

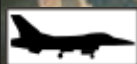


## Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha  
Threat Level: Low

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



498  
SORTIES

8,821  
LODGED



2.6 million  
gallons  
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### Appointment:

Base: 535-3261  
Off base: 295-573-261

### Emergency:

Base: 911  
Off base: 295-571-911

## European Union's Daylight-Saving Time is **March 27**

The European Union will "Spring Forward" or change their clocks for Daylight-Saving Time March 27. Members are, thereby, reminded to turn their clocks one hour ahead at midnight of March 27.



## Lajes and Moody Airmen get Thunderbolt ready for downrange



An A-10C Thunderbolt II from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., rests on the Lajes flightline after being worked on by Airmen. (Courtesy photo)

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

Recently, a coronet package of A-10C Thunderbolt IIs stopped at Lajes to refuel before heading downrange, but one of the aircraft was unable to continue the mission due to maintenance issues.

Airmen of the 23rd Maintenance Group at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., were immediately notified.

While the aircraft was at Lajes, Airmen of the 65th Operations Support Squadron provided parking spots and security for more than three days.

Following the notification, a team of Moody maintainers began preparation to deploy to Lajes to support their aircraft.

The transient alert Airmen at Lajes assisted with servicing the aircraft and coordinating the required ground support equipment.

Airmen from various squadrons within the 23rd MXG were at Lajes Field, Azores, after the request came through and quickly got to work.

"The scheduled support team couldn't land at Lajes because of ongoing runway construction," said Chief Master Sgt. Howard McCrary, 23rd Aircraft Maintenance

Squadron superintendent. "Our squadron worked with other units to get more than 20 Airmen and their support equipment in the air as quickly as we could."

While the rest of the Moody aircraft were still at Lajes, they were refueled with JP-8 fuel by the Airmen of the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The 65th Force Support Squadron ensured the team of maintainers got enough crew rest.

The team departed for downrange March 11, leaving the downed A-10.

Without all the support provided by Airmen, both at Lajes and Moody, all the aircraft would not be able to get downrange to do their mission, said Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Savoy, 23rd AMXS lead production superintendent.

"It's because of these outstanding Airmen from all different specialties that we were able to accomplish this," Sergeant Savoy said.

Sergeant Savoy has also been on many other short-notice maintenance trips, including some to Lajes.

Once downrange, each A-10, known for its capability of surviving direct hits from armor-piercing and high explosive projectiles, will provide essential support on

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# Expeditionary Combat Support System

By Frank Homem  
65th LRS logistics manager



With a little over a year left for Lajes' implementation of the Expeditionary Combat Support System, I thought of writing this article with the main focus of introducing ECSS to our readers and informing you of its implementation progress. The Lajes Field Go-Live date for ECSS is scheduled for May 2012.

When ECSS is implemented, hundreds of other commonly used acronyms in the logistics world will cease to exist. By late calendar year 2013, the Air Force will have successfully completed the implementation of the world's largest, single-instance enterprise resource planning. With over 250,000 primary, secondary, and casual users, ECSS will have enabled transformation of every process, policy, system, and job skill within the end-to-end (E2E) supply chain (E2E supply chain refers to core traditional logistics functional area disciplines, as well as several enabling disciplines, such as contracting and finance).

The magnitude of the ECSS program is unparalleled. Its goal is to use a near real-time, web-enabled modernized information system to connect our different systems. Over hundreds of legacy systems will merge into ECSS. It will transform Air Force Logistics to better support the expeditionary warfighter

and enable the transformation of the Air Force logistics operations by incorporating best business practices. Although logistics is heavily involved, ECSS is not just affecting logistics; it will impact personnel, financial managers, equipment custodians, government purchase card holders, vehicle control officers and more. This will be the single-largest transformation of logistics processes in Air Force history. Imagine a future with no Core Automated Maintenance System, Standard Base Supply System, On-Line Vehicle Integrated Management System, or any of your favorite legacy systems or applications.

To minimize the risk of this huge undertaking for the Air Force, ECSS is being fielded in releases, layering in additional, more sophisticated capabilities as these releases continue. This process of fielding to a relatively low number of impacted users (less than 100 in the first pilot) identifies what is working and where adjustments will be required before ECSS is used more widely.

Release 1 Pilot A (R1PA) was the first of three pilots that started last summer at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., but the effort is already much bigger than just Hanscom. Logisticians at other installations entered data into ECSS, and some maintenance officials at Robins AFB, Ga., accessed that data in near-real time. Other locations, including Langley AFB, Va., Scott AFB, Ill., Gunter Annex, Ala.,

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## Hurts One, Affects All

By Capt. Fred Doehle  
65th Air Base Wing SARC

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

Sometimes it seems like we can be overloaded with too much information. We hear about sexual assault prevention through Bystander Intervention classes, Right Start briefings, the training at the First Term Airmen's Center, and now, SAAM and think "when is enough, enough?"

As long as sexual assaults still occur, we will never have enough awareness. But you can do something about it. Being a good wingman, remaining vigilant, and being willing to step in when you see something wrong is not just for combat situations. We are taught to be aware of our surroundings all the time. The key to our survival, both personally and as an Air Force, relies on all of us being aware of what is going on around us. It also involves taking care of each other.

Every person who has ever been sexually assaulted has someone who cares about him/her. If the person you care most about was assaulted, how would you feel? Wouldn't you want someone to step in and help that person

you care about, especially to prevent it from happening?

We talk about different ways to prevent sexual assault from occurring, but it really boils down to whether we care about each other enough to respect one another.

Are we willing to be "that guy" if it means keeping the crime of sexual assault from happening? Do we have enough respect for those around us to give them the basic human dignity they deserve? If it was someone you cared about, I know you would be willing to step forward and do something.

I would challenge us all to take time during the month of April, and consider those you care most about. Then begin to consider ways we can make those we come in contact with every day people we care about, too.

When we do this, we will begin to see others differently and start desiring what's best for them.

Please join us this month in becoming more aware of sexual assault prevention.

For more information, please contact the SAPR office at 535-2123 or 2124.

For emergencies, call 535-7272 or 966-677-266, 24/7.

Commander's Action Line  
535-4240  
65abw.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 65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil.



Col. Jose Rivera  
Commander, 65th Air Base Wing



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# Former NASA lead spacewalker visits Lajes Airmen

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

After retiring from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a former astronaut arrived at Lajes Field March 17, and got a chance to thank base members for their contribution to the space shuttle program.

Dr. Scott E. Parazynski visited to get a first-hand view of Lajes operations, as an emergency landing site for the space shuttle.

"Lajes is one of our contingency abort landing sites," said Dr. Parazynski. "I was invited by the U.S. Embassy and the consulate to visit with the folks that support the space shuttle program over the life of the program."

The former astronaut took time to visit the students at the Department of Defense Dependents School.

During the visit to the American school, Dr. Parazynski, who attended with his son, talked to the students about the space shuttle voyage to the orbit.

"When I was with NASA for 17 years, as an astronaut, I flew five missions and did seven spacewalks," said Dr. Parazynski.

His first mission, one of the most memorable ones, was Atmospheric Laboratory for Applications and Science-3, carried out in 1994 and launched from Kennedy Space Center, Fla. The voyage took about eight days before landing at Edwards AFB, Calif.

ATLAS-3 was part of an on-going program to determine the earth's energy balance and atmospheric change over an 11-year solar cycle, particularly with respect to humans' impact on the global-ozone distribution. During the mission, Dr. Parazynski and his crewmembers circled the earth 175 times and traveled over 4.5 million miles.

Dr. Parazynski was also able to help bolster bilateral relations between Americans and their host nation partners. He had a unique opportunity to visit, meet and talk with students in the local community when he visited a Portuguese school in Praia.

"The regional government of the Azores also helped sponsor this trip," said the former astronaut, accompanied by a delegate of the U.S.



Dr. Scott E. Parazynski, a former National Aeronautics and Space Administration lead astronaut, addresses a local community audience during a visit to Auditorio do Ramo Grande, Praia da Vitoria, March 17, 2011. Dr. Parazynski also visited and talked with students in a Portuguese school during his visit to Lajes Field. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Consulate in Sao Miguel, Gavin Sundwall. "So, I have been speaking with a lot of the school kids, and it's really been a lot of fun. They had great questions, and they were very inquisitive."

Dr. Parazynski served as a lead astronaut and traveled over 23 million miles during his spacewalk career before retiring in 2009.

His visit here culminated with a trip to the Lajes fire department for a briefing that highlighted the Lajes mission whenever the emergency operation center convenes for a shuttle launch. While at the briefing, Dr. Parazynski thanked the Airmen at Lajes for what they accomplish every day and how important their mission is to the United States and to the world.

The astronaut was finally escorted in a grand style by the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron "Striker" fire truck to the 65th Operations Support Squadron, where he met the wing leadership, Lajes Airmen and their family members. He shook hands with them and signed autographs.

"I am very happy to be here," Dr. Parazynski said. "Thank you all for everything you do, for the space mission, and for your service."



Dr. Scott E. Parazynski briefs students in the local community at Auditorio do Ramo Grande, Praia da Vitoria, March 17, 2011. Dr. Parazynski also visited and talked with students at the Lajes DODDS Elementary/High School. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Dr. Scott E. Parazynski signs an autograph on Clayton Gleason's T-shirt during a visit to the 65th Operations Support Squadron March 17, 2011. Clayton is the son of Maj. Ross Gleason, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron. Dr. Parazynski, accompanied by his son, Luke, also visited and talked with students about his space shuttle voyage to the orbit. (Photo by Guido Melo)

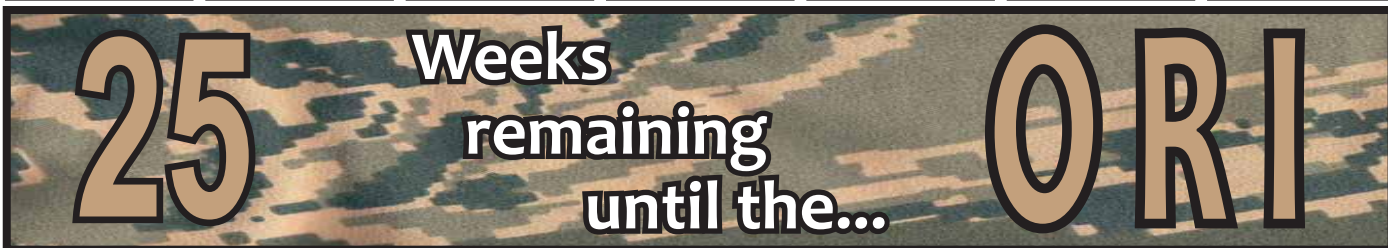


# WING EVENTS CALENDAR

## March / April

### Feature

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>25</b> Goal Day  Wine and Cheese Tasting TORC 5 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> European Union's daylight saving time (spring ahead)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Women's History Celebration Chapel All Day	<b>30</b> Dorm Dwellers Bash 12 to 4 p.m.	<b>31</b> Promotion Ceremony TORC 3 p.m.  SUM Dinner (AFSA) Chapel 5:30 p.m.
<b>1</b> Top III Bowling Tournament 1 to 5 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Warrior Day



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and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, were involved in this initial operational pilot, which focused on vehicle and tool management.

The second pilot, R1PB, went live on schedule just last December. Approximately 130 Air Force logistics, finance, and Defense Federal Automated System personnel are now operationally using ECSS. This release provided improved base-level materiel and equipment management, and financial management capabilities, and laid the foundation for the eventual achievement of Total Asset Visibility and Positive Inventory Control. It will evaluate ECSS' ability to manage several functions, such as capital asset depreciation and reporting, physical inventory management, retail level small arms management, equipment account inventory, and Mobile Supply Chain (Con-

nected Ops). Its finance capabilities will enable the financial transformation coming forth as part of Pilot C. R1PB will have the greatest impact upon personnel using the Air Force Equipment Management System.

ECSS is not a future plan; it is a transformation well underway. This initiative will require changes in the way the Air Force does business — even the way logisticians perform their jobs.

As the Lajes ECSS Change Agent Coordinator, I will continue to provide ECSS updates as required. We receive regular visits from the ECSS, European Region Change Manager. If you want to learn more about ECSS, contact me at frank.homem@lajes.af.mil or call 535-3801, and we can arrange for informational briefings. Visit <https://www.ecss.wpafb.af.mil> for more information about ECSS.

## LAJES AIRMEN OF THE WEEK



**Name:** Arreola A. Deliezer  
**Rank:** Staff Sergeant  
**Unit:** 65th LRS  
**Hometown:** Moreno Valley, Calif.  
**Duty Title:** Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Mechanic  
**Accomplishments:** Sergeant Arreola is responsible for providing excellent and timely mobile maintenance support on 386 vehicles valued at \$33M. As the primary mobile technician for the 65th

ABW, Staff Sergeant Arreola responded to 16 maintenance requests in the month of January with an astounding 94% in-field repair rate. His actions directly impacted Vehicle Management's ability to attain a 61% 0-24 hour turn-around rate, smashing USAFE's goal of 40%. His diverse mechanical background allowed him to quickly troubleshoot and repair an aircraft loader stabilizer system, enabling vital, continuous cargo flow to and from the European mobility support structure.



**Name:** Jose Carlos Linhares  
**Rank:** LGS-07  
**Unit:** 65th LRS  
**Hometown:** Angra do Heroismo  
**Duty Title:** Supervisor, Inventory/Document Control Section  
**Accomplishments:** Mr. Linhares is responsible for providing outstanding inventory control for 2.7K supply line items valued at \$3.7M. His flawless oversight of eight wing supply points valued at \$1.1M ensures crucial parts

are consistently on hand when/where needed. As the main depository for all supply records, Mr. Linhares' superb management of over 12K accountable documents guaranteed 100% records accountability -- a tremendous feat!

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



On March 17, Girl Scouts Callista Scharf and Madison Bruns had a meeting with Col. Jose Rivera, 65th Air Base Wing commander, in order to update him about a project to collect items, which will be delivered to a local orphanage. (Photo by Manuel Martins)



Col. William Parker, 65th Medical Group commander, presents a net book to Tech. Sgt. Esperanza Hernandez, a winner of the Winter Quest program from the 65th Force Support Squadron, during a wing meeting held at Lajes Field, Azores, March 16, 2011. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Master Sgt. Brian Holes, 65th Air Base Wing, performs low crawl with a rifle during a Warrior Day event held at the Lajes Department of Defense for Dependents School's gym March 18, 2011. (Photo By Guido Melo)

## Warrior Day



## Arbor Day 2011

Tech. Sgt. Myung McBride, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, and her husband, Donald McBride, pick up some flowers March 21 at the base housing maintenance office, as part of the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron's preparation for Arbor Day. The office displayed different types of flowers and trees for base residents to decorate their back yards on Lajes Arbor Day tree planting, scheduled for March 26. In 1885, Arbor Day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska, and April 22 was selected as the date for its permanent observance. Arbor Day has now spread beyond the United States and is observed in many countries. (Photo by Guido Melo)



# Mark your calendar



**GARAGE AND YARD SALES:** Now that Spring is in the air and your thoughts are turning to PCSing, or maybe doing a little spring cleaning, please remember that Yard Sales and Garage Sales are not authorized in Military Family Housing (Lajes Field Pamphlet 32-10, Housing Brochure). So what are you going to do with all items you no longer want or need? You have four options. Option 1: Throw the items away. Option 2: Contact the Base Recreation Center and find out when they are going to hold their next Flea Market. Option 3: Sell the items at the Thrift Store (located in building T-126). Option 4: Contact the Base Chapel about Donations. Remember the local Red Cross is always looking for clothing donations as well. For questions, please contact the Lajes Housing office at housingoffice@lajes.af.mil or 535-3507.

**WICO JOB OPENING:** For the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Overseas Program to U.S. military beneficiaries at U.S. installations throughout Europe. We have vacancies for a Part-Time Nutritionist/Dietitian/Nurse in our Lajes Office. Requires a BS in Nutrition, Dietetics, Nursing or Home Economics. Experience in prenatal, maternal or infant nutrition required. Registered Dietitian preferred. Experience with WIC desirable. Must have current driver's license. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Choctaw Archiving Enterprise, a rapidly growing provider of health, social, mental health, and administrative services, will reward your efforts with an attractive hourly salary. For consideration, please e-mail your resume and cover letter to:

April.parsells@europe.tricare.osd.mil or fax to: (210) 525-1398.

**ARENA BULL FIGHT:** There will be an arena bull fight in the Angra bullring, April 8 at 8:30 p.m. The admission cost is 12 euros. For further information contact Senhor Mateus Diniz at 962803893.

There will be a basketball game between the local team Lusitania and the mainland team Illiabum Clube, Saturday, 26 March at 8:30 p.m. in the Angra Sports Pavilion. Tickets can be purchased at the door one hour before the game.

## Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



**ENGLISH:** I am sorry sir/ma'am; I do not speak Portuguese. Do you speak English?

**PORTUGUESE:** Lamento senhor/senhora, eu não falo português. Fala inglês?

**PRONUNCIATION:** LahMENtoo snYOR/senYORah. Ayoo now FOLloo portooGAYSH. FAH>lah eenGLEUSH?.

## At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - No Strings Attached (R)

7 p.m. Saturday - Sanctum (R)

4 p.m. Sunday - Sanctum (R)

7 p.m. Sunday - No Strings Attached (R)

**No Strings Attached:** Emma and Adam are life-long friends who almost ruin everything by having sex one morning. In order to protect their friendship, they make a pact to keep their relationship strictly "no strings attached." Rate R, 108 min.

**Sanctum:** Master diver Frank McGuire has explored the South Pacific's Esa-ala Caves for months. But when his exit is cut off in a flash flood, Frank's team is forced to radically alter plans. With dwindling supplies, the crew must navigate an underwater labyrinth to make it out. Rated R, 108 min.

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

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the front lines.

These A-10s and crewmembers were the first unit of "Warthogs" Lajes has provided support for this year, and Lajes Airmen offered first-class services to the aircraft and their crewmembers.

The services provided by Lajes Airmen make trans-Atlantic crossing possible for the smaller aircraft, said Tech. Sgt. Shannon Hughes, 65th OSS coronet liaison.

Whether the aircraft belong to the U.S. Air Force, U.S. allies or other nations, Lajes Airmen get the job done.

*Airman 1st Class Brigitte N. Brantley-Sisk from Moody AFB, Ga., contributed to this article.*

# ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima,  
Community Relations Advisor



### Q.: Is there a real story behind AWOL Rock? How far is it from the island?



**A.:** The referred rock, which is commonly known to the Americans stationed at Lajes Field as "AWOL" rock, is located just off the coast behind Beira Mar housing. Its real name is "Ilheu do Norte," or islet of the North.

The rock is about 3,776 feet from Terceira, 3.8 square miles in area and has a height of approximately 62 feet. The average depth between Terceira and the islet is 75-98 feet.

There's a story about this rock, which was supposedly told by the Navy members stationed here in the 1980s. They used to say that if you wanted to go AWOL and go to the U.S., you would have to go toward the rock, since it was in the same direction.

AWOL rock is a lava rock, probably formed when the island emerged or at a later date during a volcanic eruption. From Lajes Field it can offer a spectacular view, especially when the ocean is very rough and one can see the white waves jumping high over it.