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Stars shine brightly as Grissom hosts visitors

It was just a few minutes past 10 in the morning but the stars were already shining bright at Grissom as general officers from all four reserve components descended upon the base for a tour and look at various facilities.

While the base has played host to general officers on numerous occasions, this marked the first time that flag officers from all four of the service components were at Grissom at the same time.

The group included Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Chief of the Air Force Reserve; Lt. Gen. Dennis McCarthy, Chief of the Marine Corps Reserve; Maj. Gen. Charles Wilson, Deputy Commanding General of the US Army Reserve; and Rear Adm. Dirk Debbink, Deputy Commander, Navy Region Midwest. Major General R. Martin Umbarger, Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard, also participated in the visit.

In addition to visiting their respective organizations, the senior officers also met with local congressional members, received a tour of the base and had the opportunity to meet with local civic leaders. The tour was set up to show senior leaders how military services could work together under a joint base concept. The base tour included the new Services Complex, Marine Corps Complex, base fire station, and support areas.

“The entire Grissom community pulled together to make the visit a success,” stated Lieutenant Colonel Gary Lockard, chief of public affairs. “The visit was short notice and due to the positions of the general officers, numerous protocol and support items had to be accomplished. Every base organization stepped forward and provided the necessary manpower to ensure the visit went smoothly.”



Photo by A1C Mark Orders-Woempner

A look from the top

Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Chief of the Air Force Reserve and Air Force Reserve commander, leans to get a good look at the new boom pod interactive display recently completed by Grissom maintainers. General Bradley visited Grissom March 29 where he and other reserve service chiefs met with local congressmen to see how Grissom integrated various units.

Operational Security vital to missions

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Picture a large jigsaw puzzle with many pieces. Sometimes two pieces fit together and sometimes they do not. What happens when a piece does not fit? It is put to the side until a match shows up.

In operations security, each bit of information is a puzzle piece. When alone, some information might seem unimportant. But, when matched with other information, the entire picture can be completed.

When someone violates OPSEC rules, the military mission could be compromised, with tragic results.

The enemy can analyze small bits of unclassified information from telephone conversations, e-mails and small talk and use them to examine the

planning, preparation, execution and post execution phases of any activity. This allows them to see the big picture of military action in any operational environment.

The enemy now has the information necessary to thwart our planned military operations.

The purpose of OPSEC is to identify information and observable actions relating to mission capabilities, limitations and intentions in order to prevent exploitation by potential adversaries. It is everyone's duty to protect the mission.

Some things people should not talk about outside the proper environment include troop movements and locations, equipment locations, operational status of equipment, mission taskings and leadership movement.

Because cellular phones are very

vulnerable to interception it is important for people to use secure phones to protect sensitive information. These phones encrypt and decrypt phone conversations that cannot be descrambled without the proper code. They provide the military a high degree of information protection.

It is also important to remember that the need to know takes precedence over a person's security clearance.

Even if a person has the proper security clearance, the information may be privy to a small group of people who are responsible for protecting the information. Prior to granting access to classified material, a person must have the proper security clearance and a need to know.

Following simple OPSEC can make the enemy's job that much more difficult.

Pre-deployment: take care of each other

By Col. Kerry Keithcart
434th ARW vice commander

As we continue to press ahead in our preparations for our Operational Readiness Inspection, I continue to be impressed with the way members of our unit take care of each other.

As I made my way through the mobility processing line everyone made sure that my family and I were ready for deployment.

From insurance and legal folks watching out for me to the chaplains and medics ensuring my spiritual and medical needs were being met, everyone really put forth a great effort and

caring attitude.

The processing line really reinforced the pre-deployment maintenance checklist in the Airman's Manual.

Like young scouts we are being prepared.

As with any deployment, the preparations don't start and stop with us. Our families sacrifice a great deal and it is important that we recognize and thank them for their support.

Annually we have our family appreciation picnic full of fun and games and a time to bond with others in the unit. That weekend is always a special time, but we need to ensure that our families feel that gratitude

year round. Take the time to say thanks; I'm sure it will mean a lot to them.

Others that need to be thanked routinely for their support are the employers. If you haven't done so, nominate your supervisor to fly with us. Public Affairs has the forms, drop by and give your employer an opportunity to ride on a KC-135 Stratotanker and see the important mission you support. It's an eye-opening experience for people who have never witnessed a refueling mission and the employer flights are a valuable tool that you can use to gain and maintain employer support.

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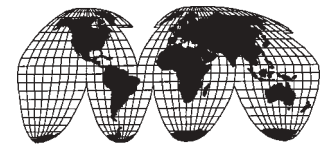
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Photo by Lt. Col. Gary Lockard

New stars

Linda Melin, wife of Brig. Gen. James Melin, 434th Air Refueling Wing commander, pins new stars on her husband's uniform. General Melin pinned on his new rank April 3. Maj. Gen. Robert Duignan, 4th Air Force commander, officiated the ceremony.

Your take: *What does OPSEC mean to you?*



Lt. Col. George Jovanovich Jr., 434th Operations Group

"It means denying the enemy critical information. I take it extremely seriously, especially with my planning job."



Tech Sgt. Nora Jones, 434th Air Refueling Wing

"It means that all military information should be discussed only on a need to know basis with others when in public. It's very important because everything that we do is mission essential, and we must protect our mission."



Tech. Sgt. Ricky Madden, 434th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

"I take it seriously. Giving away operational security can cost people their lives and cause undue hardship for those who gave it away."



Senior Airman Nick Ward, 434th Civil Engineers Squadron.

"It is guarding information from the enemy for the protection of others. It's pretty important information. It's everyone's responsibility."

Grissom practices moving passengers, cargo



Photos by SrA. Roberto Modelo

Garrett Rudd, Satellite Services Inc., grabs a mobility bag to load on a truck during a processing exercise April 2-3.

Henry Sellers, SSI, weighs Tech. Sgt. Michael Walker, 434th Security Forces Squadron, for the passenger manifest.



Tech. Sgt. Ron Lapkovitch, 434th Communications Squadron, hands a bag off the truck to Lawrence Martinez of SSI. Military members and contractors worked together to process people and cargo.

Member keeps emergency vehicles ready to go

By A1C Mark Orders-Woempner
Public Affairs staff

Many boys dream of getting covered in grease, turning wrenches, blasting sirens and playing with fire trucks, but only some make that dream come true.

Enrique Godoy, the lead mechanic with Satellite Services, Inc., is one of those who grew up and fulfilled that dream.

Originally born in Gualajala, Mexico, Mr. Godoy moved to the United States as a young boy. After graduating from Oregon-Davis High School, Hamlet, Ind., and he went to the Universal Technical Institute, Glendale Heights, Ill., where he received his associate's degree in automotive diesel.

After graduating from UTI, Mr. Godoy felt motivated to use his skills to help others and felt the best way was to go work for the government, he said.

He was hired on by SSI in February, 2001, to help maintain Grissom's emergency vehicles.

The desire to serve his country is a big motivating factor as to why Mr. Godoy works for the military.

"I am not enlisted in any armed forces, but at least I am helping out," he said, explaining that he gets satisfaction from serving his country.

As a qualified Automotive Service Excellence emergency vehicle technician, he is certified to work on all Grissom's emergency vehicles.

Not only is Mr. Godoy certified to work on emergency vehicles, but he continues his automotive education to better himself and others in his shop. After completing training, Mr. Godoy will often go back and instruct others in his shop on what he has learned, which saves on money and time.

He does some of this training without pay and on his own time, to improve his personal asset value, he added.

He said that his favorite thing to do was to work on fire trucks, which is a task that can be quite big.

Maintenance required on Grissom's



Photo by A1C Mark Orders-Woempner

Enrique Godoy, an emergency vehicle technician, works on a valve in one of Grissom's fire trucks. Mr. Godoy keeps Grissom's emergency vehicles prepared to go at any given time.

fire trucks vary from day to day.

All of the fire trucks get a full inspection once a week.

"We take care of the safety issues first, then the non-immediate mechanical issues" he stated. Safety include major water leaks, onboard heater units or anything that would hinder the mission of the fire trucks or the firefighters.

The time that Mr. Godoy spends on each problem varies. The parts needed can't just be picked up at the local auto-parts store, so it takes time to even begin the repairs.

Even though the work can be hard at times, Mr. Godoy said that he

welcomes the challenge.

"It's what I came here to Grissom to do," he said, "that was the whole reason I came here."

Not only does he work on emergency vehicles, he also supports Grissom's mission by operating various vehicles when needed.

When Mr. Godoy is not working he is spending time with and helping his family. He has a wife, Shantelle; two children, Katelyn and Brandon; and three step-children, Cody, Gage and Aaron.

To get out from under the hood and into the driver's seat, he is also a volunteer firefighter in Denver, Ind.

UTA items

Lodging is open 24 hours a day during the primary UTA and from 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. on alternate UTAs.

The fitness center is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The dining facility troop feeding hours on Saturday are 6-7:15

a.m. for breakfast; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch (12:30 p.m. on the alternate); and 4:30 -5:30 p.m. for dinner.

On Sunday the hours are 5:45-6:45



a.m. for breakfast, and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch (12:30 p.m. on alternate).

Box dinners for the Sunday evening meal must be ordered by the Sunday breakfast, and must be picked up by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The immunization clinic is open on Saturday from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.

Pass and ID is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday of the primary UTA.

Upcoming UTAs: Primary UTAs include May 14-15; and June 4-5.

Alternate UTAs are and May 21-22; and June 25-26.

Worship services are held in Bldg. 596, Room 116.

During primary unit training assemblies, Protestant services are Sunday at 11 a.m. with Catholic worship services at 12:15 p.m.

Fitness screening

The 434th Aerospace Medicine Squadron will conduct fitness screening from 8-10 a.m. Sundays of the primary unit training assembly. The screenings can be done along with annual physicals on Saturdays as well.

On alternate UTAs the screenings can be done from 9-11 a.m., and from 1-3 p.m.

Gas mask inserts

Gas mask inserts can be ordered from 7:30-10 a.m. Sundays in the Optometry Clinic in Bldg. 669, Room 22.

Buddy care

A self aid/buddy care instructor's meeting is scheduled at 9 a.m. May 15 in Bldg. 596, Room 66.

Dental exams

Dental Class III follow up exams are done from 7:30 -9 a.m. Sundays of the primary UTA.

Those currently on a dental Class III profile should schedule their follow-ups accordingly.

FSC events

The Family Support Center will be having game/movie and popcorn night from 7-9 p.m. May 14 at the FSC in Bldg. 431.

Spouses

May is the month of the military spouse.

The FSC has gifts that military members can pick up in Bldg. 431 and give to their spouses. Members should drop by during the May UTA to pick up the gifts.

A Spouses Coffee is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. May 15 at the FSC. All military spouses are invited to attend.



Driving the lane

Ken Kincy, 434th Maintenance Squadron, tries to drive around Arin Thompson, 434th Civil Engineers, Squadron, during a game April 2 at the fitness center. The engineers outgunned the maintainers 55-42 to advance to the final round of the annual tournament.



Photo by SrA. Roberto Modelo

Mmmm...cookies

Members processing through the mobility line got an added treat in April as they had the opportunity to purchase baked goods as part of an Air Force Assistance Fund bake sale. The sale coincided with other events to help Grissom raise money for the annual drive. The drive continues through May 7. For more information, contact Evelyn Knight at Ext. 4812.

In the limelight

Medals

Meritorious Serve Medal—Maj. John Kitchell III, 434th Operations Support Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Wilma Bryant, 434th Maintenance Operations Flight; Senior Master Sgt. Richard Kirkpatrick, 434th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Senior Master Sgt. Carl Wade, 434th AMXS; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Long, 434th Mission Support Flight; Tech. Sgt. David Fry, 434th AMXS; and Tech. Sgt. Larry Reyburn, 434th AMXS.

Air Force Commendation Medal—Tech. Sgt. James Partin Jr., 434th Air Refueling Wing; Tech. Sgt. Susan Scher, 434th MOF; Tech. Sgt. Harla Williams, 434th MOF; Senior Airman Curtis Bullick, 434th Security Forces Squadron.

Air Force Achievement Medal—Capt. Jeannine Claire Lipinski, 434th OSS.

Promotions

To senior master sergeant—Anthony Stanevicius, 434th ARW; and Brenda Krause, 434th ARW.

To master sergeant—David Perryman, 434th Civil Engineers Squadron; and Lorraine Klingshirn, 434th Services Flight.

To technical sergeant—Aaron Dehner, 434th CES; Andy Henderson, 434th MXS; and Eduardo Bazan, 434th Aerial Port Flight.

To staff sergeant—Louis Chaison, 434th SVF; Scott Allen, 434th MXS; Robert Stephens, 434th AMXS; Kevin Connelly, 434th APF; Joshua Parson, 434th OSS; Andrew Grist, 434th SFS; Bridget Smith, 434th ARW; Damon Spradlin, 434th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Alicia Grist, 434th SFS; and Justin Wilson, 434th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

CCAF graduates

Master Sgt. David Simpson 49th APF; Tech. Sgt. Gregory Minnich, 434th OSS; Staff Sgt. Daniel Huff 434th CES; Staff Sgt. Dustin Schimp 434th SFS; and Staff Sgt. Michael Warnock 434 MXS.

Kudos

To Senior Airman Joshua Stewart, 434th LRS, named the 434th ARW Airman of the Quarter for the second quarter.

To Tech. Sgt. Brian Achenbach, 434th AMXS, named the 434th ARW NCO of the Quarter for the second quarter.

To Master Sgt. Michael Mooney, 434th LRS, named the 434th ARW Senior NCO of the Quarter for the second quarter.



Photo by A1C Mark Orders-Woempner

Boom time

Jim Yates, Grissom Community Council member, tests out the new interactive boom pod during a GCC outing April 2 at the base. Council members had an opportunity to visit the flight simulator and aircraft flight deck display in addition to the new boom pod display.

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