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Going to Guam

*Grissom aircraft, personnel
deploy for tanker support*

By Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays
Public Affairs staff

Reservists and aircraft from the 434th Air Refueling Wing are currently operating out of Andersen AFB, Guam during a month-long deployment as the lead unit of a theater support package.

Air Force Reserve Command committed to four-month coverage of refueling support and the 434th ARW is the lead unit in the first rotation.

The deployment, part of a joint chiefs of staff directive, calls for support in meeting increased air refueling requirements in the theater.

"We'll provide refueling for bomber and cargo aircraft flying missions in the Pacific theater," said Lt. Col. Gerry Conway, wing plans office. "We'll also fly Coronet missions refueling aircraft to and from the theater as directed by AMC."

Crews will swap out mid-way during the deployment.

The entire package includes aircraft and approximately 125 support personnel to help make the deployment run as smooth as possible.

"The swapouts give more personnel an opportunity to participate," Colonel Conway said. "[Traditional] reservists will get an opportunity to deploy and we'll put them into an environment where they can practice what they have been drilling."

"These deployments give our aircrews the opportunity to gain valuable experience operating in the challenging Pacific area of responsibility," said Lt. Col. Brian Dobbert, commander of one of the deployed rotations.

"Since we have so many new members in the wing, it might be the first time for an individual to go through a mobility processing line for an actual deployment," he added.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays

The view of the tail section of a KC-135R Stratotanker identifies the unit, the base and the aircraft number. Grissom tankers, aircrew and support members are once again heading to Guam for a month-long theater deployment package.

We all need to know when to 'say uncle'

By Lt. Col. Dieter Bareih
18th Fighter Squadron commander

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — The Air Force recently reduced the number of its active-duty Airmen in order to meet the congressionally mandated end strength of 359,700.

The cuts continue as the Air Force intends to separate an additional 40,000 members.

In the course of these cuts, a popular mantra was “do more with less” as the amount of work remained constant, yet there were less people to accomplish it.

In fact, the amount of work has actually increased. Gone are the days when temporary duty orders magically appeared and Airmen had one or two additional duties.

Three or four additional duties are the norm, and computer-based training rules the day.

Since its inception, “do more with less” has evolved into “do less with less.” Recently, the phrase “do what you can with what you have” has become commonplace.

As a new commander, this phrase not only makes the most sense, but more importantly, it provides guidance — to the commander as well as the youngest Airman.

As the Air Force continues to reduce members, leveraging people for technology, it is not only important for Airmen at all levels to “do what they can with what they have,” but also to know when to say “uncle.”

For many of us, the importance of mission accomplishment is ingrained in our psyche.

However, we cannot forget about

They then must provide corresponding guidance to their Airmen. In turn, Airmen must inform the supervisor or commander when they are unable to accomplish all that is being asked of them.

Integrity is a core value.

Informing our supervisors what can and can't be accomplished and the consequences of completing one task

over another demonstrates integrity.

Hiding things from our supervisors does not.

Conversely, crying uncle only to avoid doing work (or maybe difficult work) is also a breach of integrity.

How do com-

manders and supervisors differentiate between work that won't get done and work that can't get done?

Leadership. Know your people.

Decide what and when to elevate to the next level in the chain of command and when to handle the situation.

The only way to ensure senior Air Force leadership knows the level of “pain” being experienced in the field is to communicate accurately up the chain of command.

If we as Airmen try to do more with less, senior leadership may assume that all is well, when that may not be the case at all.

Do what you can with what you have. Maintain your integrity and keep your leadership informed. (AFPS)

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No one likes telling his supervisor something can't be done, yet that is exactly what needs to happen.

Most Air Force people I've met in my 17-year career have been type-A personalities. If you let them, they will try to do more with less.

They will work 12-plus hours a day in order to get everything done, but will wear themselves out while doing so.

In the end, the mission will suffer. In doing what we can with what we have, supervisors and commanders must determine what must be done in order for the mission to go on and what they cannot do because of limited resources.

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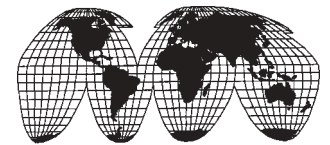
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Help us help you

Councils seek to support members, promote professionalism, growth

By Col. Kerry Keithcart,
434th ARW vice commander

Help us, help you. Seems like a common slogan that could apply to any service organization.

In this case, its Grissom and the 434th Air Refueling Wing.

The Wing Advisory Council and the Human Resource Development Council met to look at ways to better serve the base and all the members assigned here.

We're revising the HRDC charter, but sill will incorporate the three key principles of diversity, opportunity and providing a healthy work environment.

The advisory council will become the Enlisted Wing Advisory Council and be chaired by Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski, the 434th ARW command chief. They'll focus on quality of life concerns facing enlisted members and provide you with an opportunity to make positive changes and improvements to the base. I'm sure Chief Rogowski will take what she learns from the council and advice Brig. Gen. Dean Despinoy, 434th ARW commander on the concerns and pulse of the enlisted force.

In the near future we have several opportunities that will foster growth in our members and add to our capabilities as a whole.

The upcoming events include:

The HRDC Workshop, Oct. 25-27 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Airlift Tanker Association, Oct. 29-Nov. 1 in Orlando, Fla.

Women in Aviation international Feb. 15-17 in Orlando.

The league of United Latin American Council June 27-30 in Chicago.

The Tuskegee Airman Convention will be held somewhere in 2007.

In addition, we plan on having a continued presence as local events like Black Expo and the Festival of Flight.

Participation is encouraged in all of these events, and we'll work hard to make sure that everyone gets a fair opportunity to attend one of these great events.

Everyone is invited to express their thoughts and suggestions to both the HRDC and the EWAC. The next meeting of the EWAC is 10 a.m. Oct. 15 in the wing conference room. The HRDC's next meeting is 10 a.m. Nov. 5 in the wing conference room.

Both councils depend on your voice to succeed and improve Grissom for everyone. Join us and make a difference.



Photo by SrA. Mark Orders-Woempner

Makin' a hole

Working on a horseshoe pit to improve the area behind the Grissom Inn, Senior Airman Shawn Colaizzi, 434th Civil Engineering Squadron, slams down a post-hole digger Aug. 5. The 434th CES is currently working on several projects to help improve facilities offered to those on base. One such project is a softball diamond also being built behind the inn.

Civil engineer digs laughter, comedy

By SrA. Jonathan Jones

Public Affairs staff

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
George McGookin.
George McGookin who?
George McGookin the
comedian...and Tech. Sgt. George
McGookin the Grissom Reservist.

Sergeant McGookin, an engineering assistant with the 434th Civil Engineering Squadron, has been performing stand-up comedy at a higher level for more than two years.

"I always knew I wanted to be a comedian," Sergeant McGookin said.

In high school he always made people laugh and his friends would tell him to pursue a career as a stand-up comedian. To accomplish this goal he decided to go to college to make himself a well-rounded person, and to become more intelligent. Intelligence plays a strong role in how a comedian performs his material and broadens the scope of topics that he can discuss during a show, he added.

In March 2003 he got a chance to practice his comedy when he entered the "Michiana's Funniest Person Contest" and finished sixth out of 28 people, he said.

After the contest he knew he could become a stand-up comedian and perform on a regular basis, he added.

"I try to be all over the board; I try to hit everything [during my stand-up] like I make fun of my children, I make fun of my wife, religions, sex, historical events, etc.," Sergeant McGookin said.

To become a better comedian, Sergeant McGookin hooked up with John Osborn, a stand-up comedian and previous winner of the MFPC in 2003. Mr. Osborn, who served four years active duty with the Army, approached Sergeant McGookin and suggested they start a workshop for comedians that would meet weekly. The workshop would allow comedians to perform in front of other comedians, where they could critique each other



Tech. Sgt. George McGookin is a civil engineer and comedian.

and highlight their strengths and weaknesses as performers, Sgt. McGookin said.

Sergeant McGookin said the workshop still meets Thursdays at the "Funny Bone Comedy Club" in Mishawaka, Ind. These meetings have helped him learn effective techniques to develop a routine, which he tries to utilize when performing.

"I like intelligent humor. After now doing it for awhile I don't want to get up there and just curse; it seems so cheap and I want to be above that and be the best I can," Sergeant McGookin said. "The cleaner you are the farther you will go in comedy over the course of your career," he added.

In addition, the funnyman sometimes performs with a traveling comedic group called "Regional Insanity", which is made up of comedians who attend the weekly workshop. They have performed in numerous locations to include Indianapolis, St. Louis, Atlanta, Louisville, Ky., and Omaha, Neb.

Currently, he is working on some new material that incorporates military comedy into his routine.

"I watched a video during our annual tour about operational security and there is a guy grabbing something that is labeled in huge letters TOP SECRET and I'm thinking-can we make it any easier for the spies?," said Sergeant McGookin.

He believes to become a successful comedian a person must be dedicated, persistent, and patient. His patience shows from attending weekly workshops to performing with other groups of comedians.

Those interested in checking out the comedian will have an opportunity during the September unit training assembly. He'll join five other comedians Sept. 9 at "The Bunker", in the Grissom Aeroplex on North Lancer Street.

There will be two show times beginning at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Members must be 21 to enter.

Annual family picnic scheduled for Sept. 9

Grissom's annual joint family appreciation day picnic is scheduled for Sept. 9 in the Grissom Aeroplex.

Games and activities for adults and children are slated to be both informative, educational and fun.

In addition to 434th Air Refueling Wing Reservists and civilian employees, tenant units assigned to the base will also participate.

Sporting events for both individuals and teams, along with activities such as face painting and childrens games will also take place.

More information on the individual events and schedules are listed below.



File photo by SrA. Roberto Modelo
Commanders will once again compete in a tricycle race. The legs start pumping at 11:30 a.m. Family Appreciation Day picnic.

Information galore

The Family Services Office is sponsoring an information fair for servicemembers and their families at this year's Joint Services Family Appreciation Day Sept. 9.

The event will be held from 10-10:45 a.m. in Building 2, adjacent to the picnic area.

A quilt show will also be held beginning at 10 a.m., in the conference room of Bldg. 2.

Calling all competitors

All competitive adults are invited to participate in several events that will challenge each player's ability to out do his opponents during this year's Joint Services Family Appreciation Day Sept. 9.

Competitive events currently scheduled for the celebration include horseshoes, basketball, golf, tug-of-war, and a free-throw contest.

A dunk tank will also be present, allowing Airmen to dunk several of the base's commanders and coworkers.

Buy it in bulk

Fort Benjamin Harrison's commissary will be hosting a case-lot sale during Sept. 9 during the Joint Services **September 2006**

Celebrating faith

The 434th Air Refueling Wing is sponsoring a Celebration of Faith concert at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 in Bldg. 663.

Servicemembers are invited to bring their families and friends to celebrate their faith. All faiths are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Linda Mason at extension 4221.

Tricycle race

A tricycle racing pitting commander against commander will be held at this year's Joint Services Family Appreciation Day picnic Sept. 9.

All commanders are invited to participate in this event. Those who choose to show off their 3-wheel driving skills are asked to wear a costume of their choice as well as bring a helmet and knee pads.

Museum memories

The Grissom Air Museum invites servicemembers and their families to visit them after the Joint Services Family Appreciation Day picnic.

The museum will offer a special discount for Grissom military members between 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. the day

of the picnic.

Admission prices during this time will be \$1 per person and children 6 and under will get in free.

The Grissom Air Museum is located adjacent to the golf course right off U.S. 31.

Wheels of wonder

A wheel show, showcasing cars and motorcycles from various eras, will be held during the Joint Services Family Appreciation Day picnic Sept. 9.

A commander's trophy will be presented to the "Best of Show" vehicle.

The show will be held just off Hoosier Boulevard within the picnic area.

Time lines

The schedule of activities for the picnic are as follows:

1.5 mile-run

For military members only and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Kids Run

Participants must be between five and 13 years-old, begins at 10:30 a.m.

Tricycle Race

For group commanders only and will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Horseshoes

Teams of two and begins at 1:30 p.m.

Three-on-three basketball

Ages of participants must be 16 years-old and up, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Six-on-six volleyball

Ages 16 years-old and up welcome and begins at 1:30 p.m.

Free throw contest

No age limit and begins at 2:00 p.m.

Tug of war contest

Teams of five, ages 16 years-old and up welcome and begins at 2:30 p.m.

UTA items

Lodging is open 24 hours a day during the primary unit training assembly 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 434th Aerospace Medical Squadron's immunization clinic is open on Saturday from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.

434th Security Forces Squadron Pass and ID is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday of the primary UTA.

Upcoming UTAs: Primary UTAs include Sept. 9-10; and Oct. 14-15.

Alternate UTAs are Sept. 16-17, and Oct. 21-22.

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.

Exchange

The base exchange is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays of the main and alternate UTAs and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays of the main and alternate UTA.

Uniform changes

The Air Force Uniform board is making changes to enlisted Airmen's



Photo by SrA. Mark Orders-Woempner

Mmmm.....chocolate

Master Sgt. Al Riendeau, KC-135 Stratotanker crew chief, pours chocolate syrup over his vanilla ice cream during this year's ice-cream social held during the August unit training assembly. The event is one of several fundraisers that support the holiday party given by the 434th Maintenance Group.

uniforms.

Senior NCOs were no longer allowed to wear their rank on the optional shoulder boards after Oct. 1. All enlisted rank must now be sewed on the sleeves of the blue uniform.

All enlisted Airmen will also be required to have the circle type U.S. insignia for their service-dress coats by Jan. 1, 2007.

First sergeant board

A first sergeant selection board will

be held during the October unit training assembly.

The board will convene at 9:30 a.m. Oct 15 in the executive conference room in Bldg. 596.

All eligible Airmen wishing to apply must submit their application package to the 434th Military Personnel Flight no later than October 6.

Members who won't be able to attend the board may still apply for a position. For such applicants, the board will require an 8 by 10 inch official photo in the application package.

The board will also require a phone number that applicants unable to attend the board can be reached at the day the board convenes between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

For more information or specifics on nomination requirements, contact Senior Master Sgt. Dan DeAngulo at Ext. 3907.

Honor guard

The Grissom Honor Guard is seeking motivated individuals to join their ranks.

Training is scheduled for Sept. 18-22 at Grissom for those wanting to participate.

For more information, or to learn about the requirements, contact Senior Master Sgt. Linda Mason at Linda.mason@grissom.af.mil

or at extension Ext. 4221.

Retirement procedures

A recent change marks the way Reserve and Guard members now initiate their retirement actions.

The application process was moved from the Virtual Military Personnel Flight to the Air Reserve Personnel Center website at <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/support/default.asp>

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Kenneth Ferron at Ext. 2489.

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Photo by SrA. Roberto Modelo

Eye spy..

Staff Sgt. Antonio Acevedo, an engineering apprentice with the 434th Civil Engineering Squadron, ensures his geodimeter is leveled. The geodimeter helps CES establish the elevation of other points based off a known point. The geodimeter sends a laser to target areas that are made up of prisms set on tripods. The geodimeter sends a laser shot to the prism which is then bounced off the prism back to the geodimeter, where it is calculated.

In the limelight

Promotions

To senior master sergeant— Jeffrey Withrow, 434th Air Refueling Wing; and James Eliason, Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

To master sergeant— Michael Walker, 434th Security Forces Squadron; Timmie Hoskins, 434th Maintenance Squadron; and Christopher Zorn, 434th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

To Technical Sergeant—Louis Chaison, 434th Services Squadron; James Hoagland, 434th ARW; Steven Leach, 434th ARW; and Dustin Schimp, 434th SFS.

To staff sergeant— Vickie Cummings, 72nd Air Refueling Squadron; Nathaniel Dillahunt, 434th MXS; Shawn Emmerling, 434th SFS; Benjamin Friedle, 49th Aerial Port Flight; Nathaniel Greathouse, 434th MXS; Charlene Howard, 434th Communica-

tions Squadron; Aaron Nawracaj, 434th MXS; Michael Rosa, 434th SFS; Cynthia Stepp, 434th Operations Support Squadron; Ryan Wolf, 434th Civil Engineering Squadron;

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal—Lt. Col. Gerry Conway, 434th OSS; Master Sgt. Everett Liggett, 434th MXS; Master Sgt. Yvonne Brown, 434th OSS; Master Sgt. Anthony Simon, 434th SVF; Senior Master Sgt. Michael Pershing, 434th OSS; Chief Master Sgt. Allen Edgerley, 434th OSS; Lt. Col. Timothy Cox, 74th Air Refueling Squadron; Lt. Col. Douglas Schwartz, 74th ARS; Tech. Sgt. Melissa Pinaire, 434th OSS; Master Sgt. Larry Day, 434th MXS; Master Sgt. Frederick Pinatelli, 434th MXS; Master Sgt. Martina Cocklin; 434th Maintenance Operations Flight;

Master Sgt. John Moriarty, 434th MXS; Lt. Col. Jerome McMahon; 434th Aerospace Medical Squadron; Master Sgt. Bruce Brutcher; 434th CES; Master Sgt. James Ralstin; 434th MXS; Senior Master Sgt. Russell Voils, 434th SFS; Master Sgt. Leary Bailey, 434th MXS; Tech. Sgt. James Leighty, 434th CES; Lt. Col. Jeffrey McGalliard, 72nd ARS; Tech. Sgt. William Sanders, 434th MXS; and Master Sgt. Patrick Roth, 434th SFS.

Air Force Commendation Medal—Tech. Sgt. Merrilee Bitner, 434th OSS; 1st Lt. Ann Trowbridge, 434th OSS; and Tech. Sgt. Bradley Sommers, 434th SFS.

Air Force Achievement Medal— Staff Sgt. Arthur O'Hair, 49th APF; Senior Airman Charlene Howard, 434th CS; and Senior Master Sgt. William Megnin, 434th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Air Force profile on MySpace.com

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force joined the Internet's largest social networking site when it entered the MySpace race own user profile recently.

With close to 98 million registered users, MySpace.com is an ideal venue for the Air Force to connect with potential recruits and promote awareness for its up-and-coming documentary-style ad campaign "Do Something Amazing."

As the third most popular Web site, MySpace reaches 49 percent of all Internet users between the ages of 18 to 24. The site's users can chat with old friends, make new friends and post blogs, photos and videos to their profiles.

"In order to reach young men and women today, we need to be in tune and engaged in their circles," said Col. Brian Madtes, Air Force Recruiting Service's Strategic Communications director. "MySpace.com is a great way to get the word out to the public about the amazing things people are doing in the Air Force."

When viewing the Air Force profile, users can see a series of five rough-cut clips that will give them a behind-the-scenes look at the extraordinary things Airmen accomplish every day. They will also have the opportunity to vote on which commercial will kick off the "Do Something Amazing" advertising campaign.

In addition to the 30-second commercials, users will be able to view expanded videos of Airmen as they fly and fight, call in air strikes, navigate satellites and jump out of airplanes.

MySpace users can also become "friends" of the Air Force, download wallpaper and post messages about what else they would like to see in the ad campaign.

Following the Sept. 18 commercial premiere, Internet users will be able to go to the DoSomethingAmazing.com Web site where they can view more than 100 videos of Airmen in action.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays

Dismantling the boom

Senior Airman Nick Garman, 434th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, removes the rudevator from a KC-135R boom during the August unit training assembly. Airman Garman and other maintainers were performing scheduled phase inspection on a Grissom Stratotanker.