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### World Wide Web

Air Force Reserve Home Page

<http://www.afrc.af.mil>

Grissom Home Page

<http://www.grissom.af.mil>



### On the cover...

Jim West, 72nd Air Refueling Squadron KC-135R Stratotanker pilot, awaits a pitch from the 74th ARS pitcher during an annual Jovanovich Cup softball game against the 74th ARS. The 74th fell to the 72nd ARS 10-8. The event is held in memory of Lt. Col. George Jovanovich who died in an accident in 2006. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays)



### Taking command

Brig. Gen. Dean Despinoy, 434th Air Refueling Wing commander, left, passes the 434th Operations Group flag to Col. William Mason, as he assumes command. Prior to assuming command of the 434th Operations Group, Col. Mason was the commander of the 465th Air Refueling Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays)

## Tanker dedicated to Wabash



Brig. Gen. Dean Despinoy, 434th Air Refueling Wing commander, Robert Vanlandingham, the mayor of Wabash, and Tech. Sgt. Wesley Fletcher, the aircraft's crew chief, unveil the "Spirit of Wabash." (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Carl Berry)

The 434th Air Refueling Wing dedicated one of its KC-135R Stratotankers to a local community in May.

The Spirit of Wabash was dedicated during a special ceremony held May 19.

Civic leaders from Wabash joined base personnel to unveil the new nose art that adorns the newly dedicated refueling aircraft.

Wabash joins Peru, Logansport and Kokomo as local communities with one of Grissom's aircraft dedicated to them.

Following the dedication ceremony, the civic leaders had an opportunity to fly on the aircraft and learn more about the the 434th ARW's mission.

The distinctive nose art reflects Wabash's heritage as the first electrically lighted city.

It was painted by Rex Hansen, from Kalamazoo, Mich.



# Grissom enters into social media world

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner  
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Grissom's information highway has expanded by opening up lanes of two-way communication and streamlined news.

Seeking to capitalize on the tremendous opportunities afforded by new technologies, the 434th Air Refueling Wing's public affairs office now has an active social media presence.

"Grissom has had a very successful Internet web site for a number of years; however, we were missing a very important segment of the population that extensively uses social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube," said Lt. Col. Gary Lockard, 434th Air Refueling Wing public affairs chief. "Establishing a presence on these social media sites helps us increase awareness of Grissom and its valuable mission."

And, that valuable mission is exactly what will be showcased on the social media sites, which will be updated regularly with new information presented in a manor that's fresh and creative, said Colonel Lockard.

But, social media will bring more than just news; it will allow the public and base personnel to inter-



Grissom recently went live with social media pages to engage the public and media in unique ways using the latest web technology. These pages allow people to receive and interact with the most recent news from the wing (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner)

act with each other and the news itself using Web 2.0 technologies.

Web 2.0 is a term used to describe the idea that the public can interact with the site, providing feedback and stemming new conversations through wall posts, blogs and discussion boards.

"As opposed to Grissom's official Internet web page, the social media sites give people an opportunity to interact with Grissom by posting comments and participating in discussion boards, and this benefits

both the individual and Grissom," said the colonel. "It allows us to get a better sense of what type of stories and photos people like, what concerns they may have and general area of topics they might like to discuss."

But, like all new highways, there can be some inherent bumps and risks with social media including those involving operational security and propriety.

"As with any form of social media, people need to use common sense and think before they post a comment or information," cautioned Colonel Lockard. "The social media site can be viewed by anyone; you don't want an individual to post something that would be embarrassing to them or provide information that should not be made public."

Despite these risks, the colonel said he believes that the opportunities for everyone are far greater and encourages people to develop an active voice on Grissom's sites.

The social media pages can be accessed through tabs on the Grissom Internet site at [www.grissom.afrc.af.mil](http://www.grissom.afrc.af.mil) or by clicking the links below:

[www.facebook.com/434ARW](http://www.facebook.com/434ARW)  
[www.twitter.com/434ARW](http://www.twitter.com/434ARW)  
[www.youtube.com/434ARW](http://www.youtube.com/434ARW)



## Reflections

Brian Olson, a local paint and body contractor, reflects on his work while applying decals on a new fire department response vehicle. The signs and logos on the hazardous materials response truck -- Tactical 14 -- are plated with 24-karat gold, because gold dissipates heat better than other pure metals. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Carl Berry)

# Services expands wireless access

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner  
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Every inch of the service complex has been changed, but one may not notice this expansion that affects every room, hallway and even the dining facility.

This may not be seen is due of the invisible nature of the expansion itself; the wireless local area network has been expanded from the front lobby to the entire services complex including the dining facility, allowing guests to have access to the Internet anywhere in the complex.

“The Air Force realizes that the tempo of the world requires people to remain informed and have access to information at their fingertips only the internet can provide that,” said Mary McLean, manager of the Grissom Inn as she explained the need for the expansion. “It’s no longer a world of waiting for the newspaper headlines; people want to be informed and have immediate access to world events.”

The service now provided at the complex is similar to what is provided at local area hotels, where many Reservists often stay during unit training assemblies.

“Our servicemembers should be able to expect better service in our operation than any other operation,” said Ms. McLean. “We strive to have our Air Force Inns not only meet the needs of our guests but to exceed them, and services such as wireless internet and in-house fitness centers are ways that we can provide better service for our guests.”

And, exceeding expectations, even when compared to other Air Force Inns, is exactly what is being done here at Grissom.

“Rather than installing high speed internet like most of the other Air Force Inns, we have gone with state of the art wireless technology to provide the best possible service to our guests,” explained Ms. McLean. “Our wireless service is totally separate from the base network and requires no codes to access though the service is limited to our lodging buildings.”

Despite the networks being separate, on-base internet usage policies still apply and security is still a concern.

“Because the internet service is provided on an Air Force installation, the same ethical use of internet sites apply within our facilities,” said the inn manager. “The wireless service we provide is not a secure network so people utilizing the service should still ensure that they have proper security measures on their personal computers.”

Ms. McLean also noted that along with the wireless expansion a new telephone switch was installed and new room telephone instruments were also brought in, which should provide better clarity for guests.

The services complex will also be undergoing some more visible changes in the near future.

“We will be undergoing a décor renovation to Bldg. 472 in the late summer, which will include all new draperies, mattress sets, bedspreads, carpet and lounge chairs,” she said. “The Air Force strives to renovate all of our facilities regularly to provide the most comfort possible to our guests.”



## Driving to the title

Tim Holmgren, a ‘Cops’ player, battles his way towards the basket during a physical, championship game against ‘The Marines’ during Grissom’s annual basketball tournament. The Cops took home the trophy after winning the game 63-51. The ‘Cops’ handcuffed the Marines rallying 63-51 to win the title during the May unit training assembly. The Marines forced a second game in the double elimination tourney by defeating the Cops in the semi-finals. Down 12 in the second half of the championship game, the Cops went to work inside down the stretch feeding Brandon Williams the ball. He finished with 30 points, leading all scorers. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner)

# Grissom hosts annual police week event

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Local-area students arrive in busloads for a National Police Week education day held here May 11. The event featured federal, state and local law enforcement agencies as well as a KC-135R Stratotanker static display. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner)

For most middle and high school students, the average school day doesn't involve body armor, bomb-squad water cannons or X-ray equipment, but for one group of local scholars, this rarity became reality.

Grissom hosted a National Police Week education day earlier this month that featured the 434th Security Forces Squadron; a local police-dog training facility; and federal, state and local police agencies.

Students were witness to demonstrations from special operations teams and police dogs. They also got the chance to get a close-up view of military equipment including security forces vehicles, night vision goggles and a KC-135R Stratotanker.

The event was held as part of National Police Week, which takes place every year in May.



Working at a National Police Week education fair held here, Staff Sgt. Dustin Devine helps Kendra Kraning put on a gas mask used by Department of Defense police officers. Sergeant Devine is a member of the 434th Security Forces Squadron and Ms. Kraning is a member of a 6th grade class at North Miami Middle/High School.

# 72nd rallies to win Jovanovich Cup



Vicki Cummings, a boom operator with the 74th Air Refueling Squadron, watches a pitch closely before deciding to swing during an annual softball game between the two flying squadrons. (U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays)



Chad Tice, above, a pilot with the 72nd Air Refueling Squadron, laughs after taking a swing and a miss during the Jovanovich Cup softball game against the 74th ARS. Left, Paul Wietbrock, 74th Air Refueling Squadron commander, makes a play at second base to gun down a batter for the Dark Side. Despite his efforts the 72nd rallied to beat the 74th ARS 10-8.