This visit to Lajes was the team's first to the wing after General Welsh took command of USAFE on Dec. 13, 2010.

The USAFE leadership team was accompanied by their spouses, Mrs. Betty Welsh, and Mrs. Mary Williamson.

During the visit, the USAFE team got an overview of the Lajes mission from Airmen during a briefing at the wing conference room. Unlike a traditional briefing given by unit commanders, this time the briefing was delivered to the general by junior Airmen, who carry out the mission

every day.

In a commander's call held at the Portuguese hangar here, General Welsh said the role Lajes plays in USAFE and the Air Force mission is crucial, and the Airmen are a critical part of it.

"Everybody in this room is critically important. You are the ones really making a difference in people's lives and in the Air Force mission. You make a difference... you really do!" said General Welsh.

Before the commander's call, he had breakfast with some Airmen, shared a few thoughts with them at the Top of the Rock Club and answered questions they had about various issues. The general made the session a two-way communication process when he asked the Airmen various questions and listened to their opinions.

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The communication asset: Imperative to the Air Force Mission

By Lt. Col. Tess McCann
65th Communications
Squadron commander



Confession time. Initially, I was not all that excited by the field of communications. When I was in college, computer science was either programming a computer or building it. After years of struggling to master computer programming, the last thing I wanted to be was a Communications Officer.

That all changed the summer after graduation. Before I went on active duty, I spent a few weeks at my grandparents' farm in North Dakota. Growing up as a military child, I had very few chances to spend time with them, so this was a unique opportunity. One afternoon, my grandmother and I started talking about her experiences with the military. My grandfather, like many of that generation, served in World War II. My grandmother—his fiancé at the time—remained behind in Washington state. She showed me the letters, perhaps fifteen or twenty, she received from him during his deployment. Most striking, however, was her story about my grandfather's return. She told me the day began as every other day. Early in the afternoon, the town received reports of the war's conclusion, and the celebrations began. Needless to say, she began to walk home from work. My grandfather's brothers met her about half way and drove her the rest of the way. When they arrived home, she was

greeted by my grandfather! The timing struck me. My grandfather returned on the same day their town found out the war was over.

This was the moment I realized the profound impact communications has on our daily lives. Today, modern communications has fundamentally transformed how we live, perform our mission, and fight wars, both on and off the battlefield. Most people have computers and iPods during deployments, and families can communicate almost daily with their loved ones...by e-mail, instant messaging or video phone. Do you want to reach out to an inbound Airman or his family? Try Facebook. You may have more luck there than with a phone call or email!

Collaboration tools have also changed our workplace. We can use Office Communicator to instant message other commands, determine presence, schedule appointments, or share presentations and documents across desktops in real-time. These capabilities help us work more efficiently, reduce emails, and manage our time more effectively. For additional information on this tool, please see the USAFE PA article (<http://www.usafe.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123241641>). This article details some of the additional capabilities of Office Communicator. In addition, don't forget to reference our own Virtual Comm Squadron. The vCS tool is being duplicated across USAFE to provide first-hand user support. All users at Lajes Field have a link to vCS on their desktop – just look for the Comm Squadron icon!

Lajes Field Military Saves Campaign

By Jim McDaniel
Airman and Family Readiness Center

Lajes kicked off the 2011 Military Saves Campaign early on Dec. 6, 2010, when Col. Rivera and his squadron commanders, superintendents and shirts, along with the Lajes Key Spouses, signed the simple pledge: "I will help myself by saving money, reducing debt, and building wealth over time. I will help my family and my country by encouraging other Americans to Start Small, Think Big."

The Department of Defense and Lajes will officially observe Military Saves Week Feb. 20-27, 2011. DoD conducts the campaign in cooperation with the Consumer Federation of America, a financial non-profit organization, which runs the America Saves Campaign nationwide. The Campaign's slogan, Start Small, Think Big, speaks to the long-term benefits of saving even a little each month.

The Military Saves campaign is a total force, command-level program, fully supported by the leadership here at Lajes. It costs you nothing to make the commitment, and it could lead you and your family to reach your financial goals and dreams. Every leader and Airman at Lajes

should take the pledge and develop an action plan to build wealth, not debt over the next year, because financial readiness has a direct impact on personal and military readiness. Military Saves is also an opportunity to teach our Air Force children about saving and other good financial habits.

The Lajes Airman and Family Readiness Center will host many events during Military Saves Week:

"Brown-Bag" Lunch-Time Classes (12-1 p.m. Tuesday - Friday) at the A&FRC

■ Friday, Feb. 25: Developing Net Worth Statement

■ Will conduct commanders' calls & outreach all week long, upon request

■ Will conduct special outreach to Lajes school to encourage student sign up

Our goal at Lajes is to educate and motivate all Airmen and their families to save their hard-earned money for both emergencies and their personal financial goals. The first step is to take and sign the Saver Pledge. It can be done online at <http://www.militarysaves.org/>, or in person during any of our classes or

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Commander's Action Line
535-4240
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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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The Tuskegee Airmen and the Struggle for Civil Rights

Part 2 (continued from Feb. 18 Crossroads issue)

By Andrew Billman
65th Air Base Wing historian



In reaction to this intolerable situation, black officers refused to use "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and they began to formulate a non-violent plan to integrate the officers club on post.

Under the leadership of Lt. Coleman A. Young (a future mayor of Detroit), small groups of men attempted to enter the club on the evening of April 5, 1945, only to be refused entry.

Before the club had closed at the end of the night, 36 black officers had not only been refused service but had been placed under arrest in quarters. These consequences did not deter more persistent airmen, who, on the next night, attempted entry only to be refused; they joined their compatriots under arrest, now totaling 61 men. Colonel Selway could not prove all these men had read the order and eventually had to release 58 men from custody and possible court-martial. Three men remained in custody, pending court-martial, accused of pushing a lieutenant placed at the door of the club to prevent access.

Colonel Selway then issued Base Regulation 85-2, defining the segregated facilities and required all officers to sign a statement they had read and acknowledged the new regulation. This time 162 black officers had the courage to refuse their signatures on a document they knew to be unjust, and faced arrest and possible court-martial. These brave men were willing to put "Service before Self" in defense of justice, and in the face of an uncertain and possibly perilous future.

In the end, an Advisory Committee on Special Troop Policies was con-

vened in Washington, D.C., that determined the regulations put into effect at Freeman Field were not in accord with existing Army regulations prohibiting separation of recreational facilities on the basis of race. Colonel Selway was relieved of command on July 1, 1945, and Col. Benjamin O. Davis, a Tuskegee Airman, assumed command. Fifty years later, on Aug. 12, 1995, the Air Force vindicated all the courageous men who stood against the unlawful orders at Freeman Field. The Air Force ordered the removal of all letters of reprimand from the personnel records and overturned the one court-martial which resulted from the civil disobedience at Freeman Field. The Air Force also reinstated 2nd Lt. Roger C. Terry to all the rights, privileges, and property he lost as a result of the conviction.

The non-violent quest for civil rights for African Americans did not begin in December 1955 on a bus in Montgomery, Ala. The origins for civil disobedience and the Civil Rights Movement may be traced 10 years earlier to an Army Air Forces base in Indiana. Freeman Field became the site where Tuskegee Airmen took a firm, peaceful stand against the twin evils of racism and discrimination at home.

While the 332nd Fighter Group brought honor and glory to Tuskegee Airmen as they fought against tyranny and racism in Europe, the Tuskegee Airmen that comprised the 477th BG exhibited the same courage, and became instrumental in the integration that would soon sweep throughout all of the armed forces of the United States.

These heroic men provided the non-violent examples which translated years later into the fabric of the Civil Rights Movement and fundamentally changed American society as a whole.



LAJES AIRMEN OF THE WEEK



Name: Richard Krotchie
Rank: Senior Airman
Unit: 65th CS
Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.
Duty Title: Ground Radar Systems Journeyman
Accomplishments: Airman Krotchie recently graduated Airman Leadership School, class 11-B, and garnered the John L. Levitow award. As a Ground Radar Systems technician, he maintains the

Doppler Weather Radar, Airport Surveillance Radar, and associated equipment used to control and assist air traffic to, from, and around the island. Airman Krotchie's extensive knowledge, initiative, and work ethic directly contributed to the Radar Work Center's "Excellent" rating on the recent Air Traffic Systems Evaluation Program inspection, where he was recognized as one of four "Outstanding Performers".



Name: Duarte Cardoso
Rank: LGS-9
Unit: 65th CS
Hometown: Ribeirinha
Duty Title: Resource Advisor
Accomplishments: Mr. Cardoso leads the Communications Squadron budget efforts; seven cost centers, 12 GPC holders--\$553K initial load and spent \$1.8M last year! He coordinated crucial just-in-time training for 12 comm deployers, which postured

Lajes Airmen for Air Force presence in support of OEF and Overseas Contingency Operations. He established reimbursements for telephone services guaranteeing validation of squadron funds and recouped \$38,500. Further, he acquired \$45,000 in Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems Parts critical to a 98.5 percent Navigational Aid systems uptime rate supporting over 250 combat sorties last year. Finally, Mr. Duarte Cardoso is a parent School Board member where he prepared school activities supporting 65 students.



WING EVENTS CALENDAR February - March

Feature

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
25 Annual Awards Banquet TORC 5 p.m.	26 All-Night Bowling Bowling Alley Mother and Son Dance CAC 6 p.m.	27	28 Promotion Ceremony 3 p.m.	1 Women's History Month March	2	3 Healthy Cooking Class Chapel 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
4 Winter Campaign Closing, TORC, 4 p.m. Indoor Golf Challenge TORC	5 Family Fun Run Base Track 4 p.m.	6	7	8 Portuguese Holiday Carnival	9 Rising 6 Meeting TORC, 3 p.m.	10

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aero-medical missions, weather reconnaissance, aerial spray missions, firefighting duties and natural disaster relief missions.

According to Airmen at Lajes, providing support for American and foreign transient aircraft and crew members is a rewarding job because it showcases

the mission of Lajes to the world.

Airman Shoppell describes the job as a fascinating opportunity, "because it allows us to explore different aircraft that we normally are not used to."

"It also allows us to communicate with aircrew and maintainers from around the world," added Airman Shoppell.

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"Each of you has a voice and opinion," the general said. "You should feel very comfortable to use both of them."

According to Chief Williamson, providing feedback is one of the ways the leadership could hear from their Airmen and know what their issues are. "We are your advocates, and it is our job to help you get the things you need to do your job," Chief Williamson said.

General Welsh shared some of his beliefs with Lajes Airmen explaining family is on top of his list.

General Welsh said he believes taking care of family is important, and is always his top priority. He explained that everything that affects Airmen and their families can affect the mission, because it can affect their behavior and performance at work.

He urged the leadership to always listen to their Airmen and find out what their stories are, because he said "every Airman has a story."

"And each story is unique," General Welsh said. "If you don't know the

stories, you can't lead the Airmen." He gave kudos to Airmen, including their Portuguese partners, for building good relationships and for the great work they do at Lajes every day. "Joint is the only way to fight," the general said, "and building partnerships and coalition efforts is really very important."

Before the general opened the floor for questions, Chief Williamson talked further about his priority list -- readiness, accountability, and caring for each other and families.

"You need to be combat ready; be ready to deploy," Chief Williamson said. "Meaning, be technically proficient at your job, be mentally ready, and be physically and spiritually ready, and ensure your family is prepared." He also said all Airmen are responsible for their subordinates. "Be accountable when it comes to safety and compliance standards -- hold your leaders accountable too," the chief said.

The USAFE command, as the air component for U.S. European Command, is responsible for directing air operations in a theater spanning three continents, covering more than eight million square miles.

Logistics and Mission Success

By Master Sgt. Nicole Velsor
65th Logistics Readiness Squadron

In the middle of the Atlantic lies one of the smallest logistics readiness squadrons in USAFE, with one of the biggest missions... refueling. Since the 1940s the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron has refueled thousands of aircraft transiting through Lajes Field and has stood tall in support with a measure of only 70 active duty military and 130 civilian personnel assigned. This unit (LRS) also manages and supports the largest fuel storage farm in USAFE, repairs and maintains vehicles, conducts deployments and exercises, orders processes, delivers supplies, and performs transportation operations. The 65th LRS is a diverse squadron, consisting of six different Air Force specialty codes that run seamlessly, providing wing-wide support that is second to none.

LRS is crucial to the sustainment, growth and morale of Lajes Field.

Many of the processes required to keep Lajes running day to day are conducted by LRS. The squadron operates the bus systems for Department of Defense schools, and whenever the wing is conducting an exercise, from emergency response to aggressor attacks, LRS is on the scene. LRS also transports items to and from many locations on the base for communications and maintenance support. Just take a walk through the base exchange or the Commissary--most of the goods and merchandise were transported in by the LRS. And we would be remiss not to mention household goods. Did you know LRS spearheaded the wing initiative to change the policy on Joint Force Travel Requirements for all active duty military members PCSing to Lajes Field? Now members are entitled to bring all their possessions here on assignment, which is a phenomenal feat in and of itself.

Led by Lt. Col Rod Bloker, the 65th LRS commander, despite the

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General Brown visits Lajes Field

Brig. Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., 31st Fighter Wing commander, visits Lajes for the African American Heritage Luncheon Feb. 18, 2011. General Brown, who visited from Aviano Air Base, Italy, was a guest speaker at the luncheon. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

Staff. Sgt. Nicole Allums-Ball, 65th Medical Support Squadron outpatient records NCO in charge, welcomes Deputy Chief of Mission Lucy Tamlyn to the clinic for a briefing during the DCM's visit to Lajes Field, Azores, Feb. 17, 2011. The DCM was from the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon and was visiting to see the Lajes mission. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Members of the 65th Dental Clinic visit Fonte do Bastardo School, a Portuguese school, to help educate children during the National Children Dental Month Feb. 22. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Air Force Chief of Safety Outstanding Achievement Award

Bruno Nogueira, Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Young and Maj. Randall Schmedthorst, members of the safety office, pose for a group photo after receiving notification of winning the Air Force Chief of Safety Outstanding Achievement Award for Ground Safety Category III, Lajes Field, Azores, Feb. 22, 2011. (Photo by Manuel Martins)





Mark your calendar



2010 WING ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET:

Come out and support the 2010 Annual Award Winners at the WING ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET scheduled for Feb. 25 at the Top of the Rock Club beginning at 6 p.m. Please contact your unit POC for tickets and further information
65 SFS TSgt Kasten 535-6239 / 65 FSS

TSgt Hernandez, E 535-1075 / 65 CS MSgt Schmitz 535-1503
Alt: MSgt Hawkins 535-3662 / 65 CES/MSG MSgt Rouse 535-5166
65 LRS SrA Perkins 535-2291 / 65 OSS SSgt Clark, Michael 535-3157
65 CPTS MSgt Brooks 535-5174 / 65 CONS SSgt Sherwood 535-1145
65 MDSS SrA Anas 535-3239 / 65 MDOS SrA Michalek 535-5177
65 WSA SSgt Holden-Worthen 535-2325 /Alt: MSgt Brooks 535-5174
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MANGO LANGUAGES: The Mango Languages is an award-winning, highly acclaimed, self-paced online language learning system! Mango is designed to teach users simple, practical, and polite conversation skills in a foreign language. For more information, contact the base library at 535-3688.

LFAMC ROOMS AVAILABLE: The Lajes Field Airman Ministry Center (LFAMC) has two rooms available that are conducive to hold a wide range of events. The LFAMC is located at Bldg T-307. For reservations of the multi-use rooms, please call 535-4019 or 535-5216.

CAIB MEETING: The next Community Action Information Board (CAIB) will be held April 28 at the conference room in Bld. T-100 at 9:30 a.m. For details, call Ricky Baptista, CIV, CAIB Executive Director, at 535-HAWK.

REFLECTIVE BELT ROE REMINDER: AFI 91-207 USAFE Sup: 3.5.2.1. (Added) In cases where separation of pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic is not feasible, military personnel in uniform must wear reflective accessories during periods of reduced visibility (hours of darkness, inclement weather, etc). Personnel in civilian attire are encouraged to wear light-colored clothing or reflective accessories. This requirement must be briefed during newcomers' orientation and addressed in the installation traffic code.

GREAT RACE OF NORTH AMERICA: The race will start Feb. 28 and will end Dec. 31. Earn miles every time you work out. A prize awaits you when you earn enough miles to cross America. For more information call 535-6126. Visit <http://www.lajesfss.com> for details

BASE BAND AUDITIONS: The base band will be holding auditions at the Community Center Ballroom March 2nd at 1800. If you are interested in playing in the base band, please come out and audition. If you have questions contact Tommy Brooks at 535-1320 or donald.brooks@lajes.af.mil

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Where can I buy fresh fish tomorrow?

PORTUGUESE: Onde posso comprar peixe fresco amanhã?

PRONUNCIATION: ONdeh POSsoo ahmuNYAH comPRAR paysh FRESHkoo?

At the Movies



- 7 p.m. Friday - Gulliver's Travels (PG)
- 7 p.m. Saturday - Season of the Witch (PG-13)
- 4 p.m. Sunday - Gulliver's Travels (PG)
- 7 p.m. Sunday - Season of the Witch (PG-13)

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

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commander's calls. The Military Saves Week is only four work days, but the campaign is a year-long program here at Lajes. The A&FRC offers weekly financial classes on Thursdays at 3-4:30 p.m. If you, your squadron or section cannot make that time for any specific class, please call 535-4138, and we will schedule a class at your convenience for your unit or one on one, if that is what you want or need.

Many Airmen at Lajes have already signed the Saver Pledge and have started on their personal quest for financial security. Lajes is the perfect assignment to begin the process of getting out of debt and building long term wealth. Take the opportunities offered at the A&FRC by attending one or many of our classes. You can also call 535-4138 to ask for a financial appointment with one of our trained consultants. Take the Saver Pledge for yourself and your family.

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squadron's small size, it made a big footprint by stepping out in front and winning six command-level awards. Here's a significant quote endorsed by Lt Col Bloker by Vice Adm. Oscar C. Badger, United States Navy states: "Logistic considerations belong not only in the highest echelons of military planning during the process of preparation for war and for specific wartime operations, but may well become the controlling element with relation to timing and successful operation." The 65th LRS epitomizes this in all facets, proving its performance is vital to the mission success of the 65th Air Base Wing.

ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima,
Community Relations Advisor



Who discovered the Azores and how long has the archipelago been inhabited by the Portuguese?

The discovery of the Azores, according to Genoese maps of the 14th century, seems to have taken place between 1317 and 1339 by Portuguese and Genoese navigators in the service of the Portuguese kingdom.

This discovery seems, however, to have remained overlooked up to almost a century when a Portuguese navigator Diogo de Silves later claimed the discovery of the islands around 1427. The name Azores (Açores in Portuguese) probably comes from the Portuguese word "Açor" (goshawk), a big and powerful hawk that was sighted in great numbers by the navigators who discovered the archipelago. Colonization of the island of Santa Maria, the first to be discovered, began in 1439 and was followed by the colonization of the other islands.

The background of the first inhabitants is varied. While most came from the Portuguese mainland, others are descendants of the Flemish from Flanders who settled mainly on Terceira, Faial and Pico, and from Brittany or Bretagne, a former province of northwest France, who came to the island of São Miguel.

Because of their strategic location, the Azorean islands quickly became an important port of call for ships sailing the Atlantic Ocean between Europe, Africa, India and the Americas. Christopher Columbus stopped at the Island of Santa Maria in 1493 when returning from one of his voyages to America.