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ARE YOU UP FOR THE TASK?

Lajes Honor Guard upholds tradition, dignity

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

Practice, practice and more practice is a key trait that keeps the 65th Air Base Wing Honor Guard members up to the perfection needed to carry out their details, which include color guard, flag retirement and other honored events and ceremonies.

Every movement of the routine has to be perfect - each hand moving at the same time and each rifle expertly positioned in the same manner. More practice and more motivated participants are needed to achieve the level of perfection that is required by the Lajes Honor Guard team.

But there is currently a shortage of volunteers to represent the Lajes Honor Guard team in events and ceremonies.

Consequently, the Lajes Honor Guard team needs sharp members and volunteers who are dedicated to be part of its weekly practice in order to keep on upholding the military honor, tradition and dignity and meet up with the demand of details available while stationed at Lajes.

Apart from looking for sharp members, the position of the officer in charge is currently open for officers or Senior NCOs, who might be interested.

Joining the team, even though requires signing a contract with one's unit commander's approval, is an easy process. According to the Lajes Honor Guard non-commissioned-officer in charge, Staff Sgt. William Billings, interested participants do not need to have prior honor guard experience to join the team.

The team, led by an officer in charge and a NCO in



charge, has skilled trainers, who can bring new members up to speed. Some of the most common training include folding a flag, handling a rifle, learning how to perform a colors ceremony and synchronizing all the steps and movements during a detail.

"Members without a prior experience are also encouraged to join our team," said Sergeant Billings. "With our experienced trainers, some of whom have gone through the Air Force Honor Guard training, new members will be trained to the point that they will feel very comfortable to participate in a detail in no time. There's absolutely no secret at all to what we do; it is all practice, and more practice."

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Weekend Weather Forecast (Lajes Weather Flight)

Friday (a.m. / p.m.)

Mostly Cloudy / Cloudy
Wind SW 20-30 mph
High 66
Low 63



Saturday

Mostly Cloudy/ Partly Cloudy
Wind NW 20-25 mph
High 62
Low 60



Sunday

Partly Cloudy
Wind NE 15-20 mph
High 63
Low 59



Staff Sgts. Sean McGrath and Chance Kimpton review forms for a Marine Corps EA-6 Prowler while the aircraft transits at Lajes Field, Azores, Nov. 1, 2010. More than five Marine EA-6s returned to their home stations after their deployment to the area of responsibility. Sergeants McGrath and Kimpton are Lajes' transient alert technicians with the 65th Operations Support Squadron. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Real wingmen act

By Col. Eric Axelbank

65th Air Base Wing vice commander

Preventing sexual assault requires a culture change at the grassroots level. Applying President Harry S. Truman's "The buck stops here" motto teaches wingmen to avoid passing responsibility for action to others when witnessing sexual harassment or a situation that may lead to sexual assault. Leaders, by nature of their actions or inaction, define Air Force culture and establish precedent.

Secretary of the Air Force, Michael B. Donley, opened up the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Leader Summit held in Crystal City, Virginia, Nov. 4, 2010. His message to wing leaders was clear, "there is no tolerance for sexual assault in our Air Force" and that "leaders at all levels must be engaged."

Dr. Dorothy Edwards', executive director, Green Dot, Inc., research revealed the three most notable reasons why bystanders do not intervene: (1) diffusion of responsibility, (2) evaluation apprehension and (3) modeling. The "passing the buck" example above exemplifies diffusion of responsibility. In this case, responsibility for action is transferred to someone else who may or may not act. Evaluation apprehension refers to the notion of the fear of being embarrassed.

And lastly, modeling is where Airmen set the example and define culture either through their action or inaction. In order to prevent sexual assault, Airmen must overcome these three causes of non-intervention. Leaders must also carve out time to talk to Airmen about their re-

sponsibility to intervene. This is another venue where wingmen must act and live up to the Airman's Creed.

One of the key themes of the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program is that sexual assault is a perpetrator's issue as opposed to a victim's issue. Too often, institutions focus on the victim and what the victim did or did not do. Attention must be centered on the perpetrator because according to Dr. David Lasik, a Clinical Psychologist from the University of Massachusetts, over 90 percent of all rapes are committed by serial offenders. This alarming statistic is minimized when the focus is shifted to the victim versus the serial rapist. During a 2009 Navy Study, new recruits who committed rape prior to enlisting were ten times more likely to commit rape during their first year on active duty than men who have not committed this crime.

Doctor Lasik also outlined the typical sequence of a sexual attack. Perpetrators normally plan their attacks in advance. The first step rapists employ is to identify a vulnerability (e.g. intoxication, instability and/or being alone). The second step is their attempt to increase vulnerability by, for example, increasing the victim's level of intoxication. Lastly, the perpetrator seeks to isolate the victim. This can be done by driving the victim home or taking the victim to a unpopulated location. Faced with these types of situations, wingmen must intervene and proactively prevent this crime

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You can help protect the Cagarros

Compiled from staff reports
65th Civil Engineer Squadron

During the months of October and November, the young Cory Shearwater birds, also known as Cagarro, leave their nests at night and fly for the first time on a journey of hundreds of miles. These birds are often disoriented by artificial lights and as a result fly inland instead of seaward. Inclement weather such as fogginess and strong winds will also disorient the birds.

The Cagarro is a large shearwater in the seabird family that flies with long glides and always with their wings bowed and angled slightly back. This shearwater is identified by its size, at 45-56 centimeters in length with a 112-126 cm wingspan. It has brownish-grey upperparts, white under-parts and a yellowish bill.

These sensitive birds nest in the Azores and are protected by Portuguese and international laws. In this context, the archipelago plays a very important role in the reproduction of these birds, as 74 percent of the population breeds in the Azores.

When young specimens leave their nests, they are especially sensitive to building and vehicle lights which cause them to fall down. This may increase the risk of death by trampling



or falling victims to predators. For that reason, it is important to contribute to the safety of young Cory's Shearwaters whenever they are found in the situations described above.

The 65th Air Base Wing is participating in the "SOS Cagarro" Campaign which takes place from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15. If you find a Cagarro on the ground, members are asked to report the bird to safety to help protect this bird species. If you find one, you should call the 65th Civil Engineering Squadron's customer service desk at 535-3335 or the Natural Resources office at 535-6558 so professionals can save the bird.

It is important to follow the safety rules to rescue fallen young birds. Members are reminded to not hold the bird or feed it unless you are trained. If you have any questions, contact the civil engineering squadron.

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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AFSO21 energy effort not just conservation measures

By Senior Master Sgt. Glen Robinson
65th Air Base Wing

When it comes to conserving energy, Team Lajes has heeded Commander Kill A Watt's conservation message, but members of the energy team want the community to know they aren't just the energy police.

"The energy team has been working on numerous initiatives outside of the conservation realm to ensure that other facets of the energy battle are also being addressed," said Larena Duarte, Lajes energy manager.

One of their most recent efforts is reminding Team Lajes that energy can be conserved every day not just on holidays and weekends. The team's new campaign, "When we're not here," is designed to keep team members focused on saving energy each time they leave their work areas, whether it's for their lunch break or when they go home at the end of the work day.

"It's about what we can do to reduce energy every day," said Ms. Duarte.

The base's energy efforts are concentrated in three buckets: renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy conservation.

"We are working all of these pieces together," Ms. Duarte said. "We have evolved into a lot more than energy conservation."

In the renewable energy bucket, the team has made great strides by forming a partnership with the local power company and host nation counterparts.

The partnership will allow the base to explore the possibility of using existing and new renewable energy resources, and technology to meet Lajes' energy demands.

"We believe Lajes has a good opportunity to convert energy derived from fossil fuel energy sources to locally derived renewable energy sources. We are partnering with the local power company to determine renewable energy options for Lajes Field, which will increase energy efficiency and reduce Lajes' environmental impact," added Ms. Duarte.

The organization is conducting an analysis to determine what renewable energy sources would be feasible at Lajes, allowing the base to continue to

support the war fighters in a more environmentally friendly way.

The energy team agrees the base's desire to be a leader in renewable energy offers unusual opportunities to conserve energy and reduce fossil fuel consumption.

One of the efforts the group is presently working on is a base wide energy audit.

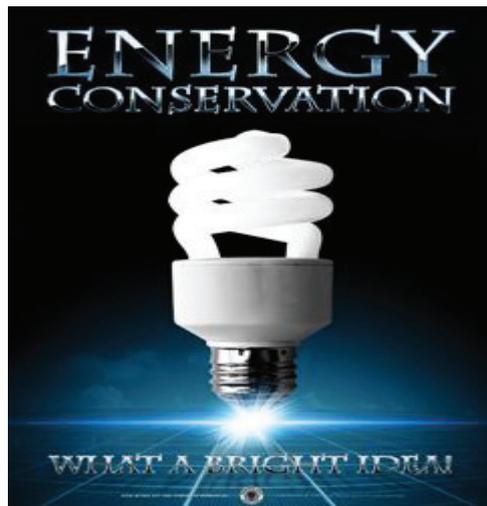
"Energy audits provide in-depth looks into energy usage in our facilities and processes. Audits provide essential information on how to reduce Lajes' energy use and costs. Examples include flight line water and waste-water treatment plants, DECA, DoDDS, and cold storage facilities," Ms. Duarte said.

"The energy team will audit some of the wing's high-energy-use maintenance or industrial facilities. The audit will allow the wing to understand how they are consuming energy and help them look for opportunities to reduce consumption, lower costs and increase efficiency," Ms. Duarte explained.

The results of the energy audits will be used to prioritize energy reduction efforts in fiscal 2012, helping Lajes meet its overall energy reduction efforts.

"Though the energy team is convinced Team Lajes is hearing the energy conservation message, they are still working to find new ways for the Lajes community to conserve energy. Obviously, the whole base has embraced energy conservation. This is how Lajes Field achieved notable standing in the AF by being named the 3rd top energy saver across the USAF in 2008," Ms. Duarte said. "The team stated, "no matter what bucket they are focusing on the people implementing the culture change are the driving force behind reaching the base's energy goals"

Energy reduction is a cultural change which requires Lajes to take conservation steps within our control and to hold people accountable in order to achieve energy goals, she said.



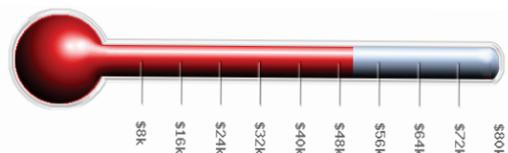
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Thanksgiving SUM Social

The First Sergeant Council is sponsoring a Thanksgiving SUM Social, the pre-game to the big turkey dinner. The event will take place Thursday, Nov. 25, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Airman Ministry Center. All single and unaccompanied Airmen are encouraged to attend. Additionally, supervisors and leadership are also encouraged to come by and hang out. This social is not intended to take the place of the traditional Turkey Day festivities; instead it is just a pre-game to ensure no one misses the opportunity to spend the day with friends. At the social, there will be a list of families who are opening up their houses to join in their Thanksgiving festivities, so if you're looking for something to do on Thanksgiving, then check out this list. The First Sergeant's Council is also welcoming food donations from Team Lajes to support this event. Please consider any of the following and don't be limited by it: Meats (Turkey, ham, etc), Cold salads (pasta, potato, etc), Deserts (any). If you would like to donate an item or if you have an empty seat at your family table, please contact your first sergeant or contact Master Sgt. Lewis at 535-1222.

Combined Federal Campaign progress thermometer

This thermometer is current as of Nov. 11. The Lajes Combined Federal Campaign is still in progress. The current contribution is \$50,022.80. The 65th Air Base Wing's goal is \$80K. The last day to contribute is Dec. 4. Contact Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Crawn at 535-3427.





WING EVENTS CALENDAR

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Feature

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>12</p> <p>Daddy Daughter Dance (CAC) 6-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Col. Witt's Retirement Ceremony (TORC) 3 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>National Gaming Day (CAC) 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Winter Olympics Week 3 Wallyball begins</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Military Career Day (DODDS High School gym) 9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>SUM Dinner (Chapel) 5-7 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Base Exercise</p> <p>ALS Grad Native American Heritage Month Activities (Library) 3-4 p.m.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Teen Club Glow in the Dark Dance (CAC) 6 p.m.</p> <p>Bowling for Turkeys starts (Bowling Alley)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Flea Market</p> <p>Preteen/Teen Texas Hold'em Tournament (CAC) 5-7 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday</p> <p>SUM Social (Airman Ministry Center) 11 a.m.-2 p.m.</p>

Going all the way...

Team Lajes members, along with the students of the Airman Leadership School, put their hands in for the wing rally cry after a backpack run Nov. 1, 2010. The ALS Class 11-A students conducted a back pack run, which started from the commissary parking lot. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



LAJES AIRMEN OF THE WEEK



Name: Sandra O'Bryan
Rank: Tech Sgt.
Unit: 65 FSS
Hometown: Gilmer, Texas
Duty Title: Readiness NCO
Accomplishments: As the Readiness NCO, Sergeant O'Bryan provides vital pre-deployment,

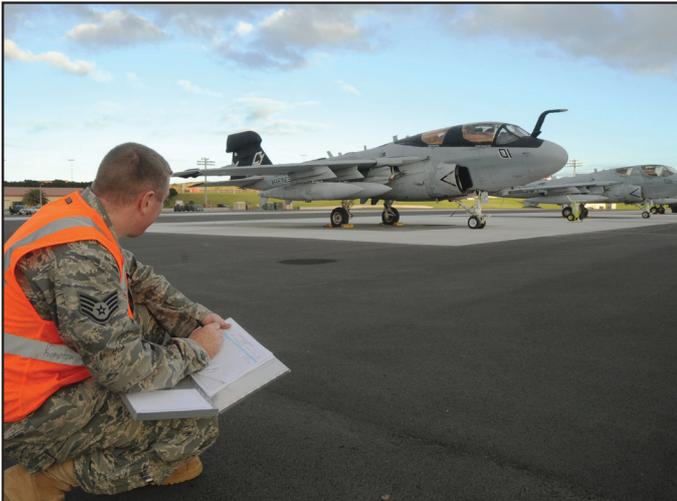
sustainment and reintegration information to Airmen and families as they deploy in support of various theatre operations world-wide. She is the primary point of contact for the Key Spouse program, providing training and oversight while fostering communication between Key Spouses, First Sergeants and Commanders, ensuring families of deployed personnel receive support and resources necessary to maintain a healthy standard of living in the absence of their loved ones.



Name: Catia Sebastiao
Rank: LGS-5
Unit: 65 FSS
Hometown: Biscoitos
Duty Title: Human Resources Assistant
Accomplishments: Ms. Sebastiao is responsible for many high visible programs throughout Lajes Field. She is a vital liaison between U.S. customers and immigrations officials in Angra concerning all passport and visa applica-

tions. She also manages all birth abroad applications with the U.S. consulate. Additionally, she manages the Wing's Casualty Assistance and Survivor Benefits Programs.

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



Staff Sgt. Chance Kimpton, transient alert technician, writes down the tail numbers for a Marine EA-6 Prowler at Lajes Field, Nov. 1. Tail numbers are fingerprints for the aircraft. Transient alert technicians go to each airplane and verify tail numbers for maintenance purposes and wing requirements. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Helder Silva, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels technician, watches as Senior Airman Justin Engel, 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, signs for the gas transferred to a C-130 Hercules after landing for a temporary duty at Lajes Field, Nov. 5, 2010. The C-130 Hercules is from Ramstein Air Base, Germany. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Staff Sgt. Sean McGrath, transient alert technician, puts up a chalk at Lajes Field, Nov. 1. The transient alert shop is part of the 65th Operations Support Squadron. 65 OSS provides various support service to aircraft and crew members to enable bed down and posture expeditionary forces. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chyrece Campbell)



Lt. Col. Rod Bloker, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, shows Army Col. Stephen Walker, DESC Europe and Africa commander, the condition of the fuel pipes at Praia bay during Colonel Walker's visit to Lajes Field, Azores, Nov. 3. (Photo by Guido Melo)



After a walk-through of the Lajes flightline pavement repair project Nov. 4, 2010, Mr. Sundwall, U.S. Consulate to Portugal, discusses with (far right) Col. Bruns, 65th Mission Support Group commander, while Lt. Col. Robert Dotson, 65 OSS commander, and Mr. Antonio Avila, 65 CES, look on. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Lt. Col. Gilbert Eddy, 65th Mission Support Group, and members of his team participate in a dodge-ball game as part of the Winter Olympic Games on-going at Lajes Field, Azores. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Mark your calendar

TAX VOLUNTEERS: The 65 ABW/JA office is looking for highly motivated individuals to be unit Tax Representatives. We are asking for two people per unit. These individuals will be responsible for tax preparation in their respective unit. Volunteers are asked to get approval from their respective chain of command and to contact Tech. Sgt. Cohen or Master Sgt. Wade at 535-3546.

COLA SURVEY: Here is your chance to increase the COLA for Lajes! Log onto <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/oscola/lps/portugal/> no later than Nov. 19 to complete the survey. The POC is Master Sgt. Trish Brooks, at 535-5174.

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: CDAC will be celebrating NNAHM in the month of November. Contact Staff Sgt. Holden-Worth at 535-2325 for more details.

Nov. 18: Scheduled Reading/Activity @ Base Library for Children (3 p.m.)

Nov. 19: Healthy Cooking Class @ the HAWC: Blue Corn Mush Breakfast (9 a.m. -10 a.m.)

AIR FORCE CLIMATE SURVEY: The 2010 Air Force Climate Survey is still in progress and is scheduled to end Nov. 28, 2010. Members are encouraged to complete the survey when it is emailed to them. Contact the 65 FSS Manpower and Organization office at 535-1016 if you have any questions.

AFPC UPCOMING WEBINARS:

Nov. 18 - Retirements-101 for Officers

Dec. 9 - Navigating the vMPF to Submit a Retirement Application

Call FSS at 535-1075 for more information.

CHARITY ANGEL TREE: The Lajes Chapel's Charity Angel Tree continues until Dec. 6 at the BX and Chapel. Interested members can choose an angel at the BX or Chapel, purchase the gift and return the bagged gift. For more details, contact the chapel at 535-4211.

FACILITIES EXCELLENCE: The Civil Engineer Squadron is proud to present the Fall 2010 Housing Facilities Excellence program. Beira Mar and Nascor do Sol residents are encouraged to stop by the Housing Self-Help store in building T-521 on Nov. 25 or 26 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. to pick up items to help beautify your house. Please call the Housing Maintenance section at 535-6251 if you have any questions.

WICO: The Women, Infants and Children Overseas program helps ensure your child's nutritional needs are met. Contact the Lajes WIC Overseas office and give your child the healthy start they deserve. Contact the Lajes WICO office at 535-1440.

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE: The action line is your link to the commander for suggestions or as a way to work issues for which you can't find another solution. Call the Commander's action line at 535-4240 or email: 65abw.actionline@lajes.af.mil.

REFLECTIVE BELT ROE REMINDER: AFI 91-207 USAFE Sup: 3.5.2.1. In cases where separation of pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic is not feasible, military personnel in uniform must wear reflective accessories during periods of reduced visibility (hours of darkness, inclement weather, etc). Personnel in civilian attire are encouraged to wear light-colored clothing or reflective accessories. This requirement must be briefed during newcomers' orientation and addressed in the installation traffic code.

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Even members with prior experiences have to keep practicing and, sometimes, learn new ways of doing things when they join a new team, he added.

In order to make sure members of the team are on the same page, the training manager often provides a training guide for members to review before each practice with a focus on an upcoming detail or ceremonies.

Staff Joseph Hoh, Lajes Honor Guard training manager and a contract specialist with the 65th Contracting Squadron, said by doing this, "the individuals assigned to the team on the detail can be fully capable to perform the detail without error. Reviewing the training guide prior to practice is good for all members of the team, because we can arrive at practice ready to practice hands-on instead of reviewing the guide for a half hour."

Members of the team said joining the Lajes Honor Guard gives them a great feeling because they know that it is a way to pay respect to our American flag, perform with excellence and represent the service with pride.

Phrase of the Week A LESSON IN PORTUGUESE



ENGLISH: At what time does the restaurant close? The restaurant closes at eleven o' clock.

PORTUGUESE: A que horas fecha o restaurante? O restaurante abre ás onze horas.

PRONUNCIATION: Ah kay orash fay-sha oo resturahnt? Oo resturahnt ahbre ahs own-zay orash.

At the Movies



7 p.m. Friday - Alpha and Omega (PG)

7 p.m. Saturday - Devil (PG-13)

4 p.m. Sunday - Alpha and Omega (PG)

7 p.m. Sunday - Devil (PG-13)

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

"Standing motionless in formation and upholding the military tradition and honor during ceremonies are a few of the things the team of volunteers in the honor guard do best," said 2nd Lt. Tina Adam, Lajes Honor Guard OIC. "These guys bring their 'A' game every day. We make sure they are properly trained, organized and prepared for each event, and they perform each detail in a flawless and professional manner. I am very proud to be leading this team of dedicated Airmen in the Lajes Honor Guard."

To join the team, members should coordinate with their supervisor and contact the NCOIC or OIC at 535-1203. Practices are held from 3 to 5 p.m. every Thursday at the command post building (T-709).

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from happening. Having the courage to act prevents that "corrosive thread which shoots through the fabric that is the Air Force as an institution" according to Ms Anne Munch, Faculty, American Prosecutors Research Institute.

During the 2010 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Leader Summit, Secretary Donley also impressed upon the participants that Airmen should "keep faith with their fellow Airmen." Real wingmen are not bystanders who diffuse their responsibilities. Real wingmen act!

"AFSO21 from page 3

It doesn't matter whether they are implementing a more energy efficient maintenance process or they make powering down their work areas as part of their daily routine, each individual effort puts Lajes on the right track.

"Ultimately it is the people who make the difference with energy conservation. With nearly 20 percent of energy consumption directly controlled by individuals, each of us are on the front line," said Ms. Duarte.

Commander Kill A Watt and the energy team are once again calling on Lajes Warriors to be energy conscious when you depart your work-center periodically, end-of-day, weekends, holidays. The team asks for all members to use the energy checklist to ensure energy waste is eliminated before departing the base.

When we're not in the office and as an end of day reminder

- Turn off lights
- Turn off computer monitors, speakers, printers, shredders by power strip or unplug
- Unplug electronic chargers when not in use
- Turn off printers, copiers and fax machines
- Unplug coffee pots and microwaves
- Unplug TV's and DVD's
- Unplug plasma screens and radios
- Close windows and doors
- Turn off bathroom and conference room lights when exiting.