



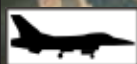
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Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

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543
SORTIES

9,378
LODGED



2.7 million
gallons
FUEL ISSUED



Appointment:

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

Emergency:

Base: 911
Off base: 295-571-911

Weekend

Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

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

Showers / Clear skies
Wind NW 15-25 mph
N 10 mph
High 61F / Low 56F



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

Partly Cloudy
Wind SSW 15-25 mph
High 60F / Low 56F



Lajes fuels Osprey from Cannon



One of four CV 22 Osprey from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., parks at Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal, on March 22 en route to support Joint Task Force Odyssey Dawn. The Osprey have been a part of Cannon's mission since Oct. 1, 2010. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

By Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell
65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Four CV-22 Osprey from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., stopped at Lajes Field en route during a mission and received more than 9,000 gallons of fuel.

Within eight minutes of the command post calling for fuel dispatch, two fuel trucks were on the flight line and connecting hoses to the CV-22 Osprey aircraft.

"This was my second time refueling this kind of aircraft and it was still very exciting, because we don't see this kind of aircraft every day," said João Pereira, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Mr. Joao Pereira and Moises Lima, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuel operators, fueled all four of the Osprey in less than 30 minutes.

Team Lajes Airmen provided direct support for the aircraft and its crew during their stay at Lajes Field.

"Our 27th Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintainers are a great group of very focused Airmen that keep the aircraft in the air," said Senior Master Sgt. Lynette Harshman, 27th SOAMXS first sergeant.

The CV 22 Osprey, which has the capability to take off and land vertically, is a multi-mission aircraft. The aircraft is designed with the functionality of a helicopter, but has the long-range, high-speed cruise performance of a turboprop aircraft.

The CV 22 Osprey became part of the Air Force Special Operations Command aircraft on Oct. 1, 2010. The Osprey is just one of the planes used by the 27th SOAMXS at Cannon Air Force base to complete its mission.

Former chief couple continues serving, making impact at Lajes

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

Many Airmen know Cynthia Burney at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. But not many know that under her belt of experience as a counselor is the Air Force top enlisted rank.

Thirty-three years ago when she joined the Air Force, she knew she was going to get an education, and even aspired to get the best out of the military--she retired after 26 years of service to her country as a chief master sergeant.

As if that wasn't enough, she knocked out two associate degrees, a bachelor's with honors and also two master's degrees before she retired.

Before she joined, she didn't know that another outstanding Airman, Garrick Burney, would later become

her husband. They've been married 27 years and both retired as chief master sergeants. Garrick retired three years ago after 30 years of service.

The two retired chiefs' story began in the '70s before they met each other. They had separate goals and came from different backgrounds. But fate and the Air Force brought them together.

While Cynthia came from a military family, Garrick did not. Cynthia's father was in the Army at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Garrick's only military tie was living close to a military base in Indiana.

Coming from a family of 11 siblings, four of Cynthia's five brothers joined the Army. Her goal was to travel and get an education; she knew the military was one way to achieve that goal.

To read more on "Chief couple" see page 3



Where will I park?

By Chief Master Sgt. Samuel Hagadorn
65th Air Base Wing command chief



No doubt, you've noticed a few changes around the base lately. Most apparent may be the rerouting of traffic, the loss of some parking spaces, and exercise scenarios playing out at public places such as the Military Personnel Section and post office. While these measures may present some minor inconveniences, they are necessary to enhance our safety, security and readiness.

"But why," you may ask, "and why now?" There are several reasons. First, as we prepare for our Operational Readiness Inspection in September, we need to be in a mindset of readiness. This inspection will test our ability to do our mission—to fight today's fight. This could include a test of our capability to receive aircraft and bed-down of personnel. It may test our ability to survive and operate following a natural or manmade disaster, or even include a deployment of Lajes team members. You've probably noticed that we're already practicing these scenarios via monthly exercises and warrior days.

Secondly, we are experiencing a moderate uptick in vandalism and petty theft of personal belongings and government property.

Modified access and increased patrols on base and in housing areas can help, but the most effective measures will include keeping valuables out of sight, as well as securing doors and windows in homes, vehicles and facilities.

Thirdly, world events remind us that we need to be vigilant. Many eyes are better than a few. We are all 'sensors,' and reporting things that don't seem right is easy to do. Just call the Security Forces Control Center at 535-3222 or Eagle Eyes at 535-EYES (29557-3222 or 29557-EYES for off base).

Lajes and the neighborhoods we live in continue to be very safe. You may have heard the old adage, "Freedom isn't free." One might add that it is neither always convenient.

So what about that parking space? When discussing parking challenges recently, someone pointed out that we have less of a parking problem here at Lajes, and more of a walking problem. How true! Have you ever driven from the Top of the Rock Club to the Airman and Family Readiness Center, only to be frustrated there was no convenient parking? How far is that anyway...two blocks? How difficult would it have been to leave your car at the TORC and walk?

The nature of our business lends itself to some inconveniences. With everybody's cooperation and a full-press team effort, we will remain, 6-5...IN THE FIGHT!

What would you do?

By Paulette Burnard
65th Force Support Squadron

I'm intrigued by the TV show, "What Would You Do?" This ethical dilemma series captures bystanders' reactions to real-life scenarios. Situations range from homosexual bashing, racism, bullying, hate crimes, neglect and assault to various forms of abuse, including "ginger" abuse (redhead harassment). How people respond to these situations, all of which clearly call for intervention, is caught on hidden camera.

It's fascinating and sometimes disturbing to see what people will tolerate. The camera catches conflicted people grappling with the decision to step in or mind their own business. In some cases, it's evident the witness may want to take action but doesn't know how. Other times it's clear that bystanders won't act because they take their cues from others who do nothing.

The Air Force knows what this television show so poignantly alludes to—that bystanders should and can intervene in situations that call for action. Senior Air Force leaders have adopted

Bystander Intervention Training as a powerful strategy to step in and help prevent sexual assault. Through BIT, Air Force members and civilian leaders are given the tools to recognize and act on situations that could lead to sexual assault. BIT trainers present realistic scenarios, which are common in civilian life as well as specific to the military culture. Through discussion and on-your-feet exercises, students learn what questions to ask themselves before taking action and appropriate intervention strategy options.

BIT has clear objectives: Prevention is key, creating a positive social climate in the workplace is essential, and being a good wingman who will step in when witnessing sexual harassment or assault is a duty.

Many of us have been in situations where we thought something was wrong and wanted to do the right thing, but felt incapable to act. I don't think "What Would You Do?" is out to vilify witnesses—it simply presents the situation and asks the question. BIT goes a big step further and provides answers and the empowerment tools needed to act.

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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.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month's events:

- Commanders Calls April 1-29
- Women's Self Defense April 7, 3:30-5 p.m., Chace Fitness Center
- "Sex Signals" April 11, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., Community Center
- Dr. Edwards April 22, (3 events)
Breakfast, TORC, All base personnel
Session, DoDDS, School
Session, Theater, All base personnel
- Women's Self Defense April 29, 3:30-5 p.m., Chace Fitness Center



"Chief couple" from page 1

When she was in the 11th grade, an Air Force recruiter visited her school and talked about the opportunity to go to college and travel the world. Right there, Cynthia said she knew the recruiter was talking directly to her, and she was going to join the Air Force, despite being in Army ROTC at the time.

Also as an Army brat, she thought the Air Force would be a different experience.

Garrick also had a large family, but his parents could only sponsor him and his siblings to attend high school. "During our time in the '70s, once you graduated high school, it was like fight or flight. You had to work to eat."

With five brothers and one sister, they grew up six miles from Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind., once known as "Bunker Hill Air Force Base." Garrick was driven at a young age to get a skill that would last him a lifetime. He often worked with summer hires cutting grass for the civil engineering unit.

"That is what I grew up doing all my life," he said. And ironically, when the time came for him to join the Air Force, a job opening came up in the civil engineering department. Unlike his wife, Garrick was not enticed by any recruiter or his parents to join the Air Force. He was simply attracted to the Air Force life by the image of "sharp Airmen," who frequently visited his town in their uniform.

"We were always teased about the Airmen coming into town to steal our girls," Chief (Garrick) Burney said. "They always looked sharp. These guys had cars, they had jobs, and they had money."

Chief Burney described himself as an ambitious person. "I was 'hungry,' I guess. I wanted a skill, and I wanted an education. The travel didn't really entice me because I had never been to any place," he said. "Growing up in (Peru) a small Indiana town with about 2,000 people, I didn't realize there were other bases. I thought I would join and get stationed at Grissom."

But he never got stationed at Grissom. After two years of service as a pavement maintenance specialist, the Air Force took Garrick to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., where he met Cynthia, then a jet engine mechanic sergeant.

Two and a half years after meeting each other, the two love-birds got married. By then, Garrick, a staff sergeant, had cross-trained into a PME instructor job.

"We've both always been goal-oriented," Chief (Cynthia) Burney said. "That is one of the things that really kept us together as a couple."

As an Army brat, Cynthia already learned about being disciplined. She knew about following rules, so she didn't have any problems following them after joining the Air Force.

"I knew I wanted to be a counselor when my fellow coworkers and friends would always come and talk with me about different issues or problems," she said. "I discovered I had a gift for listening and talking."

And she decided to be a counselor.

"I knew I could make better use of my life's gifts as a counselor, and Garrick



Chief Master Sgts. Cynthia and Garrick Burney pose for a photo. (Courtesy photo)

encouraged and supported me," she added.

She described her husband as a mentor and a major player in "teaching" her about the Air Force.

But he echoed her comment in a humble way. He said there was no secret at all to everything he taught her. "I only had different ways of looking at things," he said.

Chief Burney said the same way his wife learned from him, he also learned from her.

"Together we were able to melt our careers and bounce things off each other about life," Chief (Garrick) Burney said, describing the process as an exchange of information.

"We never really got to the point where I was telling her what to do, and she wasn't telling me what to do," the retired chief said.

Chief (Cynthia) Burney is now assigned to the 65th Force Support Squadron as the community readiness consultant for the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The chiefs describe their lives as a beautiful journey that they've both learned to enjoy together.

"Just like here, right now," Chief (Garrick) Burney said, referring to Lajes Field, Azores. "This is another stopping place on the way along our lives. You just have to stop and take the time to enjoy it."

Though a lot has changed since the Burneys joined the Air Force and met each other, they said one thing has never changed--when it comes to raising a family, Airmen and great leaders in the Air Force, the Air Force always needs good mentors.

Mrs. Burney has vast experience as a former enlisted member, a military spouse and a mother of three children.

Her assignment to Lajes is one of the ways she could continue her commitment to serve, even after retiring.

"As long as I am able to serve and travel, I am in, and this allows me to do that," Mrs. Burney said. "I feel that I have the experiences, after being in the military, and the forethought to continue to tell people that the military, definitely, is a good way of life because we are proof of that. I also want them to know they have a life after the military."

Mrs. Burney said the word sergeant means 'one who serves,' which is exactly what she is still doing here at Lajes.



Cynthia Sumpter, now Mrs. Cynthia Burney, takes a photo during jet engine mechanic training. (Courtesy photo)



WING EVENTS

Friday, April 1 - Top III Bowling Tournament, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 2 - Warrior Day Run, 7 a.m.; Warrior Day 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, April 8 - USAF Family Day

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, April 8

There will be an arena bull fight in the Angra bullring at 8:30 p.m. The admission cost is 12 euros. For further information, contact Senhor Mateus Diniz at 962-803-893.



Col. Jose Rivera, 65th Air Base Wing commander, pins the 30-year service pin on Mr. Guido Melo, 65th Public Affairs photographer, for his dedicated service to Lajes Field and the U.S. Air Force, March. 29. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Girl scout friendship day enhances host nation relations

By April D. Legere

Last Saturday, the Terceira American Girl Scouts spent the afternoon making new friends as they were joined by our Host Nation scouts, the Santa Luzia Scouts of the Azores. Through music, pictures and smiles, the scouts discussed the similarities and differences in their respective organizations. The American Girl Scout Overseas Committee Chair, Kristen Scharf, welcomed the President of the Santa Luzia Scouts into the American family of scouts, by offering her an International Friendship Recognition Pin.

The American Girl Scouts have submitted a package for approval to Girl Scout Headquarters in New York to earn the Lady Baden-Powell Award. The purpose of the Lady Baden-Powell Award is to foster a friendly and productive long-term relationship between American Girl Scouts Overseas and their host country scouting organization (defined by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) as they live together in a country other than the United States. Lady Baden-Powell, the creator of the award, conceived the idea for an International Friendship Award, based upon the five "C's"--Communication, Community, Camping, Crafts and Culture. Throughout the next six months, the combined group of scouts will accomplish their goal of

To read more on "Girl scout" see page 6

LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Paulo Alexander B. Picanco
Rank: WG-05
Unit: Lajes Field Commissary
Hometown: Praia da Vitoria
Duty Title: Store Worker/
Warehouse Staff
Accomplishments: Sr. Picanco is responsible for all frozen food carried in the Commissary. He manages the large freezer to ensure all items are properly received, rotated and stored in correct order. He also assists the

grocery manager in properly stocking the frozen food section. He provides input into the weekly orders from Germany as well as the monthly orders from the U.S. All in all he is responsible to the Commissary officer for over \$400K in frozen food product. He was selected as Employee of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter, 2011.



Name: Kerry J. Mason
Rank: WG-04
Unit: Lajes Field Commissary
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas
Duty Title: Store Worker
Accomplishments: Mrs. Mason is one of the Commissary's 6 U.S. employees. She currently works in the produce department and assists in the deli/bakery department during lunch time. Her ability to adapt and learn new methods, along with her

friendly personality and willingness to assist customers, has made her a great asset to the store. She assists in the ordering, receiving and stocking of the produce department, as well as the grocery and meat departments. She has worked at the Commissary just under one year.

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Terceira American Girl Scouts

The Terceira American Girl Scouts make new friends as they join their Host Nation scouts, the Santa Luzia Scouts of the Azores, at the Lajes Elementary/High School, Mar. 26. Through music, pictures and smiles, the scouts discussed the similarities and differences in their respective organizations. (Courtesy photo)



Women's History Month

More than 30 Team Lajes members attended a breakfast at the base chapel to celebrate Women's History Month, March 29. Women's History Month is celebrated DOD-wide during the month of March. (Photo by Guido Melo)

Weather Brief to Students

Master Sgt. Michael Hanks, 65th Operations Support Squadron weather flight chief, explains different facets of the weather to students at the Lajes Elementary/High school, March 25. He spoke to 156 K-5 graders about how the sun affects weather on the earth, as well as the topics of lightning, hurricanes and tornados. (Photo by Guido Melo)



E-3 Sentry AWACS



An E-3 Sentry landed at Lajes Field, Azores, to refuel before continuing on its mission in support of a broken aircraft, Mar. 25. The E-3 Sentry is an airborne warning and control system aircraft that provides all-weather surveillance, command and control for commanders of U.S. and NATO air defense forces. (Photo by Manuel Martins)



Mark your calendar

A TASTE OF THE NORTHERN COAST: Saturday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. \$39.95/person, 5-12 years of age for \$20. Enjoy vineyards, wineries, and a free bottle of wine. Then on to a basket weaver, a delightful folk museum and church. A wonderful lunch tops off this tour.

FAITH, FISH, EARTH AND CHEESE: Saturday, April 9, 10:30 a.m. \$39.95/person, 5-12 years of age for \$20. You'll visit a pottery shop and Sao Mateus church, taste cheese at the Vaquinha Factory, meet a ceramics artisan and enjoy a seafood lunch.



PRETEEN SCAVENGER HUNT: Saturday, April 9, 4 - 7 p.m. Meet at the Youth Center. Register by April 8. Ages 9-12. Pizza served and prizes awarded. Members \$3 - Non-Members \$5. 535-3273.

GARAGE AND YARD SALES: 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 the 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.

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successful completion through an approved plan of activities to meet the five C's, culminating in a celebration of friendship.

The afternoon activity proceeded with the scouts painting their handprints on a friendship banner, which will be present at all future events. Stay tuned for updates as we embark upon this friendship journey! If you are interested in signing up your daughter for Girl Scouts or as a volunteer, please contact the Oversees Committee Chair, Kristen Scharf, at scharfk@aol.com. You may pick up information at the Airman and Family Readiness Center or the Elementary School front office.

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



- ENGLISH:** I need help? Please call the police!
- PORTUGUESE:** Eu preciso de ajuda? Por favor chame a polícia!
- PRONUNCIATION:** AYOO pruhSEEsOO deh azhoodah? POR fuh VOR SHAHmuh ah pohLEEseeah!

At the Movies



- 7 p.m. Friday - The Eagle (PG-13)
- 7 p.m. Saturday - The Roommate (PG-13)
- 4 p.m. Sunday - The Eagle (PG-13)
- 7 p.m. Sunday - The Roommate (PG-13)

The Eagle: Young centurion Marcus Aquila arrives from Rome to solve the mystery and restore the reputation of his father, the commander of the Ninth Legion. Accompanied only by his British slave Esca, Marcus sets out into the uncharted highlands of Caledonia to confront its savage tribes, make peace with his father's memory, and retrieve the lost legion's golden emblem, the Eagle of the Ninth. Rated PG-13, 114 min.

The Roommate: Sara, a college freshman, finds her safety jeopardized after she's assigned to a dorm room with a deranged roommate. Rated PG-13, 93 min.

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

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CH. 40 (ON-BASE CABLE)
CH. 7 (OFF-BASE SATELLITE & 96.1 FM)

Blue Sedans by Master Sgt. Dominic Dumbra

Question: What is the most invisible vehicle on Lajes Field?
Answer: Blue Sedans with shiny eagles on the front bumper.

Jokes aside, it has been noticed that many are failing to render the proper customs and courtesies to staff vehicles. With "Warrior Send Offs" and "Warrior Returns" becoming common, plan to run across staff cars more regularly. Please pay attention to your surroundings, and be on the lookout for these vehicles. The final point, don't forget when rendering the salute, hold it until it is returned by the (higher) officer or after the vehicle has passed.

ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima
Community Relations Advisor



Azorean symbols explained



The Azores has been an autonomous region since 1976, although being an integral part of Portugal. As such, it created its own symbols, namely a flag, coat of arms and the regional anthem.

The Azorean flag is somehow similar to the former royal Portuguese flag used between 1830 and 1910, except the Portuguese coat of arms was moved from the center to the top left corner of the flag. It features the blue and white colors, and in the center is the golden goshawk under an arch of nine golden stars, which represent the nine Azorean islands. The goshawk bird (Açor) is considered a symbol of the Azores, thus the reason why it appears in the flag.

According to Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, the coat of arms of the Azores is formed by nine gold stars superimposed on a red bordure, representing the nine islands of the Azores. The bordure surrounds a silver shield on which a blue eagle is displayed with wings elevated. The crest is a closed helm surrounded by a wreath, topped by another blue eagle.

The shield is supported by two chained black bulls, each holding a flagpole with Christian symbols. At the very bottom is a banner with the motto "Antes morrer livres que em paz sugeitos" (rather die free than live in bondage), a statement made by Ciprião de Figueiredo in 1582 to Phillip II of Spain, refusing the submission of Terceira Island to the Spaniards in exchange for favors.

