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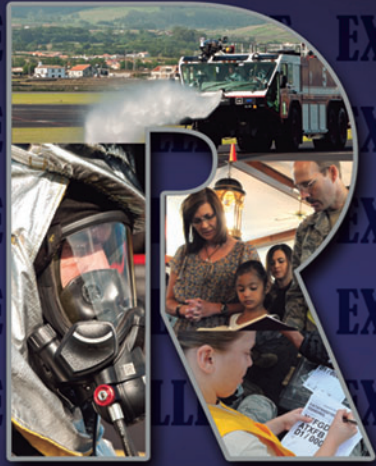
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...in all we do!

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Medically Fit for the Fight

On Sept. 9, 2011, more than 80 Lajes Field members were tasked to demonstrate the base's deployment capabilities as part of the Operational Readiness Inspection Phase I.

Words from the Command Team

The Air Force standards are very high when it comes to an Operational Readiness Inspection; couple this with a Unit Compliance Inspection, and many would say it's a formidable foe. But you, the Airmen of Team Lajes, didn't hesitate one bit when you took on the first combined ORI and UCI in the United States Air Forces in Europe. You held your heads high and led us to victory with an EXCELLENT rating. We're honored to serve with you, and are so proud to be a part of the rock! 6-5...In the Fight!--Col. Jose Rivera, Commander, 65th Air Base Wing, and Chief Master Sgt. Curtis Storms, Command Chief, 65th Air Base Wing.



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Geared up & ready

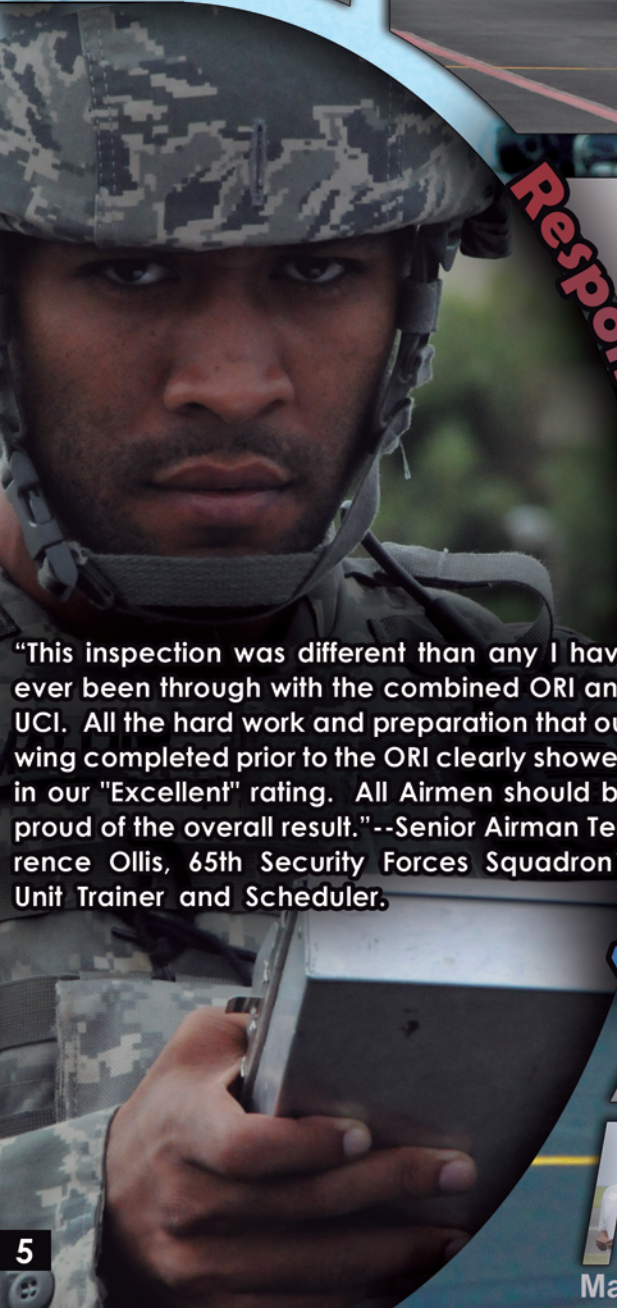
"My job is very important to ensure the safety of the members deploying by issuing them equipment, such as flak vests, gas masks, J-list suits and other required equipment."--Staff Sgt. JaVona Tarpley, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in charge of individual protection equipment.



Spouses contribute to exercise.

"The biggest benefit that came out of the ORI was our involvement with other units. Working with other units while prepping for the inspection made Lajes a better base. After doing a bunch of MAREs together before the ORI, the Fire Department, the 65th Medical Group and Security Forces Squadron Airmen all worked a lot better together during the inspection."--Senior Master Sgt. Quentin Mulholland, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron's Fire Chief.





Responding without delay



"This inspection was different than any I have ever been through with the combined ORI and UCI. All the hard work and preparation that our wing completed prior to the ORI clearly showed in our "Excellent" rating. All Airmen should be proud of the overall result." --Senior Airman Terrence Ollis, 65th Security Forces Squadron's Unit Trainer and Scheduler.

MARE

Major Accident Response Exercise



Lajes **Airmen** did it with **EXCELLENCE**



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