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**"6-5...
IN THE FIGHT!"
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Saturday (a.m. / p.m.)
Cloudy Rain
Wind S 15 mph
High 75F / Low 73F
Sunday (a.m. / p.m.)
Partly Cloudy / Cloudy Rain
Wind NW 15 mph
S 15 mph
High 72F / Low 72F

A spouse's perspective on 9/11

By Ingrid Bruns
Air Force spouse

Recently, while reflecting on the events of Sep. 11, 2001, President Obama said, "As we mark this solemn anniversary, let's summon that spirit (of unity) once more. And let's show that the sense of common purpose that we need in America doesn't have to be a fleeting moment; it can be a lasting virtue - not just on one day, but every day." He doesn't have to tell this to our military spouse community; we already live by it.

This was never as evident to me as it was on Sep. 11, 2001. My husband, Arch, was stationed at the Pentagon and we lived in a townhouse in Alexandria, Va. Our oldest daughter, Chandler, was in 2nd grade and our youngest daughter, Madison, was in preschool. I had dropped them off at school and was on my way home when I heard about the twin towers on the radio. When I got home, I turned on the T.V. and called Arch to tell him. He had not yet heard the news and was shocked, but was about to go into a meeting, so he said he would call back after the meeting. Next, I called my mom in Pennsylvania and was discussing how awful this was...that was when I heard and felt the impact of that plane as it hit the Pentagon...and the phone line went dead.

I clearly remember the news anchor saying, "We do not want to alarm anyone, but we just heard that another plane has struck the Pentagon." I tried to call Arch, tried to call my mom back, and tried to call a friend, but the phone lines were jammed. I fell to my knees like I had never before, and prayed. This was the worst moment of

my life. I picked up my kids from school--I needed to be in control of something--and hugged them tight. When I got home I saw my next door neighbor in her doorway. Her husband is a doctor and worked near Dulles, not the Pentagon. She had a little girl, age 4, and was seven months pregnant.

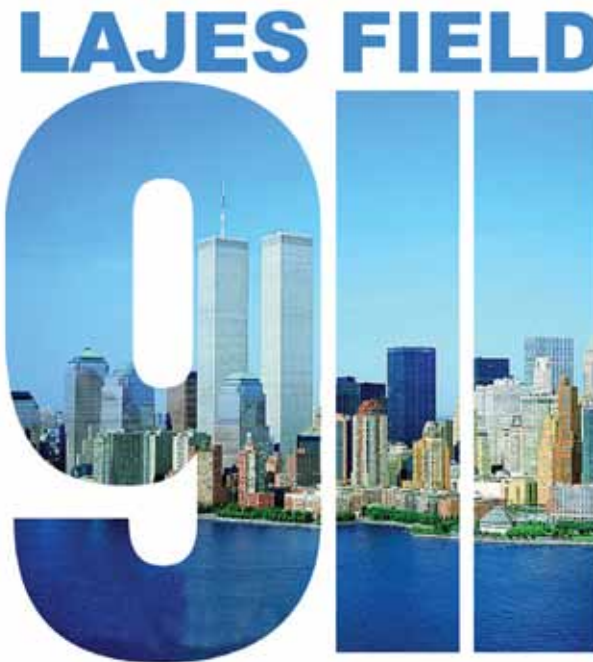
When she saw me pull in, she came out and we just held each other, sobbing. She told me her husband had a meeting

in the Pentagon that morning. We set up the kids in the basement with cartoons and tried to keep each other sane while we waited for some kind of news. It was five hours before I heard from Arch--a quick and crackly cell phone call. It was another three hours for Paula to hear from her husband. He had helped with the triage of casualties--it was his duty as a doctor. Several hours after that, our men finally walked through our doorways, visibly shaken and full of greasy soot. Too many that day, did not.

The next day, despite my wishes to the contrary, Arch went back to the Pentagon, and he and some of his co-workers helped the FBI recover some of the victims. I was terrified and did not want him to leave my sight, but for him, duty called. We, as military spouses, learn some hard lessons early on, like how to say goodbye and wait faithfully for our loved ones to return...whether for a few hours or for many months.

This horrible act of terror brought so many Americans together in unity and had a profound impact on each one of us. Paula and I became even greater friends after that day,

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**Lajes Welcomes the
USAFE IG Team!**



Energy and water conservation

By Lt. Col. David Scharf
65th Civil Engineer Squadron



We are all concerned about the ongoing debate on the future of the military budget. We watch for each article on how it's going to affect our retirement or our health care. We feel hopeless as our representatives in Washington discuss and debate our future.

We are not helpless, though; there are many things we can do to reduce the pressure on the Department of Defense budget, freeing up funds for things like research and development, procurement and even retirement benefits. One of the easiest is energy and water conservation.

Under various executive orders, the DoD (led by outstanding contributions from Lajes) has made great strides in reducing energy use by approximately 20 percent over the past 15 years. Unfortunately during this same time frame the amount of the DoD budget spent on energy has gone up. We can't rest on our laurels of having the best energy reduction percentage in USAFE. Instead, we must continue to find new ways to save.

The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron works funding for large projects, such as more efficient air conditioning, 20 percent more efficient street lights, solar panels for the base pool and gym, etc. However, all of these big fixes cost money and funds are tight. We also do small changes such as LED exit signs, low-flow sinks and toilets, instantaneous hot water heaters, and so on during routine facility main-

tenance. Fortunately, there are many low to no cost things we can do to save energy, water, and ultimately the DoD budget.

The 65th Communications Squadron did a survey a few months ago and found that we had too many printers on base. Most of these printers are for personal convenience, but each one of them burns electricity while sitting idle.

There are a lot of microwaves, refrigerators and coffee pots in individual cubicles, offices or work centers. Each of these burns power while sitting idle as well. Consolidating these into a single break room for the entire building can save a lot of money.

For those fortunate enough to have individual control of their heat and air conditioning, the approved temperature settings are 25C (75o F) with air conditioning or 20 C (68o F) when heating. Please ensure that these systems are turned off when no one is in the building. With our mild climate, it is more energy efficient to turn the systems off than leave them running.

It takes power to make water. Additionally, water is a scarce commodity on our island, despite the rain. The base policy is that you will only water your lawn every other day (even days for even-house numbers, odd days for odd-house numbers). Lawn watering should not occur between 10 a.m.-3 p.m., or when it is very windy due to the high rate of evaporation. You need to ensure your sprinkler is just watering the grass, not the sidewalk, driveway and street. Finally, you should always use a nozzle

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Airmen, and a changing Air Force

By Chief Master Sergeant Curtis C. Storms
65th Air Base Wing command chief

"Wow, the Air Force sure has changed since I retired!" I hear this comment quite often as I run into the warriors who came before me and have since retired. Some discuss the ongoing wars while others focus on the force shaping they have seen. Benefits and entitlements are always a hot topic as well. Regardless of the discussion on the changes they have seen or see happening today, all of them are honorable men and women who have weathered change at some point in their service, just as those of us in uniform are doing today.

No matter what the topic of discussion, these warriors are right--the Air Force has changed. A quarter of a century ago we were double our current size as an Air Force and fighting the Cold War. The words "deployment" and "expeditionary" were terms that a young Airman rarely heard. Today, America's sons and daughters who join our expeditionary Air Force will at some point contribute to the approximately 215,000 Airmen directly connected to the fight against terrorism. "Deployment" and "expeditionary" will be words they hear often, and our Airmen, even with a smaller force than in years past, continue to answer our nation's call.

As our Air Force continues to be "right-sized"

for the mission, we find ourselves having to make tough choices within our constrained budget. The budget for the military is and has been tightened over the years, and we all need to be part of the solution and not the problem. The changes we face today are similar to the changes needed in years past, and they are as necessary today as they were then. Tough choices had to be made and cost cutting decisions were implemented. Many of the changes or decisions we face today will not be popular, yet I have no doubt we will be better with the changes we will make. Our Airmen will adapt and overcome just as we have in years past.

Change is always happening around us. Some change we fight and some we embrace, but either way, change is going to happen. I have been in the Air Force for over 25 years, and I have seen a lot of change. I have had several opportunities to move on or even retire when change was implemented in our Air Force, but I still find myself proudly serving today.

Change is happening again in our Air Force, and I have complete trust in our leadership that they will put "mission first and Airmen always!" at the forefront of their decisions. We are the best Air Force in the world, and I am confident in a few years when I'm retired, I will be able to say with pride, "Wow, the Air Force sure has changed since I was in!"

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.



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Team Lajes supports diverted Canadian P3

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

Lajes Airmen lent a helping hand to a Canadian P-3 Orion after an in-flight emergency was declared by the aircraft commander, and the aircraft had to land at Lajes Field Aug. 23.

The P3 was on its way to Canada when the incident occurred.

The 65th Operations Support Squadron and the Portuguese airmen supported the Canadian crew during their stay at Lajes to fix the aircraft.

With six members and a crew commander, the Canadian air force brought five aircraft to refuel at Lajes Aug. 22, but after taking off, one of the aircraft could not continue with them due to oil leakage.

The Lajes air traffic control tower was notified. When Lajes received the call there was an in-flight emergency, Airmen began preparation for the P-3 return. All other supporting base agencies received a notification

about the P-3.

The 65th OSS transient alert Airmen was one of the units which supported the grounded P-3.

“When the P-3 came back, we provided towing and ‘follow-me’ support,” said Ronald Hague, F-16 crew chief with the 65th OSS transient alert team. “We took the aircraft where it needed to be so that the maintenance crew could have time to fix it.”



A Canadian P-3 Orion sits on the Lajes ramp after an in-flight emergency Aug. 23, 2011. The grounded aircraft was on its way to Canada when it returned to Lajes due to oil leakage. Lajes Airmen supported the Canadian maintenance crew with aircraft ground equipment and transient alert service. (Photo by Lucas Silva)

In order to repair the damaged oil seals, the parts were flown from Canada to Lajes, which took a few days to accomplish. After the crew fixed the aircraft, they were able to depart Lajes Sept. 3 for their final destination.

According to Staff Joshua Bond, an incident or a mission like this is an opportunity for Airmen here to bolster bilateral relations between the U.S. Air Force and other nations’ forces.

“We get to meet people from around the world,” Bonds said. “And we get to share stories about our experiences; I think that is pretty cool.” And this is just one day in the life of a Lajes Airman.

Lajes... simply OUTSTANDING!

Need to know fire extinguisher information!

1. Before purchasing any fire extinguisher, please contact the fire protection authority, per AFOSH 91-56 chap.2.4.4.
2. Make sure your fire extinguishers in your facility are up to par.

Fire extinguishers will be inspected for the following:

- Location in designated place
- No obstruction to access or visibility
- Pressure gauge reading or indicator in the operable range (Green)
- Invert fire extinguisher 2-3 times to agitate the dry chemical
 - This will allow the person to check weight ensuring it is full
- Safety seals and (or) tamper indicators not broken or missing
- Check tag or label attached to the extinguisher that indicates when the last 6-year maintenance or the 12-year hydrostatic test was last conducted
- No obvious physical damage, corrosion, and leakage of the discharge hose (dry rot or splitting) and make sure nozzle is clear of obstructions
- On the monthly inspection sticker, put your Initials and date of inspection conducted



If you have any questions, please call Sr. Jorge Estrela @ 961-246-556 or 535-1495 or e-mail: jorge.estrela@lajes.af.mil

Commissary News



DeCA has introduced a new way for you to pass the savings on to other commissary patrons with the new \$25 and \$50 dollar gift cards. They are replacing the old \$25 dollar gift certificates the commissaries use to have. The cards are already out at the registers and they work much like the gift cards you can purchase in the U.S. for restaurants and stores. They make great gifts for birthdays, holidays and emergencies! No matter what commissary they may be purchased from, they can be used at any U.S. or overseas military base commissary. It's just another way DeCA is making your shopping at the commissary easier and worth the trip!



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and we still keep in touch. I can also thankfully say that about many of my military spouse friends. We become friends for many reasons, but especially because of our common experiences. We all have our own story, but our military families all seem to have at least one common thread that binds us so

tightly. Look around the base--there are spouses here at Lajes who will share your joys and your sorrows with you; they will dry your tears and celebrate your milestones. You will probably cross paths with at least one other spouse from this assignment later on in your travels...and what a blessing that will be! Embrace your fellow spouses and support each other-- I guarantee that you will be making some of the best friends of your life!



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with a shut-off when washing your car to prevent wasting water. October is energy awareness month, and we will have some displays, plus activities at the school. However, if we want to help the DoD budget and our retirement and health care, our Outstanding Wing can implement many simple no-cost measures right now.

Upcoming New Class!

The University of Maryland University College Europe has an upcoming on-site class that may be applicable to your degree plan! This class is run in a compressed format and will be completed in only 6 days of class--3 weekends and you're done! Classes will be held Sep. 24-25, Oct. 1-2 and Oct. 22-23.

HRMN302-Organizational Communication studies the structure of communication in organizations with a goal of applying the theory and examples to improve managerial effectiveness in communication and negotiation. Problems, issues and techniques of organizational communication are analyzed through case histories, exercises and projects.

This course can be applied to the following degree plans: Management Studies-Required core course, Communication Studies-Supplemental major course, Business and Management Curriculum AA-Management-related course, Management Studies Curriculum AA-Management-related course, Business Administration-Supplemental major course, Minor in Business Administration, Human Resource Management-Supplemental major course, and Minor in Human Resource Management.

Please call Scott Erwin, 535-4187, if you are interested in signing up for this class. Thank you!

Master Sgt. Carlos Nurse, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, runs on the base track during a routine exercise session at Lajes Field, Azores. Sergeant Nurse recently scored a 100 percent on his PT test, and he set a 1.5-mile run-time record. He completed the run in 8 minutes, 49 seconds. His name will be added to the Lajes' "hall-of-fame" outstanding PT board located at the base fitness center. (Photo by Lucas Silva)

LAJES WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Name: Paulette Burnard
Rank: GS-09
Unit: 65th FSS
Hometown: San Francisco, Cal.
Duty Title: Alternate SARC
Accomplishments: Paulette Burnard was appointed Alternate Sexual Assault Response Coordinator in 2010. In the absence of the SARC, she serves as the ABW/CC consultant for all sexual assault issues. She leads Bystander Intervention

Training, directs the sexual assault response team, coordinates victim care and ensures a victim support system exists 24/7. Her full-time position is marketing director for the 65th Force Support Squadron. Ms. Burnard featured Sexual Assault Awareness Month guest speakers on the Commanders Access Channel "Lajes Now" talk show. This show complimented and enhanced base-wide awareness events. Ms. Burnard will serve as full-time SARC from October 2011 to Feb 2012.



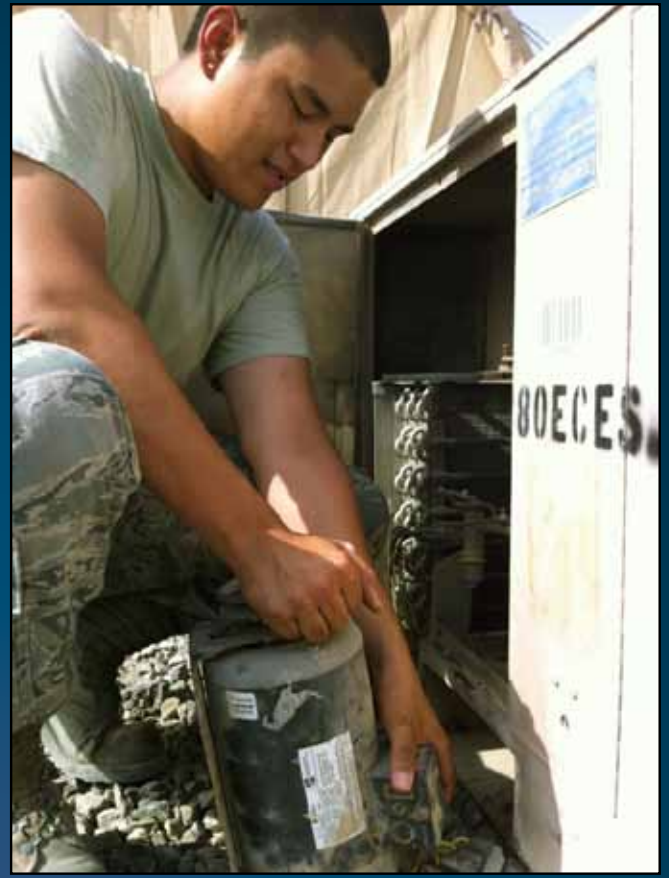
Name: Cyлина Kendrick
Rank: Staff Sgt.
Unit: 65th ABW
Hometown: Madison, Wis.
Duty Title: NCOIC, Wing Command Section
Accomplishments: Staff Sgt. Kendrick is a rock-solid member of the 65th ABW command team. She provides administrative assistance for all Lajes Airmen and is the coordinator of the wing staff

meeting. Sgt. Kendrick's tenacity has been vital to WSA's preparation for the upcoming ORI. She has excelled as the Unit Deployment and NEO Manager, revitalizing programs from the ground up. Additionally, she is a key member of the WSA Unit Control Center and Warrior Day event organizer.

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



Members of the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department pack the fire hose after participating in an exercise, which evaluated their response to a fire mishap at Lajes Field, Azores, Aug. 31, 2011. A team of military and civilian members at the fire department worked together to accomplish the Lajes Field mission. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Airman 1st Class Eric Adams replaces a condenser unit at a deployed location in Al Dhafra Aug. 6. Airman Adams is deployed from Lajes Field, Azores, and is assigned here to the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron. (Courtesy photo)



Lajes' newest promotees pose for a photo after being presented their stripes in a ceremony here Aug. 31, 2011. (Photo by Lucas Silva)



Mark your calendar

5-K RUN COMMEMORATING SEP. 11: On Sept. 9, there will be a 5K run; show time is 7:00 a.m. at the Fitness Center. Registration is required for military members to be eligible for awards. If you would like to be eligible for the awards given at the end, you must preregister with your unit's POC. Everyone else may register the day of the event. If you have any further questions, please call 535-5177.



9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY: A Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. at the Base Chapel Friday, 9 September 2011. Uniform: UOD (Military) or Business Casual (Civilians) POC: Capt Mark Paine, DSN 535-6206.

MUSICAL CONCERT AT "RAMO GRANDE": The musicians Adriana Ferreira, on flute, and Isolda Rubio on piano will be on concert at "Ramo Grande" theater, Praia da Vitória, on Sept. 10 at 9:30 p.m.

NEW JOINT PASS AND ID: The 65th Security Forces Squadron and our Portuguese EPA partners are pleased to announce the new Joint Pass and Registration Office, which is located at the Main Gate Visitors Center. The Center was scheduled to begin operations on Tuesday, August 30, 2011.

This new venture will process all U.S. licensing and vehicle registration procedures as well as base pass requests for visiting family and friends. The hours of operation are as follows: Monday - Friday: 0800-1145 and 1300-1535 Closed on all Portuguese Holidays. Please call 535-4786 or 535-3259 for more information.



BULLFIGHT SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 9: 6 p.m. Ribeira Seca, S. Sebastião
 Saturday, Sept. 10: 6 p.m. Ribeira Seca, S. Sebastião
 Saturday, Sept. 10: 6 p.m. Picão, Vila das Lajes
 Sunday, Sept. 11: 6 p.m. Vinha Brava, Conceição
 Sunday, Sept. 11: 6 p.m. Estrada 25 de Abril, Santa Cruz
 Monday, Sept. 12: 6 p.m. Pico da Serreta
 Monday, Sept. 12: 6 p.m. Cerrado da Nasce Água, Conceição
 Monday, Sept. 12: 6 p.m. Penha de França, S. Pedro
 Wednesday, Sept. 14: 6 p.m. Largo da Igreja, Serreta



Feature

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: Where is a good place to watch the parade? Go to the main street.

PORTUGUESE: Aonde é um bom lugar para ver o cortejo? Vai para a rua principal.

PRONUNCIATION: Ah onde ay oom boom loogar parah ver o cortejo? Vah parah ah huah preencepal.

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Harry Potter 7

7 p.m. Saturday - Zookeeper
(No matinee on Sunday)

7 p.m. Sunday - Harry Potter 7



HARRY POTTER 7: The end begins as Harry, Ron, and Hermione go back to Hogwarts to find and destroy Voldemort's final horcruxes, but when Voldemort finds out about their mission, the biggest battle begins and life as they know it will never be the same again... Rated PG-13, 118 min.



ZOOKEEPER: The animals at the zoo adore their caretaker. Finding himself more comfortable with a lion than a lady, he decides he should leave the zoo and get a life. When the zoo animals discover his plan they decide to break their code of silence and reveal their biggest secret. Rated PG, 102 min.

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

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ASK ED

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

By Eduardo Lima

Community Relations Advisor



Is there a type of song or music that is peculiar to Portugal?

The Portuguese were once called the "Heroes of the Sea" because of the discoveries and conquests they carried out. The type of song or music that is most characteristic of Portugal is called "fado," a music genre characterized by mournful tunes and lyrics that originated some centuries ago, according to some chronicles.

The word "fado" means fate or destiny, and its music is at the heart of the Portuguese soul.

Fado's origin is difficult to ascertain, but according to the Wikipedia encyclopedia, it probably comes from a mixture of the laments of the African slaves blended with the traditional music of Portuguese sailors and Arabic influence. Other theories relate fado's origin to the music of the Brazilian slaves who were brought by sailors around 1820.

There are two main varieties of fado—from the cities of Lisbon and Coimbra. The Lisbon style is more popular and with more rhythm, whereas the one from Coimbra has the characteristics of ballads and is more romantic.

The modern style of fado is still very popular in Portugal and has produced many renowned musicians and singers. Fado is usually sung by men or women and accompanied by the Portuguese guitar, a 12-stringed instrument, and the classical guitar. In recent years, more instruments have been added to the performances such as the piano, violin and accordion.

Like other forms of music, such as the American blues or the Argentinean tango, fado cannot be explained; it must be felt and experienced. Fado has been often described as the Portuguese blues.

Portugal has had many famous fado singers like Alfredo Marceneiro, Maria Teresa de Noronha or Amália Rodrigues. The latter was considered the diva of fado, worshiped at home and celebrated abroad as the most famous representative of fado. Some of the famous musicians included Carlos Paredes, Artur Paredes or Antonio Portugal.

Fado music, although not as much celebrated now as some decades ago, is still popular. Today, there is a new wave of fado performers who have added a new style and brought international popularity to the traditional Portuguese music, such as Mariza, Mísia, Camané, etc.

This form of music can be heard throughout the country, but especially in the city of Lisbon, where there are restaurants and night clubs that present exclusively fado performers. Those are places where people can go and taste a good Portuguese traditional meal or just have a drink, while listening to this unique form of Portuguese culture.