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COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

It has been noticed recently that there continue to be aircraft delays in the commissary and mail shipments. These delays then cause stock at the commissary to be depleted. What are the reasons for the delays and is anything be done to fix this?

We understand that there have been issues with air cargo arriving on time. This stems from a variety of issues related to aircraft delays. At Lajes, we are normally the fourth leg of a scheduled weekly resupply mission. Being the fourth stop brings with it an increased probab-

ility of an aircraft delay. There are a variety of circumstances that can cause an aircraft to be delayed such as bad weather, airfield operating hour limitations, diplomatic clearance denials, aircrew availability, and maintenance issues. However, leadership is continuing to work with the appropriate agencies to alleviate issues with delayed cargo in the future.

Additionally, this week's KC-10 was delayed again and leadership at the 729th AMS and the Wing worked with Air Mobility Command to address the issue. In response to the issue, AMC generated another aircraft to ensure our cargo arrives.

Lajes' couple Step Up, Step In to save life

By: Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf
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There is always the potential of one moment turning an ordinary day upside down. It is in that moment where there is a separation between bystanders and individuals that step up and step in. For one Lajes' couple, that moment arrived and they were ready. At the end of an ordinary workday, Tech. Sgt. Jamie Gielczowski, 65th Force Support Squadron manpower analyst, and his wife Laura Gielczowski, Protestant education coordinator at the base chapel, were heading home. All of a sudden a green hatchback in

front of them stalled out and started rolling backwards. Two screaming women immediately exited the hatchback holding a baby. The only word the Gielczowskis could understand was, hospital, and they knew something was wrong. Laura jumped out of the truck, ran towards the women and was handed a motionless little girl. Laura told the mother to get in the truck and they drove to the emergency room. "I was so focused on making sure that (the mother) and the baby were ok," Laura said, "Let's just get them there, that was all I was focused on."

As they drove off Tech. Sgt. Gielczowski used hand gestures and told the mother to lay the baby flat to open up the airway. Despite the language barrier, the mother understood. When emergencies arise it's easy to let a situation become overwhelming. It benefits everyone to remain calm and focused. "I think the reason I stayed so calm was because Jamie was giving such good instructions," Laura said. At one point Tech. Sgt. Gielczowski looked in the rear view mirror and saw the baby

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First AF female general paves way for military women

By: Air Force Office of Special Investigations Public Affairs Office

Jeanne M. Holm was the first woman in the armed forces to be promoted to the rank of major general in 1973, and is credited as single driving force in achieving parity for military women and making them a viable part of the mainstream military.

Holm was born in 1921, in Portland, Ore., and enlisted in the Army in July 1942, soon after the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was established by Congress. She attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and in January 1943 received a commission as a "third officer," the WAAC equivalent to second lieutenant.

During World War II, Holm was assigned to the Women's Army



Corps Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she first commanded a basic training company and then a training regiment.

At the end of the war, she commanded the 106th WAC Hospital Company at Newton D. Baker General Hospital, W.Va. She then left active military duty in 1946 and attended Lewis and Clark College for two years, returning in 1956 for her Bachelor of Arts degree.

In October 1948 during the Berlin crisis, she was recalled to active duty with the Army and went to Camp Lee, Va., as a company commander. The following year she transferred to the Air Force, when a new law integrated women in the regular armed forces, and was sent to Erding Air

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Happy First Day of Spring

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Depot, Germany.

Holm served in a variety of personnel assignments, including Director of Women in the Air Force from 1965-1973. She played a significant role in eliminating restrictions on numbers of women serving in all ranks, expanding job and duty station assignments for women, opening ROTC and service academies to women, and changing the policies on the status of women in the armed forces. For her exceptionally meritorious service in this assignment; she was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

On March 1, 1973, Holm was appointed director of the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council.

She was promoted to the grade of brigadier general July 16, 1971, the first woman to be appointed in this grade in the Air Force. She was promoted to the grade of major general effective June 1, 1973, with

date of rank July 1, 1970.

The general retired in 1975. She served three presidential administrations: special assistant on women for President Gerald Ford, policy consultant for President James Carter and first chairperson of the Veterans Administration's Committee on Women Veterans for President Ronald Reagan.

In recognition of General Holm's pioneering career, Air Force officials renamed the Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., the Jeanne M. Holm Officer Accession and Citizen Development Center in June 2008. Its mission is Air Force officer recruitment and training within the Air University.

Holm authored two books about women in the military. "Women in the Military: An Unfinished Revolution" came out in 1982 and was updated in 1994. Four years later she wrote "In Defense of a Nation: Servicewomen in World War II."

Holm died Feb. 15, 2010.

Base Announcements

2015 Total Force Climate Survey 13 March - 27 Apr 15

The Air Force Credentialing Opportunities Online (AF COOL)

Program:

Base Honor Guard

Eagle Eyes

GTC Payment Options

Expanded Influenza Vaccine Available

New housing website

All members PCS'ing from Lajes Field with Privately Owned

Vehicle (POV)

TMO Information

Civilian Personnel Newsletter

Non-command sponsored dependents memorandum

BAH Revalidation Required for All Airmen

65th Medical Group Closed for Training 2nd Tuesday of Each Month

JA Tax Center Opens

Protestant Service combined into one service at 1100

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Community Events

AFAF Kick-off Bowling Tournament March 27

Women's History Month Luncheon March 27

Wing Promotion Ceremony March 31

USAFE Family Day 3 April

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Island Events

Concerts

Movies:

Angra Theater (Located at Angra Cultural Center)

Praia Theater

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