



Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

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



858
SORTIES

16,741
LODGED



4.7 million
gallons
FUEL ISSUED

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Appointment:

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Base: 911

Off base: 295-571-911

Weekend

Weather Forecast
(Lajes Weather Flight)

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

Mostly Cloudy
Wind N 10 - 15 mph

High 75F / Low 68F

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

Mostly Cloudy
Wind N 10 - 15 mph

High 73F / Low 66F

Attitude equals ORI success



Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Wadsworth, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, checks to see if the hood draw cord of the chemical protection overgarment is properly fastened during a Warrior Day training exercise held at Lajes Field, Azores, June 6, 2011. The 65th Air Base Wing conducts training every month in preparation for an Operational Readiness Inspection in September. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)

By Col. Dave Parr

65th Air Base Wing vice commander

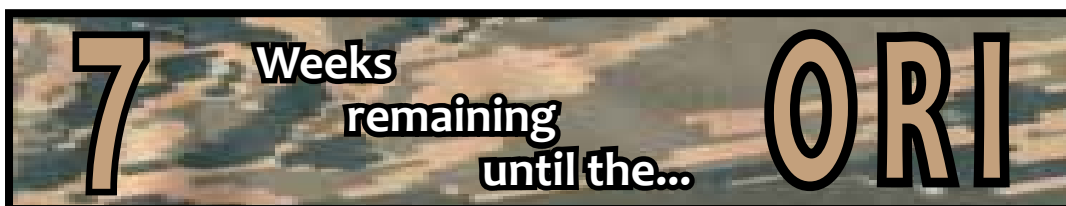
Many Airmen across the base have stopped and asked what they can do to make sure they are ready for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. The Inspector General team from U.S. Air Forces in Europe will arrive on the island Sept. 11, 2011. My answer to each Airman is always the same, "We can be excellent as individuals, but we can only be outstanding as a team."

Having said that, your preparation must begin with your personal individual preparation. This means no detail is too small to check and re-check for 100 percent compliance. For example, if you have dependents on base, your Non-Combatant Evacuation folder must be 100 percent complete and ready. Additionally, if you are one of our 160+ potential deployers that could exercise a deployment during the ORI, your personal mobility bag must be in total compliance with all required items on the packing list--99 percent is simply not good enough. Your deployment folder also must be 100 percent

updated with a current Leave and Earnings Statement, dog tags, and all of the required training certificates and signatures. Furthermore, familiarization with your Airman's Manual and studying the test bank of questions can also not be overlooked. Potentially hundreds of Airmen from across the base will be given 30 minutes to take a multiple choice test, and although you can reference your Airman's Manual, the time limit can make this much more challenging if you haven't thoroughly studied and indexed your manual. If you have any questions as to whether or not you are individually ready, begin with these items mentioned here and get with your Unit Deployment Manager, your supervisor, superintendent, or commander. We are all here to ensure you do well, but preparation must begin with you, the individual, first.

Once you have prepared yourself, the harder challenge is to prepare your teams and squadrons for success. This means being a great Airman and dissecting all of your area's checklists and procedures to make sure

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More than is required

By Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Storms

65th Air Base Wing command chief



I have always been inspired by how our Airmen (uniformed, DOD civilian, local nationals and family members) do more than is required each and every day. The commitment, attitude and enthusiasm to go above and beyond are seen in so many Airmen around the Air Force. This "more than is required" attitude reminds me of times with my son, Tyler, when we talked about his favorite leader, General George S. Patton. I recall reading a quote by General Patton while he was talking about individual initiative: "Never think that you have done enough or that your job is finished. There's always something that can be done..."

something that can help to ensure victory." So what does "more than is required" mean to you?

To me, I think of our Airmen here at Lajes who are working late nights and weekends preparing for the Operational Readiness Inspection. Whether you are preparing mobility folders, completing ancillary training, or responding to a mass casualty incident, you are doing "more than is required" to ensure not only the Air Base Wing's success, but yours as well. You realize the job isn't finished and you want to ensure your part is done. Your training isn't making you do more than is required—it is your commitment to excel, and I thank you!

Thank you for doing more than is required and working to finish the job! Every Airman will have an impact on our success. With your

commitment, positive attitude and enthusiasm, we will garner an "Outstanding" and Lajes Air Base will be better because of you. In closing, I leave you with one last thought from General Patton: "Always be on the lookout for a chance to do something better."



Members of the 65th Security Forces Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Matthew Pease and Airman 1st Class Dustin Blodgett, conduct a vehicle inspection during a Warrior Day exercise held at Lajes Field, Azores, in March. (Photo by Guido Melo)

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

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Commander, 65th Air Base Wing

Three generations of uncompromising service

By Eduardo Lima

65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

"When I was a little kid, I dreamed of being a firefighter like my grandfather and my father, but ended up holding different functions at Lajes Field," said Senhor Brian Feliciano, 65th Contracting Flight procurement technician, as he described his relationship with the base.

Feliciano's family is another example of a three-generation family, that has worked at Lajes Field. His grandfather, Senhor José Feliciano, was a firefighter between 1947 and 1968, and his father, Braulio Feliciano, has also been a firefighter at the Lajes Field Fire Department since 1984.

Feliciano began his career at the base in June 2007, working for the Base Exchange warehouse, and has held other positions before his current job, namely at the Ocean View Island Grill's snack bar and the Outdoor Recreation Office.

"It's difficult to relax at the government purchase card office because there are always different types of work, ranging from assisting cardholders to approving officials. There are also contacts with the local vendors, but it's a fascinating job because it gives me the opportunity to be a liaison between the Air Force and



Brian Feliciano, 65th Contracting Flight, is one of three generations of family members who have worked at Lajes Field. (Photo by Guido Melo)

the local community," Feliciano said regarding his job.

His goals for the future are to improve as a worker and professional in order to better perform his duties.

When he was a little boy, Feliciano spent many summer afternoons observing the fire trucks on base and listening to the stories his father and the other firefighters would tell him. "Now that I work on base, I'm starting to have my own stories which I will certainly tell my daughter when she grows up," he said.

"I'd also like to exalt the importance the American community at Lajes has for the local community, namely through their participation in several cultural activities," Feliciano added regarding his opinion about his employer.

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Lajes Airman helps build bilateral relations in Rwanda

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A Lajes Airman here recently returned from a temporary duty assignment to an eastern African nation once beleaguered with genocide in 1994 that left more than 800,000 people dead.

Master Sgt. Robert Haner, 65th Operations Support Squadron, returned from Rwanda after a 10-day TDY with a team from the 17th Air Force, to help build better partnerships for the U.S. Africa Command and to foster bilateral relations for the United States military and the eastern African nation's military.

Haner, who has been deployed to combat locations, like Iraq, said although he was excited when he found out April 15 about his TDY to Africa, he was "a little apprehensive" when he knew he was going to Rwanda.

Rwanda suffered during the genocide, but today the country is working toward strengthening its economy, borders and building relations.

"I felt extremely safe when I was there," said Haner. "They have the army on street corners every day with AK-47s. They do this because there are still some rebels in the Congo who have caused trouble in the past. It's a good deterrent. We actually stayed in the hotel from the movie Hotel Rwanda, called Des Mille Collines--land of a thousand hills."

This is the first time the Airman visited Africa.

"Africa is not at all what I pictured it was like," Haner said. "It was a beautiful place with so many nice people. They are hard working and dedicated. They truly want to make themselves better. Instead of living in the past, they remember their past, but are trying to learn



(Far right) Master Sgt. Robert Haner, 65th Operations Support Squadron, discusses airfield response and management with three Rwandan servicemembers during his deployment to Rwanda for a 10-day temporary duty assignment. Haner deployed from Lajes Field, Azores, to the eastern African nation July 9. (Courtesy photo)

from it and push forward as a leader in Africa."

During his assignment to Rwanda, Sergeant Haner was part of a team that discussed how the U.S. Air Force operates its facilities

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Contracting--more than a desk job

By Master Sgt. Anthony Weiss
65th Contracting Flight

The 2012 NCO Retraining Program has been released and there are many people throughout the Air Force looking for new jobs. In recent years, one of the most sought after opportunities is the 6C0X1 career field, which is contracting. At first glance, the most attractive reason to join the career field is the high selective re-enlistment bonus (contracting has one of the highest across all zones). However, there is so much more the career field offers than just a high bonus.

Contracting appears to be a boring desk job and many people wonder why there is such a high SRB for this career field. Contracting is a desk job, but it's far from boring. The sole reason for enlisted personnel being in the contracting work force is to deploy.

Most of our deployments are in the joint environment, which gives us the opportunity to have a direct impact on the mission and the warfighter. For example, a recent deployer was responsible for all the construction for 65 forward operating locations in Afghanistan. He spent over \$20 million to repair the roads, which reduced the

improvised explosive device threat and provided better logistics for the personnel in his region. This is just a small example of the impact contracting has on the war efforts.

Home station contracting offers some opportunities that you may not receive in other career fields throughout the Air Force. In contracting you will become an expert negotiator and will bargain with contractors on multi-million dollar requirements. There are also many different business skills that you will learn throughout your time in the career field. The time at home station is used for you to prepare and train for your next deployment.

The other benefits with being in contracting are that you are required to take college courses to earn 24 credit hours in business to complete upgrade training. Also, you will receive additional training through the Defense Acquisition University that will provide you with additional college credit. Finally, you will learn a skill that you can use after your career in the Air Force to earn contracting jobs throughout the federal government and in the commercial world.

So, if you are ready for a challenge, like to deploy and spend a lot of money, then the contracting career field may be for you!



(Left to right) SrAs. Celina Reis and Alexandra Azera, 65th Contracting Flight, greet Dr. Francisco Tavares, Regional Representative to the Lajes Agreement, at the Business Information Meeting, June 2011, Azores, Portugal. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



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they are 100 percent current. Table-top exercises and shop training can be very effective in uncovering areas needing correction. If you have outdated plans in your squadron, bring this to the attention of your supervisor immediately so he or she can make sure the guidance we are following is current and relevant. The Warrior Days and wing exercises are great for uncovering systemic problem areas, but many of these issues should be fixed and updated before a wing exercise ever kicks off. Individual preparation is key, but teamwork is essential.

Last but not least, once you are prepared individually and you have adequately prepared your teams and squadrons, then the icing on the cake will be your attitude toward showing the USAFE Inspector General the true 'Lajes goodness'. This means having passion for what you do and working with drive and determination. During recalls, you need to safely, but with great hustle, report to your duty station. If you are walking with a lack of urgency, you are not giving the inspection 100 percent. Every briefing and contact with any of the inspectors should be very professional and with great enthusiasm.

Col. Rivera and all of us at Lajes look forward to showcasing the great folks we have here at the 65th Air Base Wing, but teamwork, urgency, and attitude are required in order to have a truly outstanding inspection. Now ask yourself, "Am I individually ready, is my team ready, and do I have the right attitude?" If you can't positively answer yes to these three questions, the time to correct any shortfalls is right now! I thank you for what you do every day accomplishing this great mission; now let's go out there with renewed vigor and a passionate attitude and get ourselves and our teams ready for total success! 6-5 in the fight!

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Feliciano is married and has one daughter and a stepson. He is very involved in the local community, especially in the area of sports. He is the president of the local Team Handball Association of Terceira Island and also plays handball games during the winter months.

Both Feliciano and his ancestors' commitment to the mission is just another example of a local family that has served in the wing for many years with dedication and pride.



Senhor José Feliciano (third from left) and other Lajes firefighters participate in an awards presentation at the fire station here in 1960. The award was presented by the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Thomas D. White. (Courtesy Photo)

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during emergencies and disasters.

According to the sergeant, who said he was surprised about how things have grown and changed in the country, they were not in Rwanda to train the country's military but rather to share information and build partnerships.

Haner, an airfield manager at Lajes, said his part was to discuss with the nation's servicemembers how to best utilize their airport and facilities.

"We had a lot of discussions about a variety of topics," said Haner. "They have limited resources and people, but they work well with what they have. They were very hospitable and bent over backwards to make us feel welcomed. Through our discussions they were very interested and grateful that we were able to come there and share our ideas and ways of doing emergency management."

Haner is not a stranger to building bilateral relations. His assignment to Lajes and other European nations, like Turkey and Germany, has given him a background on how to deal with other nation's servicemembers.

"I was able to articulate my message in a very effective way because of my experiences dealing with these other organizations," he said.

Haner's TDY to Africa is one of the ways the Air Force engages and helps build other nations' military services across the world, by showing them how we do business and learning from their experiences.

"This deployment gave them a very good impression of the U.S. Air Force and helped display why we are the best Air Force in the world," Haner said. "It also helped to show that we are here to help others improve and share what we have learned from our own experiences."

LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Alex G. Holycross
Rank: Staff Sgt.
Unit: 65th Communications Squadron
Hometown: Lavaca, Arkansas
Duty Title: Project Implementation Manager

Accomplishments: Staff Sgt. Holycross is an achievement-driven Airman. He and his family arrived on the island six months ago from Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas. He works as a Project Manager handling

projects with a combined value of \$21.4 million. He is also responsible for replacing the outdated Airport Surveillance Radar valued at \$13 million, which will have more advanced capabilities and a reduction in maintenance man-hours and costs. Additionally, he is working on a \$5.3 million High Frequency antenna project, replacing nonfunctional antennas that will restore High Frequency coverage. His positive attitude and strong commitment towards work have been highly recognized by base leadership.



Name: Ana Paula Almeida
Rank: LGS-04
Unit: 65th Communications Squadron
Hometown: Fonte do Bastardo, Terceira
Duty Title: Communication Requirements Clerk

Accomplishments: Sra Paula is a highly motivated 28-year member of 65th CS. She is responsible for validating over 550 communication work orders annually. Sra Paula provides

timely management of work orders supporting 21 base units, and she ensures customers receive prompt and adequate technical responses. She efficiently serves as the lead point of contact for all base commercial lines and manages billing and maintenance of 22 off-base communication circuits. In addition, Sra Paula has enjoyed serving as a committed head-leader volunteer for the Portugal Girl and Boy Scouts for over 22 years. She recently cooked and served for 420 people in celebration of "ACARAL," a Girl and Boy Scouts tradition.

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A Portuguese air force F-16 Fighting Falcon touches down at Lajes Field, Azores, July 8, 2011. An F-16 is a compact, multi-role fighter aircraft, which is used in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. (Photo by Guido Melo)



(Left to right) Emily Erikson, Kaylee Brown and Mya Washington drink non-alcoholic cocktails during a DJ & Cocktail night held at the Lajes Field's Solid Rock Oasis, July 15, 2011. Emily, Kayle, and Mya are daughters of Tech. Sgt. Joseph Erikson of the 65th Operations Support Squadron, Master Sgts. Gary and Erin Brown of the 65th Communications Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Washington of the 65th Contracting Flight, respectively. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Young, 65th Air Base Wing safety NCO in charge, checks for proper checklist items during an inspection of Master Sgt. Heidi Larson's mobility bag at the base gym July 21. The 65th ABW conducted a base-wide mobility-item check and bag-drag exercise as part of a Warrior Day held in preparation for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in September. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Tech. Sgt. Chyrace Campbell, 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs NCO in charge, takes a tour of the island with her family. Terceira offers many sightseeing opportunities for servicemembers at Lajes Field. (Courtesy photo)



Mark your calendar

LAJES FIELD 2011 2ND QUARTER AWARDS BREAKFAST

When: Wednesday 3 Aug 2011 from 0800-0900
Where: TORC Ballroom **Uniform:** Service Dress for all nominees, ABU's/BDU's for attendees **Cost:** \$11 members, \$13 non-members **Menu:** Buffet w/ scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and fruit. Contact your unit POC for tickets.



RECYCLING OF TONERS AND INK CARTRIDGES

Used toners and ink cartridges must be returned to the businesses that sell them, however there's an alternative on base to get rid of them. The Civil Engineer Squadron's Environmental Flight staff has volunteered to receive those toners and cartridges at no cost in Bldg. T-575, and will forward them to the Portuguese International Medical Assistance organization for posterior recycling. AMI makes little profit for each used toner and cartridge, and the amount will be used for its humanitarian services worldwide.

Also, all old electronic devices, i.e. televisions, computers, monitors, etc., can be taken to the Base Exchange warehouse, Bldg. T-800, for recycling. For questions, please contact Senhor Duarte Fainha at 535-6557.

PIANO PLAYER

The Youth Center is looking for a piano player for the Missoula Theatre camp and production Aug. 17-19. This is always a huge success for the youth on base. If they cannot find a piano player, they will have to cancel the camp and production for this summer. Please contact Patty Gill at the Youth Center if interested at 535-3273.

WEATHER CAMS

Travelling around the island and want to know the weather before you go? The Azores Meteorology Center has weather webcams throughout all nine islands. They are accessible from your home and you can see the weather in Angra, Biscoitos and Praia before leaving the house. Visit the following link to view the webcams: <http://www.climaat.angra.uac.pt/WebCams/index.htm>

BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday, July 29: 6:30 p.m. Fonte São Sebastião
Saturday, July 30: 6:30 p.m. Areeiro, Fontinhas
Sunday, July 31: 6:30 p.m. Fonte São Sebastião
Monday, Aug. 1: 9 p.m. Arena bullfight in Angra's bullring
Tuesday, Aug. 2: 6 p.m. Juncal



Feature

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: I am sorry, you have the wrong number.

PORTUGUESE: Lamento ligou para o número errado.

PRONUNCIATION: La-men-tu le'go par-a ohoo new-marh-o ear-rhadew.

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Kung Fu Panda 2

7 p.m. Saturday - Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer

4 p.m. Sunday - Kung Fu Panda 2

7 p.m. Sunday - The Conspirator

KUNG FU PANDA 2: *Po joins forces with a group of new kung-fu masters to take on an old enemy with a deadly new weapon.* Rated PG, 91 min.

JUDY MOODY AND THE NOT BUMMER SUMMER: *Third grader Judy Moody sets out to have the most thrilling summer of her life.* Rated PG, 91 min.

THE CONSPIRATOR: *Mary Surratt is the lone female charged as a co-conspirator in the assassination trial of Abraham Lincoln. As the whole nation turns against her, she is forced to rely on her reluctant lawyer to uncover the truth and save her life.* Rated PG-13, 122 min.

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



ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima

Community Relations Advisor



Praia Fest

This year's Praia Fest will take place July 29 through 7 Aug. in the City of Praia. The festival will include the 12th annual Food Fair featuring several restaurants from mainland Portugal and the Azores. There will be parades, bullfights, sports activities, expositions and musical concerts every night. All parades will take place on the main street, square and waterfront. To read more about the Praia Fest schedule, visit www.festasdapraia.com.

The following are the highlights of Praia Fest 2011. (The schedule of events is subject to change without notice)

July 29--5 p.m. - Inauguration of the 12th Food Fair (tent next to the marina); **6:30 p.m.** - Opening of Arts & Craft Fair (waterfront); **10 p.m.** - Concert by two reunited rock bands from the '60s, "Os Sombras" and "Bárbaros" (waterfront); **11 p.m.** - Opening of Dream Zone music resort, featuring DJs (next to Yacht Club).

July 30--9:40 p.m. - Parade by the marching band from Praia da Vitoria; **9:45 p.m.** - Parade by the official marching group of Praia Fest; **9:50 p.m.** - Opening parade of floats; **Midnight** - Concert by local Latin beat band "Contratempo" (waterfront)

July 31--2 p.m. - Regional Volleyball tournament (Praia beach); **4 p.m.** - Live painting by Zela (waterfront); **9:30 p.m.** - Motorcycle parade; **10 p.m.** - Parade and performance of Mardi Gras dance groups; **Midnight** - Concert by Bruno Walter & friends (waterfront)

Aug. 1--3 p.m. - Boot Camp Challenge (main beach); **5 p.m.** - Live painting by Zela (waterfront); **9 p.m.** - Arena bullfight in the Angra bullring; **10 p.m.** - Parade of folklore dancers followed by performances at the main square; **11 p.m.** - Concert by Portuguese rock band "Os Lábios" (music resort); **Midnight** - Concert by local popular music band "Tinotas" (waterfront)

Aug. 2--6 p.m. - Street bullfight in Juncal; **9:30 p.m.** - Parade of marching bands; **10:30 p.m.** - Concert by the concert bands of Lajes and Praia (main square); **11 p.m.** - Concert by U.S. band from California "Hoobastank" (music resort); **Midnight** - Concert by Azorean popular music band "Ventos da Liria" (waterfront)

Aug. 3--6 p.m. - Street bullfight in Juncal - **10 p.m.** - Parade of marching groups - **Midnight** - Concert by Portuguese hip hop band "Expensive Soul" (music resort)

Aug. 4--9:30 p.m. - Parade of old and new automobiles - **11 p.m.** - Concert by Portuguese rock band "The Gift" (music resort)
Midnight - Concert by Portuguese New Age band "The Bridge Under Water" (waterfront)

For the remainder of the Praia Fest schedule, please see the online Weekly Bulletin at <http://www.lajes.af.mil>.