

I love the military chips.

I got this one in a lot of 15 new hubs a couple weeks ago. No traders but if you are a military chip collector, I would advise you to grab this one if you see it. Only 50 of the \$10 made. There is also a white no denom chip. I need it.

A lot of history here from the "Cold War" days.

I joined the Army two years after these chips were made.

Ft Benning, Ga - Bamberg, Germany, Ft Knox, KY- Mustered out after a 2 month extension for the Cuban missile crises.



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Thanks to JK for the APO info.

The 1605th Field Maintenance Squadron was based at Lajes Field.

The APO 406 was for Lajes Field, Terceira, Azores Islands between 10-XX-46 until re- designated 09406 in 01-01-65. (XX indicates unknown day).

The 1950s were a time when the world was faced with a communist threat and the Cold War was in its infancy. To meet the needs of this growing threat, the young U.S. Air Force positioned aircraft in Western Europe as a deterrent.

Small airfields in Europe became large air bases, and the flow of aircraft, personnel, and material was continuous across the Atlantic. The importance of Lajes as a mid-Atlantic refueling station proved valuable. This was a great time

of expansion for Lajes Field. The mission, personnel, and the base were growing, but as Lajes Field entered the decade of the 1950s, the 1605th Air Base Group was heading the U.S. military activities in the Azores. U.S. Air Force leaders felt a wing would be the best organization to keep pace with the growth.

On 11 August 1952, Headquarters Atlantic Division initiated correspondence to Headquarters, Military Air Transport Service requesting that the 1605th Air Base Group be permitted to enlarge to Wing status. The justification for this was that the group organization was unrealistic and inadequate to effectively accomplish the mission of the Azores Air Transport Station (as Lajes was referred to). Also, Headquarters Atlantic Division felt that the location of the Group in a foreign country involved problems of liaison with local government and military activities and that the prestige of the Command would be greatly enhanced by the establishment of a Wing. Permission was granted and on 1 February 1953, the 1605th Air Base Group was re-designated as the 1605th Air Base Wing.

Much more info here:

<http://www.lajes.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=4002>

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