

65 FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

The 65 Force Support Squadron enables expeditionary forces by providing quality support for more than 2,500 military, U.S. and Portuguese civilian and dependent personnel through family readiness, military personnel, civilian personnel, manpower, education and professional development services.

The 65 FSS also serves the recreation, morale and general welfare of Lajes military personnel, civilian employees and their families as well as more than 30,000 transients every year; is responsible for 59 facilities and more than \$150 million in assets, including 196 lodging rooms; and directs mortuary affairs and maintains a 11-person search and recovery team.

LINEAGE

65 Mission Support Squadron constituted
Activated
Redesignated 65 Force Support Squadron

STATIONS

Lajes Field, Azores

ASSIGNMENTS

65 Mission Support Group

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

OPERATIONS

6/10/2009 - LAJES FIELD, Azores -- Emotions were high as people gathered at the Top of the Rock Club at Lajes Field during an inactivation and re-designation ceremony, June 9. As the chapter for one squadron closed, a new chapter opened for a new squadron here, as the 65th Services Squadron inactivated and the 65th Mission Support Squadron was officially redesignated as the 65th Force Support Squadron. "It truly is a historic day," said Col. Roderick Dorsey, 65th Mission Support Group commander, the presiding officer of the ceremony.

"Here at Lajes the Force Support Squadron will have the first civilian director of a squadron in (United States Air Forces in Europe)," said Maj. Michael Coleman, former 65th SVS commander.

Mr. Jeff Adams, 65th FSS director, accepted leadership making him the first director of the newly formed 65th FSS, which marks the completion of the merger of the 65th SVS and 65th MSS. "Customer service is job number one," said Adams in regard to what the 65th FSS will do here at Lajes Field. The FSS here will be made up of five flights, which were part of the units in the prior squadrons whose missions closely relate to each other, comprising over 30 activities. On the surface, nobody should see any difference in the support or activities that they enjoy here at Lajes Field, said Adams. The only change is the restructuring of two organizations into one.

For Major Coleman this day marked the end of the services squadron here. As he thanked the members of his command for all they have done in supporting him while he was here, he reminded them that since the inception of the squadron lineage in 1952, to its current mission which started in 1998 to the inactivation of the squadron, that "the true measure of success of a unit is the hard work and dedication of the men and women in that unit." This day also marked the last day of command of the squadron as the 65th MSS for Lt. Col. Peter Pollock. As he thanked the members of his squadron for all their hard work he reminded them of their squadron motto "Strength and Honor" and how they would be moving on into the new 65th FSS. He also provided a heartfelt thank you to his local national employees, which he delivered entirely in Portuguese that garnered a few laughs from the Portuguese, who were in attendance, because of the colonel's accent, but it was apparent to those who were there that they were touched by the sentiment. As this new chapter of history of Lajes Field starts, Adams stated that people can still expect the same excellent service that everyone is used to and that, "the FSS is all about great people doing great things."

Mr. Jeffrey Adams assumes leadership of the newly formed 65th Forces Support Squadron from Col. Roderick Dorsey, commander of the 65th Mission Support Group, during The 65th Force Support Squadron activation ceremony at the Top of the Rock Club, Lajes Field, Azores, on June 9, 2009. The Services and Mission Support Squadrons are merging into FSS in order to streamline processes, maximize customer service and cut costs associated with maintaining separate organizations.

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