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## On the cover...

Air Force reservists from the 434<sup>th</sup> Force Support Squadron hook a trailer to a U.S. Army Reserve UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter for transport during a joint training exercise held here July 23. The 434<sup>th</sup> FSS Airmen trained with Army Reserve Soldiers from the 310<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Indianapolis.

# Be key part of SAPR solution



U.S. Air Force photo

Gen. Larry Spencer, Air Force vice chief of staff, encourages Airmen to be engaged in addressing and reporting sexual assault in a recent video post.

**By Staff Sgt. David Salanitri**  
*Secretary of the Air Force*

WASHINGTON -- In an effort to address the growing concern of sexual assault in the Air Force, the service has kicked off an initiative to give Airmen the capability for their voice to be clearly heard called "Every Airman Counts."

"I believe Airmen are a key part of the solution to this," said Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward, the director of the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office. "They understand the problem, and they know what needs to be done to help conquer it. Now we need them to share those innovative ideas with us and each other. We need our Airmen talking about this issue."

To enable this dialogue, the Air Force SAPR office members designed a blog to share ideas, collect suggestions, concerns, stories and questions for Air Force leaders and SAPR officials.

"We can't fix this issue sitting in the Pentagon," said Gen. Larry Spencer, Air Force vice chief of staff. "We need each and every one of you to get engaged in addressing this issue... this crime,

and it is a crime. We need to know exactly where you feel the issues are, so we can address them with laser focus. I need every one of you helping us find ways to ensure dignity and respect are prevailing qualities in our daily relationships."

Content on the site will be driven in part by Airmen making firsthand posts. In addition to the blog, the Air Force is organizing web chats that will be moderated forums for real-time information exchange between Airmen, subject matter experts and senior leaders.

Various experts in the SAPR area will host these discussions to gain a better understanding of the issues at every level.

"We've been doing a lot of talking on this issue," Woodward said. "It's important that we listen."

The SAPR blog is just one of many actions the Air Force is pursuing to help address the issues sexual assault within the ranks and to offer support for victims. Other actions include the creation of the Special Victims Counsel program earlier this year, which provides constant support to sexual assault victims throughout the legal process. (AFNS)

# Hoosier Wing earns outstanding unit award

By Senior Airman  
Jami Lancette  
Public Affairs staff

Outstanding can be defined as being marked by superiority or distinction, and that's exactly how Air Force leadership views the 434th Air Refueling Wing.

The Hoosier Wing was recently recognized with an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from Oct. 1, 2010 through Sep. 30, 2012.

In recommending the unit for the award, Col. Don Buckley, 434th ARW commander, said that the wing made truly significant contributions, which measurably enhance the Department of Defense and Air Force's abilities to optimally perform their peacetime and wartime contingency missions.

"(The Airmen of the 434th ARW) should be extremely proud of their many achievements and contributions resulting in these prestigious awards," said Lt. Gen. James Jackson Air Force Reserve commander, when announcing all of the award winners. "My

sincere congratulations on these outstanding achievements."

During the award period, the wing successfully organized, trained, mobilized and deployed 535 troops to 29 various locations throughout the world; supporting Operations Iraqi freedom, Enduring Freedom, Unified Protector, Odyssey Dawn, New Dawn and the Libyan no-fly zone.

In combination with mission essential operations, there were many group and squadron level awards that were given that aided the 434th ARW in an overall wing accolade.

The 434th Civil Engineer Squadron took home four awards between 2011 and 2012. Grissom Air Traffic Control also won four awards in 2011 and received a 98 percent rating on their 2011 Air Traffic Systems Evaluation program inspection.

In 2011 the 434th Logistics Readiness Squadron won an award and received an excellent during an inspection.

The 434th Maintenance Group also excelled during an inspection in

2011, and the 434th Aircraft Maintenance, 434th Mission Support Group, 434th Security Forces Squadron, Quality Assurance

and Environmental Management each received an award.

In conjunction with the many military awards, the 434th ARW was named National Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA for the 11th consecutive year.

There were also numerous other awards garnered by individuals and units that helped propel the 434th ARW to its outstanding title.

"It took every person from every group and from every squadron to

win this award," said Col. Don Buckley, 434th ARW commander. "This wing absolutely deserves it and they worked hard for it."

Grissom was also Here locally, the 434th ARW has given back to the surrounding community by conducting 32 outreach activities.

"Grissom has a symbiotic relationship with the local community, it is a relationship that is absolutely vital for both parties," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner 434th Public Affairs staff. "Grissom has nearly a 150 million dollar impression on local economy and we also receive a great amount of support from the community."

"We're proud to be a part of the north-central Indiana community and to represent the Hoosier spirit around the globe as the premier air refueling unit in the Air Force Reserve Command," Orders-Woempner added.

The wing also stood out in five major Air Force and Air Force reserve command inspections, excelling in all tasks preformed.

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- Col. Don Buckley





# Stephens takes charge of 434th MSG

**By Staff Sgt.  
Andrew McLaughlin**  
*Public Affairs staff*

Airmen from the 434th Mission Support Group stood in formation to witness a time-honored tradition as their new commander took possession of their unit guidon.

In that ceremony, Col. William Stephens assumed command of the 434th MSG in Dock 1 here July 13.

Col. Don Buckley, 434th Air Refueling Wing commander, presided over the ceremony and welcomed Stephens to Grissom in front of the new MSG commander's family, guests and Airmen.

When Stephens got his chance to address the troops as their commander, he thanked them for their hard work and expressed his enthusiasm for taking charge of the group.

"Without you, we don't have an Air Force," he said. "This is an exciting time, and I'm looking forward to being your group commander."

Stephens also spoke of the responsibilities he will have,

including organizing, training and equipping the group's more than 800 assigned members as well as supporting the mission of the largest KC-135R Stratotanker unit in the Air Force Reserve Command through a variety of functions including infrastructure, services, logistics, personnel, communications, contracting and security.

"It's my job to take care of you," he added.

Stephens graduated from Arizona State University in 1977 and began his Air Force career that year, after completing Officer Training School. He then attended navigator training and was assigned to the 924th Air Refueling Wing at Castle AFB, Calif.

From there, Stephens transferred to the Air Force Reserve in 1987 and has served in various operational, command and staff positions, including deploying in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

"I started as a KC-135 navigator 36 years ago, and here I am, full circle," said Stephens.



*U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew McLaughlin*

**Col. Don Buckley, 434th Air Refueling Wing commander, left, presents Col. William Stephens with the 434th Mission Support Group guidon as Stephens takes command of the group during an assumption of command ceremony here July 13.**



*U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Courtney Storey*

## Gas 'n go

A 434th Air Refueling Wing KC-135R Stratotanker from Grissom uses a probe and drogue refueling method to refuel a U.S. Navy F-18 Hornet assigned to the Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 154 from the USS Nimitz, during a mission over Southwest Asia June 29. Airmen and aircraft from the 434th ARW were recently deployed to the region in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kenny Holston

WASHINGTON -- Air Force leaders announced July 15 that flying training would resume at numerous units, bringing an end to the three-month halt that resulted from the budget sequestration reductions.

Congress approved a \$1.8 billion reprogramming request that transferred money from several programs to pay for near-term shortfalls in war funding, which allowed flight training to resume.

In total, the budget sequestration triggered by Congress' inability to reach a broader deficit reduction agreement has cost the Air Force \$10 billion in fiscal 2013. Absorbing that cut in just seven months forced many damaging steps beyond the halt to flying training, including a near freeze on repairs to buildings, significant reductions in maintenance of aircraft, and the 11 days of civilian furlough that began July 8.

The halt to flying reduced expenditures by \$857 million for fiscal 2013, but restoring readiness will require major additional investments in 2014 and beyond.

"We all understand that the Air Force has a part to play in the efforts to get the federal deficit under control," said Dr. Jamie Morin, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller. "The updated defense strategy as well as the drawdown in overseas operations will let us make some reductions. But these arbitrary, across the board cuts from sequestration are undermining the

Air Force's efficiency and effectiveness."

Congressional approval of this reprogramming request, coupled with efforts under the "Every Dollar Counts" campaign and belt tightening at bases around the world has allowed the Air Force to begin to undo some of the worst damage from sequestration. However, a recovery of flying proficiency will take several months.

According to Air Force officials, the damage will worsen if Congress does not act to avoid a further round of automatic cuts in time for fiscal 2014, which begins Oct. 1. In that case, the Air Force would have to reduce training across an even wider swath of units, including likely more than half the Combat Air Forces.

Units across the Air Force are also feeling the effects of the 11 days of civilian furlough, which is reducing crucial services at bases around the world and is projected to cost the average Air Force civilian \$3,000 in pay cuts.

"We rely on our civilian Airmen to keep the Air Force in the fight," said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning. "Their absence is felt across the board and it impacts our ability to accomplish the mission. General Welsh and I are committed to working with the Secretary of Defense to find a way to bring this disruptive furlough to an early end if at all possible."

While flying operations will begin the long path to recovering readi-

ness, many other areas of Air Force operations remain seriously degraded. The largest funding reductions came in areas like facilities maintenance, where many installations are addressing only emergency work orders.

"Right now, most bases only have the resources to do emergency facility and infrastructure repairs in order to avoid imminent mission failure or threats to life, health or safety," said Maj. Josh Connell, who is assigned to Headquarters Air Force Office of the Civil Engineer. "Therefore, vital preventive maintenance is being deferred. Just like with your car, you can save money by not changing the oil, but at some point, it's going to cost a lot more to repair the damage caused by that lack of maintenance."

Similarly, the three Air Logistics Centers' depots have seen their workload reduced by \$700 million, meaning that aircraft and engines will not be overhauled on schedule. A broad civilian hiring freeze remains in effect, resulting in thousands of vacant positions across the Air Force. Few of these reductions will be reversed even with approval of the reprogramming action, and the effects are projected to deepen if the sequester reductions last.

Major Air Force modernization projects were also hit by the sequestration. Some programs were targeted for even further reductions in order to transfer dollars to war requirements, and these cuts will have enduring consequences.

"When we have to disrupt complex acquisition efforts to find near-term savings, we almost always end up costing the taxpayer more for less capability in the long run," said Lt. Gen. Charles R. Davis, the military deputy to the Air Force Service Acquisition Executive.

"We appreciate Congress' support for realigning dollars to meet wartime requirements so that we could restore our most critical flying training," Morin said. While the flying stand down was one of the most visible actions we've had to take to reduce spending, no one should be under any illusion that this return to flight means the damage from sequestration has stopped." (AFNS)



# Homecoming: Grissom Airmen redeploy



Family members peer out the window of an Air Force bus as a 434th Air Refueling Wing KC-135R Stratotanker and its crew taxi into the parking ramp at Grissom bringing loved ones home from a deployment to Southwest Asia July 21.

**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner**  
*Public Affairs staff*

Back home again in Indiana.

While those words are famous around the month of May in the Hoosier state, they never rang truer than they did in July as two KC-135R Stratotankers and their 434th Air Refueling Wing crews came home from a deployment to Southwest Asia July 21.

Greeted by family members and friends, the crews were all smiles as they touched Hoosier soil for the first time in over two months.

While being away from

loved ones can be difficult, some of the families found unique ways to count down the days.

Paula Keeney, wife of Maj. Dan Keeney, a 434th Operations Support Squadron KC-135 pilot, said she and her four children made a paper chain with each link representing a day of the major's deployment. They removed a link each day until their family member came home.

With all the links removed and the days gone by, finally the 434th ARW Airmen can get some quality time with their families after a job well done.



Maj. Dan Keeney, 434th Operations Support Squadron KC-135R Stratotanker pilot, talks to his sons Jonathan, right, and Daniel, upon his return from a deployment to Southwest Asia.



*U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays*

Lt. Col. Todd Thibault, 434th Operations Support Squadron chief of scheduling, walks with his family after landing at Grissom following his deployment. Thibault was greeted by his wife Krystal, son Michael and daughter Mackenzie.



# Base hosts first for leadership school

By Staff Sgt.  
Carl Berry  
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Airman Leadership School is considered a milestone for most enlisted Air Force members as it serves as a preparatory transition from airmen to noncommissioned officer ranks.

Students and faculty descended upon Grissom in July 8, as the base hosted a class to help facilitate that transition.

Because the in-residence program is five weeks long, traditionally reservists and guardsmen have gravitated toward the correspondence option for the course.

Hosting the class on base and drawing from other bases afforded those with the ability to get the training in the classroom environment.

"This is the first time the enlisted professional military education center has sent instructors to facilitate a class where 100 percent of the students are traditional reservists and guardsmen," said Tech. Sgt. Debra Wilson-Strong, 434th Air Refueling Wing education superintendent. "We requested that Air Force Reserve Command provide the course to help Grissom Airmen better prepare for the ALS test."

AFRC accepted the Grissom's request and took it a step further by offering the class to reservists from other bases.

"In order for the class to be held, we needed a minimum of 32 Senior Airmen, so AFRC offered the course to other reserve and guard



*U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Carl Berry*

**Tech. Sgt. Jenny Sanchez, an enlisted professional military education facilitator, takes a close look at the uniform of an Airman during an open ranks inspection at Grissom July 12. Grissom hosted the first Airman Leadership School to be attended solely by Air Force reservists and guardsmen to help junior enlisted members prepare for progression to the noncommissioned officer ranks.**

bases," shared Wilson-Strong.

Bases that represented in the course are Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., Joint-Base Andrews, Va., Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Ohio, and Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station, Minn.

"The five week long course aims to prepare students for a life-long learning experience in the Air Force and to provide them with the tools to be future leaders," shared Master Sgt. Keith Cavanaugh, Paul H. Lankford Enlisted Professional Military Education Center superintendent.

"The students learn about the various roles they will assume as military supervisors, such as being communicators, managers, team members, military citizens and followers; all areas help with executing the most important role of being leaders and effective first line supervisors."

To get them prepared instructors use scenarios designed to foster thought and discussion.

"As facilitators we think it's vitally important to get the class to interact and embrace the concepts being taught, so we encourage them to resolve issues as a group," shared Tech. Sgt. Jenny Sanchez, EPME facilitator. "It allows the students an opportunity to apply some of the principles they've learned and foster that outside relationship with the community."

The instructors said they focus on educating their students in

leadership and organizing or influencing a group of people to accomplish a specific goal or mission.

"In ALS, the foundation to every lesson is mission accomplishment," said Tech. Sgt. D.J. Westfall, McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn., EPME instructor. "Airmen will learn much more during the course than necessary to successfully pass the exam given at the end of ALS."

Depending upon the success of the current class, AFRC plans on having a deployed ALS class at least once a year but it will be at a different locations, Wilson-Strong added.



# 434th FSS hooks up with Army for unique training

**By Tech. Sgt. Douglas Hays**  
*Public Affairs staff*

Many people can say they've hooked up a trailer – fewer still can say they hooked up a trailer to a hovering UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

Nearly 30 members from the 434th Force Support Squadron teamed with Soldiers from the Army Reserve's 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command for sling load training at Grissom July 23, which involves hooking cargo to a hovering helicopter as part of a joint, training exercise.

"We got a call from Lt. Col. Garret Kolo, 310th ESC, about an opportunity for his Army unit to work with our Air Force personnel," said Maj. Tenna Pershing, 434th FSS sustainment flight commander.

Teams of two took turns hooking a trailer, called a water buffalo, a wagon designed to carry water, and a cargo net with 55-gallon drums of water via a hooking pendant to the helicopter hovering just above their heads.

Sitting on top of a trailer waiting for the Black Hawk to arrive, Senior Airman Matthew Stone, 434th FSS services specialist, admitted he was anxious.

Despite those nerves, and with rotor wash pounding him, Stone climbed into the back of a small desert-colored military trailer and hooked it to the Black Hawk hovering overhead.

"While I was nervous it

was kind of cool as well," he said.

In his team of two, Stone said he volunteered to hook cargo to the helicopter because he had height advantage over his partner, Tech. Sgt. Roland Benitez, 434th FSS information manager.

"I was taller, and it was easier for me to reach," Stone said of his decision to volunteer.

Not only was the training considered exciting for many there, Pershing said it provided invaluable skills in both technical ability and cooperation.

"It gave our people a chance to work in a joint environment," she continued, "And, it falls in line with what we would do in the event of an earthquake or natural disaster, in which we may be called to provide humanitarian support."

The sling load training was just one area the FSS members received training in during July. They also participated in casualty evacuation training, which also put members and in the Black Hawk.

During the 'casevac' training, the Airmen practiced manifesting and loading simulated ambulatory patients, and also had an opportunity to take a short flight as well.

"It was the first time in a while we've been able to do home-station readiness training in major blocks," Pershing said. "From building shelters, setting a field kitchen to forklift and vehicle training, we tried to encompass as much tier training as possible."



*U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays*

Air Force reservists from the 434th Force Support Squadron make their way from under a U.S. Army Reserve UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter after hooking a small trailer to the hovering helicopter for transport during a joint training exercise held here July 23.



Senior Airman Matthew Stone and Tech. Sgt. Roland Benitez, 434th Force Support Squadron services specialists, practice how they will hook trailer to an Army Reserve UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter hovering overhead during a joint training exercise held here at Grissom July 23.





U.S. Air Force graphic by Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner

**By Staff Sgt.  
Andrew McLaughlin**  
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Helping to uphold good order and discipline, paralegal specialists act as the right hand of the Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps.

And, the 434th Air Refueling Wing's JAG office is currently looking for upstanding reservists to fill vital paralegal positions here.

The mission of the JAG office is to provide 434th ARW leadership and Airmen with legal support, said Tech. Sgt. Adam Evans, 434th

ARW paralegal specialist.

"We keep our force mobilization ready by providing legal assistance to every wing member," explained Evans, stating that some major functions a paralegal performs are preparing and drafting legal documents and performing legal reviews and research.

He also said there are three main areas in which a paralegal performs duties to include legal assistance, military justice and civil law.

Legal assistance includes helping with powers of attorney, wills, employment rights and other services.

Military justice involves working with disciplinary actions such as letters of counseling, Article 15 punishments and courts martial.

The civil law portion of the job includes working with claims, contracts and union issues.

Working in those three areas, paralegals not only directly communicate with the JAGs, they often work hand-in-hand with base leadership, especially commanders and first sergeants, said Evans, who added the job is in a fast-paced office environment.

Because of the high visibility, sensitive nature, and fast-paced environment, paralegals are required to have a high level of integrity.

"Paralegals need to be detail oriented, motivated and have a high level of integrity," said Evans, who added that the job is not only rewarding as a military career, but can also have value outside the military as skills learned as an Air Force paralegal are transferrable to the civilian world.

Potential applicants need letters of recommendation from their supervisors and cannot have received any Article 15s.

To become a paralegal, one must complete a six-week course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and seasonal training is available.

## Grissom Airmen awarded medals for meritorious service

**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner**  
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For their meritorious service in the U.S. Air Force, nine Grissom Airmen were recently awarded medals.

### **Meritorious Service Medal**

Four 434th Air Refueling Wing Airmen were recently presented with Meritorious Service Medals. President Lyndon Johnson established the MSM by Executive Order 11448 on Jan. 16, 1969, as the counterpart of the Bronze Star Medal for the recognition of meritorious noncombatant service.

Those receiving the MSM are listed below:

- Lt. Col. Carl Henry, 74th Air Refueling Squadron
- Senior Master Sgt. Mark Campbell, 434th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
- Master Sgt. Dean Regazzi, 434th Civil Engineer Squadron
- Master Sgt. Kevin Wright, 434th CES

### **Air Force Commendation Medal**

One noncommissioned officer and one officer

received Air Force Commendation Medals.

This medal was authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force on March 28, 1958, for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguished themselves by meritorious achievement and service. Below are those receiving commendation medals:

- Capt. Maria Delimata, 434th ARW
- Tech. Sgt. Christopher Sewell, 434th AMDS

### **Air Force Achievement Medal**

Three Grissom Airmen were awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal. This medal was authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force on Oct. 20, 1980, and is awarded to Air Force personnel for outstanding achievement or meritorious service rendered specifically on behalf of the Air Force. Below are those receiving achievement medal:

- Lt. Col. Stephen McManus, 434th ARW
- Senior Airman Jesse Vanengelenhoven 434th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Senior Airman James Wagner, 434th AMDS



# Grissom conducts active-shooter exercise

By Tech. Sgt. Douglas Hays  
Public Affairs staff

It is the worst of scenarios -- disgruntled gunmen open fire on innocent and unsuspecting people in the workplace while shots ring out amplifying the fog of confusion.

While this scenario has not happened at Grissom, 434th Air Refueling Wing leadership held an active-shooter exercise to test the base's reaction to such an incident July 13.

The 'gunmen' were staged to attack a critical component of Grissom's infrastructure during the exercise that was designed to test the ability of the base's command and control, security, and fire protection abilities as well as individual office plans created for such an event.

"Typically we have about seven to nine events a year where we practice different scenarios," said Lt. Col. Chuck Good, 434th ARW combat readiness officer. "We want to do them often

enough to keep people familiar with their roles and actions."

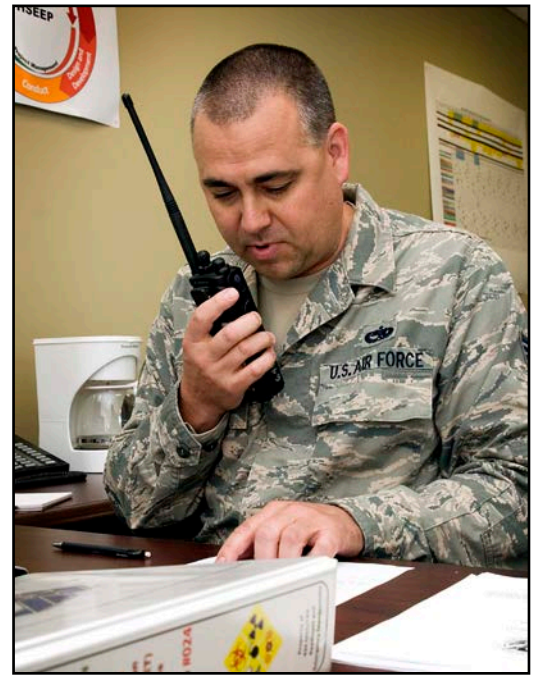
With plans in place, and under the watchful eyes of base exercise evaluation team members, the scenario unfolded.

Unit members sprang into action, locking doors and taking cover to protect themselves and government assets as alarms and alerts sounded.

After the all clear rang out ending the exercise, EET members reviewed their notes and provided the base with positive results and lessons learned for the next time.

However, next time will always be different with new lessons to learn as the base tests itself not just on man-made situations, but any emergency situation that could arise.

"The regulations require we test the base on not only terrorist or terror incidents, but also natural disasters," said Good, who added that in the end it's all about being prepared for whatever may come.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays

**Tech. Sgt. Carl Kremer, 434th Air Refueling Wing combat readiness specialist, performs a radio check with exercise evaluation team members prior to an active-shooter exercise held here July 13, 2013. The scenario tested the base's security, command and control, and fire department members as well as individual offices and organizations ability to follow the plans and checklists in place.**

## Thirty wing Airmen receive next stripe

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner  
Public Affairs staff

America's Airmen earn each stripe of rank.

More than 30 Airmen from the 434th Air Refueling Wing here recently earned their next stripe. Their names are as follows:

### To senior master sergeant:

- Troy Bell, 434th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Aaron Dehner, 434th Civil Engineer Squadron

### To master sergeant:

- Jason Cable, 434th AMXS
- Wesley Fletcher, 434th AMXS
- April Gandy, 434th Force Support Squadron
- Rebekah Hewes, 434th AMXS
- Jason Washburn, 434th AMXS
- Caleb Webster, 434th Operations Support Squadron



U.S. Air Force graphic by Tech. Sgt. Mark Orders-Woempner

- Robert Woods, 434th CES
- To technical sergeant:**
- Thomas Greening, 49th Aerial Port Flight
- Kristina Williams, 434th FSS
- Matthew Willison, 434th Security Forces Squadron
- James Barrett, 434th Maintenance Squadron

### To staff sergeant:

- Jose Hernandez, 434th CES
- Michael Walden, 49th APF

### To senior airman:

- Brendan Carney, 434th CES
- Keith Diamond, 434th MXS
- Angelic Gaines, 434th Logistics Readiness Squadron
- Michael McNally, 434th MXS
- Cory Shirk, 434th LRS
- To airman 1st class:**
- Aalieyah Billings, 434th AMXS
- Anthony Bitner, 434th AMXS
- Jayci Cloutier, 434th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
- Jared Easton, 434th OSS
- David Holland, 434th Maintenance Operations Flight
- Adam Kee, 434th AMXS
- Nicholas McClure, 434th AMXS
- Kelsey McFadden, 49th APF

### To airman:

- Cameron Green, 434th MOF
- Spencer Hessman, 434th SFS
- Ethan Schmitz, 434th AMXS
- Kayla Yates, 434th LRS



# Firefighters crush CES for softball title

By Tech. Sgt.  
Douglas Hays  
*Public Affairs staff*

Firefighters normally extinguish flames, but this July their bats were blazing and they kept on going.

The Grissom Fire Department scorched the 434th Civil Engineer Squadron 12-2 earning the intramural softball championship July 31.

The firemen opened

up with a four-run first inning enroute to a scorching victory.

CE doused any hope the fire fighters had of a shutout, by notching a pair of runs in the second.

However, any hope of a comeback was smothered as the Jason Cahill crushed a 2-run homer over the left field fence.

The game was called in the fourth inning as the 10-run mercy rule was invoked.



*U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Doug Hays*

**The Grissom Fire Department team poses with their trophy after winning Grissom's intramural softball championships.**



**ABOVE: Adam Osborn, Grissom Fire Department third basemen, fields a ball and attempts to gun down Ryan Sautter, 434th Civil Engineer Squadron outfielder, during Grissom's intramural softball championship July 31.**

**LEFT: Thomas Carey, Grissom Air Reserve Base Fire Department shortstop, pitches the ball to second base to force out a 434th Civil Engineer baserunner.**