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

Mostly Cloudy
Wind NE 15 - 20 mph
NE 15 - 25 mph
High 72F / Low 63F

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Mostly Cloudy
Wind NE 15 - 20 mph
NE 10 mph
High 70F / Low 61F

Lajes Airmen host Portuguese citizens during 2011 open house

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

Airmen and their Portuguese counterparts shared an inside look of the base with more than 4,000 local community members during an open house held here July 10.

During the open house, members of the community were able to get an up-close look at various aircraft operated by both countries' Airmen for about eight hours.

The event, according to officials here, was held to further strengthen friendships between the military and the local community surrounding Lajes Field.

The open house exalted "the good relationship and cooperation that exists between both commands," said Portuguese Maj. Gen. Vitor Francisco, Azores Air Zone commander. "This is a way to strengthen the mutual cooperation between our two allied nations, where the main objectives of defense and security are common to both."

The event was also a tribute to thank the local community for their continued support for the servicemembers at Lajes.

"Today is a very special day," said Col. Jose Rivera, 65th Air Base Wing commander. "One in which the 65th ABW gets to take time to say 'thank you' to our

Portuguese community for their continued hospitality and graciousness. The dynamic mission here at Lajes couldn't happen without the tremendous partnership between the Portuguese and U.S. Air Forces."

The fun-filled day consisted of static displays, games, face painting, live music, and food.

"It's been a long time since I had the opportunity to visit the base during an Open House," said Catia Arruda, one of the visitors. "For the Portuguese community members, it's a great opportunity to see how things work on base, and to interact with members of the military community working on base."

Some of the Portuguese aircraft on display during the event included a medium lift helicopter, EH-10 Merlin, three F-16 Fighting Falcons, and a P-3 Orion. The Americans showcased a C-5 Galaxy, C-21, C-130 Hercules, and a KC-135 Stratotanker.

While the military working dogs demonstrated their skills, the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron's fire department demonstration and displays also caught the attention of many passersby. Some of the visitors took a trip to see

the classic car show, while others saw a local folklore band perform.

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A local national gets an explanation about an F-16 from a Portuguese airman during the Open House Day July 10. The open house, gave the local Portuguese community an opportunity to visit Lajes Field to get a firsthand view of military life on base. (Photo by Lucas Silva)

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Air Force Legal Assistance Website

By Maj. Christina Jimenez
65th Air Base Wing Judge Advocate



Next time you need a will, power of attorney, or just have a legal question, visit <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>. The Air Force Legal Assistance Website went worldwide on Feb. 1, 2010. The website is designed for active duty and reserve component members, retirees, and dependents.

The website was created to increase efficiency and track client satisfaction with the Air Force legal assistance program. Because it is a public site, clients may access the site's features from the comfort of their homes without a Common Access Card. The site's features include:

■Legal Topics: Short papers on common legal assistance topics such as wills and family law issues. It also contains links to other helpful sites.

■Legal Worksheets: Access to online questionnaires for wills, living wills, and powers of attorney. After completing the online worksheet, the website provides each client a unique "ticket number." Data entered by clients is secure and may be accessed only after clients visit their local legal office and provide their ticket numbers to legal office personnel.

■Online Survey: Following a visit to the legal office, clients are encouraged to provide

feedback concerning the professionalism and helpfulness of our legal professionals.

Many clients have visited a legal office to obtain a will or other legal document, and realize after arriving that they need to gather more information or documents from home. Sometimes clients realize they need to speak with their spouse about an issue. Completing an online worksheet will help minimize these multiple visits. By filling out an online worksheet, clients will be able to consider critical issues online prior to visiting the legal office. After receiving a ticket number, a client may take his/her ticket number to the legal office. An attorney or paralegal will then access a client's data with the ticket number. This will reduce the amount of information the client needs to bring, and allow the legal office to streamline the process to some degree.

While the website increases convenience for clients, everyone should note the following:

■Information on the website is for educational and informational purposes only. The website cannot replace consultation with your local JAG, and Airmen should never rely solely on the website when making decisions.

■Clients will not have the ability to print a legal document (will, power of attorney, etc.) from the website. Clients will need to visit the legal office and provide their ticket numbers to

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Airman wins gold medal in national Taekwondo championship

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

A Lajes warrior from the 65th Security Forces Squadron recently competed in the 2011 U.S. National Taekwondo Championship and came back with a gold and bronze medal.

Airman 1st Class Matthew Dunlap, 65th SFS patrolman, said winning a gold medal in a national competition was a great feeling, despite being out of major competitions for about three years.

"It's been three years since I had been on a competition floor," said Dunlap. "So, it was a big jump going from working military lifestyle to switching back to a competitive mode."

"It was hard practicing because there is no one here that knew how to train, so I had to do all the training on my own," he added.

When Dunlap arrived in San Jose, Calif., for the fight, scheduled for July 2 and 3, he met his former Taekwondo coach, and he was able to get in some more preparation time.

"He helped me out with some training, but when I got on the floor, I was on my own and my 16 years of training kicked back in," said Dunlap.

According to him, fighting and doing well just came naturally.

During the competition, with more than 4,000 competitors, Dunlap competed in the 174-180 pound weight class (which was the welterweight category), and age group of 18



Airman 1st Class Matthew Dunlap, 65th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, competes at the 2011 U.S. National Taekwondo Championship, San Jose, Calif., July 2-3. Dunlap returned with a gold and bronze medal from the competition. (Courtesy Photo)

to 36 years.

Firstly, Dunlap was selected to compete in the grassroots division, which would allow him to advance to the world-class division if he

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Painting is my therapy

By Manuel Martins
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Very shortly after I first began painting in 1991, I enjoyed it so much that I realized it would become my new pastime. At first I just wanted to be able to find time to paint, and then I wanted to share it with other people. Initially, it was scary exposing who I was to people through my art, but soon I realized that painting, as well as any art form, can do much more.

If people concentrate on making money, they'll never feel as though they've made enough. Painting is immensely satisfying, because I suddenly find myself with an idea I can't wait to convey on the canvass. Seeing the inspiration transform into an interesting work of art in a relatively short period of time is very exciting. It may not be discovering the cure to cancer or even the flu, but life is made up of small blessings, too.

Once I've finished a painting, the creative excitement I had gets replaced with the feeling of "I can do better than that." Then comes the retouches for balance or to catch the viewer's attention, or I repaint it because I don't like the way it looks. Once I feel as though there's nothing more I want to add, that's the day the painting is finished.

A painting can bring some color and shape to a living room, and these visual features will make any lifestyle a little better--like a

beautiful sunset. For the painter, satisfaction comes from being creative using many different techniques to grasp people's attention, and to see their interest in your work. The buyer, of course, gets the pleasure of having something unique and beautiful on his or her walls for a long time.

The group of paintings being shown at the Airman Ministry Center could be described as my therapy. Collaboratively, they are the result of many visual ideas that have run through my head. Interestingly, music is a product of sounds representing emotions, whereas paintings are visual images, which more or less embody philosophic ideals. When some people view artwork, they still want to see some kind of visual interpretation of the right way to live or be. There are quite a few books written about this. I hope the paintings at my art show can help others to start painting, or maybe enrich their appreciation of art. I don't paint for art galleries, because I like to keep versatility in my style. For an art gallery, you have to stick to a specific way of painting, and it's suggested an artist sticks to that style if it makes money, even if the artist becomes tired



Sr. Manuel Martins poses in front of one of his paintings during the opening of his art show at the Solid Rock Oasis, July 9, 2011, at Lajes Field, Azores. He has worked at the base since 1972. (Photo by Noélia Jorge)

of it.

Although I do like to sell my paintings, I'm not rich. But I don't like to feel obligated to paint a certain way for the money, while I could paint the other way for my own pleasure.

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won. And that's just what he did. He won his first fight, 7-3, winning a gold medal.

"My first fight was probably my toughest fight," he said. "I didn't have the opportunity to feel the arena and the competition area."

He moved up to the world-class division, where he also won his first fight, 5-3. In the next fight, a second contestant stopped Dunlap from moving on to the next level.

If Dunlap had won that division, he would have advanced to participate in the U.S. National Team trial.

Dunlap said his passion for the sport is one of the reasons he joined the military. He began fighting when he was 5, and after a couple of fights, he fell in love with the sport. His passion to get the best out of it skyrocketed. Since then, he hasn't stopped adding to his medal racks.

Dunlap won his first gold medal when he was 10 in a state championship, and ever since, he has been in more than 12 states championships and three nationals.

"I have been in three world championships," he added. "I have also won a Pan American Championship with a gold medal. The PANAM Games was a big milestone in my Taekwondo career."

In his last year in the world championship, Dunlap was ranked fifth in the World.

Dunlap lost count of the number of medals he had won after about 16 medals.

Dunlap attributes his success to determination, hard work and

drive to keep training despite obstacles. He also said the Air Force physical training exercise helped along the way.

Dunlap has always achieved an excellent score on his PT test.

"Air Force fitness has a big impact on my training," he said. "By participating in Air Force PT and incorporating some of my squadron PT into my training, I got a lot stronger. I am now more aggressive and competitive, and my attacking and defending tactics are executed with more confidence."

Dunlap is so determined to represent the Air Force, that funding a permissive temporary duty out of his own pocket to attend a competition won't deter the Airman from following his dreams.

He spent about \$2,000 just to fund his trip to this recent competition.

"Everything I have done up to this point has been all about how it's going to affect my Taekwondo," Dunlap said. "When I am playing a different sport to keep in shape or training on my own for more than four hours a day... everything I do each day revolves around Taekwondo."

He said winning a gold medal and a bronze after a long absence from major competitions is a testament to his determination to represent the Air Force very well.

"All my friends and people I have competed with over the years were surprised to see me come back, especially representing the Air Force," he said. "They were all surprised to see the Air Force on my uniform. It made me a little more proud to compete because I wasn't representing a local school. I was representing the United States Air Force. It made me stand up taller and hold my head up higher."

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"One of my favorite parts of the event was when the folklore group did its show," said 1st Lt. Mara Title, 65th Air Base Wing public affairs officer. "The dancers came into the audience and invited us to dance."

The local community was able to see firsthand some of the daily aircraft

missions carried out by the Portuguese and American Airmen. For some of the visitors, it was their first time seeing and getting a close-up look at military aircraft systems, and for others, especially those who have regular access to the base, the event better opened their eyes to all the mission entails at Lajes.

The event went without a hitch, and Lajes Airmen look forward to future opportunities to interact with the local community on Terceira.

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obtain their legal documents.

■ The website is designed for client convenience, but no one is required to use the website prior to visiting the legal office.

We look forward to continuing to serve the 65th Air Base Wing community's legal needs, and sincerely hope you find this website

helpful. Again, take a look at the website next time a legal need arises, and feel free to visit the JA office during our legal assistance hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday, or call 535-3546 if those times don't work for you. We value your feedback concerning the website and the services we provide as we continue to look for ways to better serve you. See you soon – and don't forget your ticket number!



Graduates from the Lajes Community College of the Air Force as well as graduates from other colleges, pose for a group photo after the commencement ceremony held at the Top of the Rock Club June 2011. Thirty-two Lajes students graduated during the ceremony. (Photo by Guido Melo)

LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Jose Toste
Rank: LGS-09
Unit: 65th OSS
Hometown: Porto Judeu
Duty Title: Airfield Management Operations Supervisor
Accomplishments: Jose Toste inspects the Lajes airfield for deficiencies to the runway, taxiways and apron pavement, navigation aids and airfield lighting systems. He has been instrumental in ensuring safe

flight operations throughout the 10-month, \$7 million runway resurfacing project. As a testament to Toste's exceptional job knowledge and first-class customer service, he has received "outstanding" ratings on all nine satisfaction questionnaires completed by visiting aircrews.



Name: Jacory Williams
Rank: Senior Airman
Unit: 65th OSS
Hometown: Gadsden, Ala.
Duty Title: Non-Destructive Inspection Journeyman
Accomplishments: Senior Airman Jacory Williams is a shining example of our bilateral relationship with the Portuguese air force. Recently, he tested oil samples from a damaged PoAF Merlin helicopter for possible

contamination. Additionally, he processed oil samples for PoAF F-16s that were flying vital training missions from Lajes field. As a stellar American Airman, he was selected to augment the crisis action team admin section. His talents were quickly validated when he was recognized as a "Superior Performer" during the Lajes Lightning 11-09 exercise.

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



Lt. Col. Shawn Cotton accepts the unit's guidon from Col. Jose Rivera, 65th Air Base Wing commander, during the 65th Operations Support Squadron's change of command July 7. (Photo by Guido Melo)



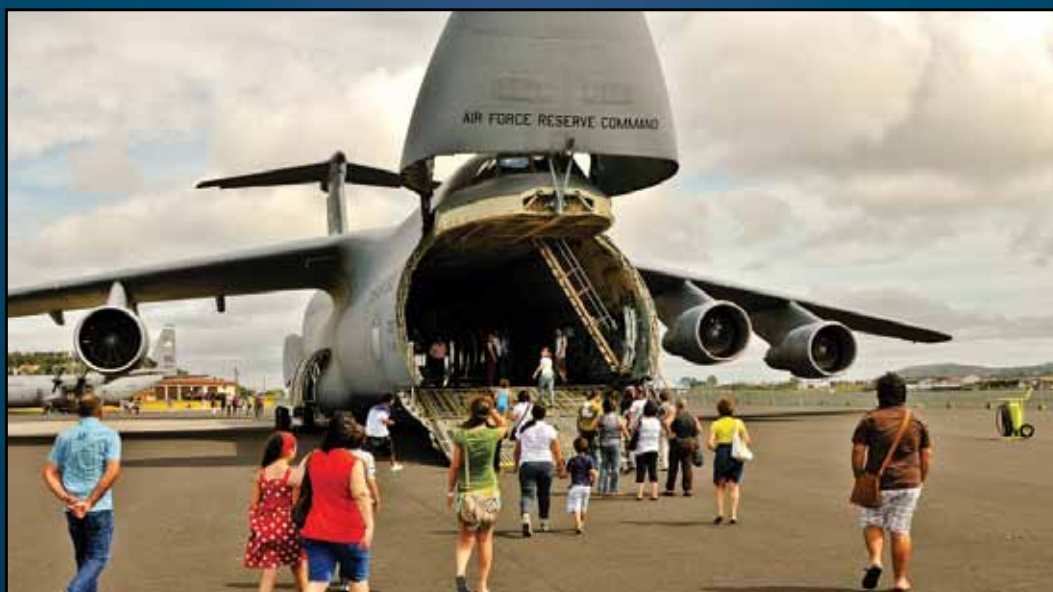
Col. Arch Bruns, 65th Mission Support Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Miller at a change of command ceremony held here July 8. At the ceremony, Col. Miller accepted command of the 65th Communications Squadron. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Members of the "Cantares da Eira," a local folklore band from Vila das Lajes, dance with members of the 65th Air Base Wing and local nationals in a traditional song, called "Balancé," during the open house July 10, 2011. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Cols. Jose Rivera (right) and Alexandre Figueiredo (left) talk to a local reporter from an Azorean TV station during an interview at the open house held here July 10, 2011. Colonel Rivera is the 65th Air Base Wing commander, while Colonel Figueiredo is the Air Base 4 commander. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Members of the local Portuguese Community enter a C-5 for a tour of the interior of the aircraft during the open house Day held here July 10, 2011. The event also coincided with the Portuguese air force's 59th anniversary. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Mark your calendar

GOVERNMENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES: For up-to-date information of government job opportunities available at Lajes, please see the online Weekly Bulletin. You can also contact the Airmen and Family Readiness Center for guidance at 535-4138, and the 65th Force Support Squadron website contains numerous sites on base for additional job information.



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SUMMERQUEST JULY 11 WINNERS

Grand Prizes:

Staff Sgt. Michelle Christmas-Tone (CS), Two night stay for two--Terceira Mar Hotel
Senior Airman Andre Toney (CS), Scuba Certification Course—Anfibius

Second Prizes:

Staff Sgt. Brandon Williams (CS) Scuba Discovers—Anfibius
Senior Airman David Cunning (OSS) Pet Bath--Atlantic Island Kennels
Maria Stastny, 50€ Gift Card--O Garça Restaurant
Staff Sgt. Scott Carnine (CS), Five rentals GamerZ—Community Center
Tech. Sgt. Kevin Cozad, (OSS) \$100 Sports Zone Gift Card
Tech. Sgt. Donna Anchundia (FSS), Birthday Package—ODR

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: I am sorry but I have to leave now. Thanks for everything.

PORTUGUESE: Desculpa mas tenho que sair agora. Obrigado por tudo.

PRONUNCIATION: Desh-kulpeh, mash ten-yo keh say-eer ahgora poor todo.

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Bridesmaids

7 p.m. Saturday - Thor

3 p.m. Sunday - Thor

7 p.m. Sunday - Bridesmaids

Bridesmaids: Picked as her best friend's maid of honor, lovelorn and broke Annie looks to bluff her way through the expensive and bizarre rituals with an oddball group of bridesmaids.

Rated R, 125 min.

Thor: The powerful but arrogant warrior Thor is cast out of the fantastic realm of Asgard and sent to live amongst humans on Earth, where he soon becomes one of their finest defenders.

Rated PG-13, 115 min.

Movie times and schedule are subject to change.

Call 535-4100 for the latest update.

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE



Saturday, July 16: 6:30 p.m. Santa Rita

Saturday, July 16: 6:30 p.m. Ribeirinha

Sunday, July 17: 6:30 p.m. Next to Continente Store in Angra

Sunday, July 17: 6:30 p.m. Ribeira da Aqualva

Monday, July 18: 6:30 p.m. Port of Porto Judeu

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

By Eduardo Lima
Community Relations Advisor



The history of Air Base No. 4, Part 2

In August 1943, based on the ancient alliance existing between Portugal and Great Britain, both countries signed an agreement which granted the British forces military facilities in the Azores.

On Oct. 8, 1943, at the height of war, the British troops arrived in Angra do Heroismo. Thirty days later, the first German submarine was sunk. In February 1944, an agreement with the United States allowed the U.S. Army and Navy to use Lajes. The airfield again experienced a big surge and more runways were constructed, but in 1945 the U.S. moved its installation to the island of Santa Maria, where they built the still existing airport.

The end of the war terminated the use of Lajes by Great Britain, and on June 3, 1946, the Portuguese flag was again hoisted at Lajes. Air Base N.º 4, which the U.S. had relocated from Santa Maria to Terceira after the departure of the British forces. The airfield's configuration underwent more modifications and the base's structure was reorganized. Aircraft such as the Boeing B-17, Douglas C-54, Albatroz SA-16, Sikorsky SH-19 and Dakota C-47 started operating from Lajes, and Air Base N.º 4 was tasked with search and rescue missions.

From 1946 to 1961 Air Base N.º 4 accomplished its missions with dignity and pride, and its role considerably diminished between 1961 and 1976 due to the Portuguese overseas war in Africa.

After undergoing several changes over the years, Air Base No.4 was integrated into the Azores Air Zone Command in 1995 and assigned a mission that included search and rescue, tactical transport and maritime patrol within the Azores' territorial waters. Presently, two EH-101 Merlin helicopters from the 751 Squadron and two Casa C-295M aircraft from the 502 Squadron, both based at Air Base No. 6 in Montijo, are detached at Air Base 4. They play an important role with search and rescue missions in the Atlantic as well as in the support to the local population, namely through humanitarian evacuations and transportation among the islands.

Although Air Base N.º 4's anniversary date is June 12, this year's official celebration took place June 22, 2011, during a military ceremony on the flightline side of the Portuguese Terminal Building.