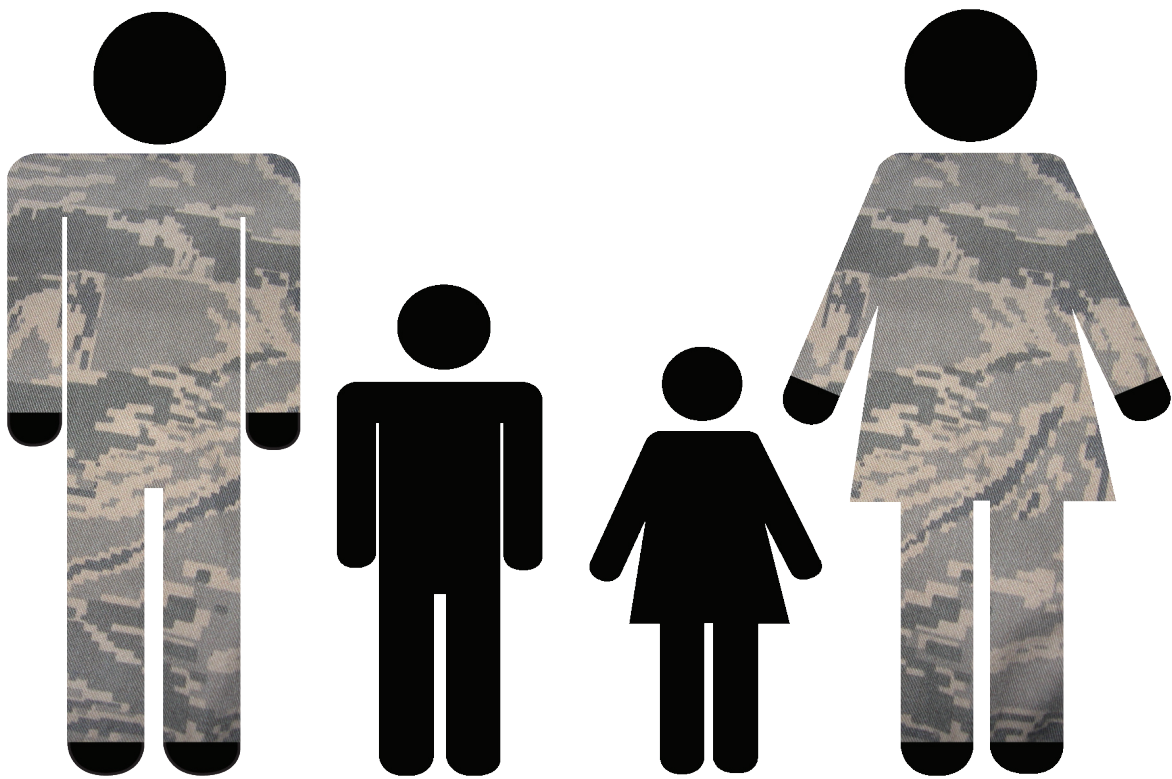


RABBIT TAILS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP



Family Day 2011

Plus: Military OneSource | Thumpers Softball | E-3 Upgrade Update | Member Spotlight

RABBIT TALES



TABLE OF CONTENTS

- Upcoming Events | 3
- Family Day 2011 | 3
- Where Are They Now? | 4
- Military One Source | 5
- 9/11 Message | 5
- E-3 Block 40/45 Upgrade | 6
- In the Spotlight | 7
- Thumper Softball | 8



Rabbit Tales is a production of the 513th Air Control Group Public Affairs office.

Contents of and the views expressed in the Rabbit Tales newsletter are not necessarily endorsed by the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force.

All photographs are Air Force photographs unless otherwise indicated.

THANKS FOR READING

Welcome to the new and improved Rabbit Tales, the newsletter of the 513th Air Control Group. Our goal is to make the Tales informative and entertaining.

We always welcome suggestions, comments, photos, or news that you would like to share with the rest of the 513 ACG. You can send an email to 513acg.publicaffairs@tinker.af.mil or call DSN 884-4500.



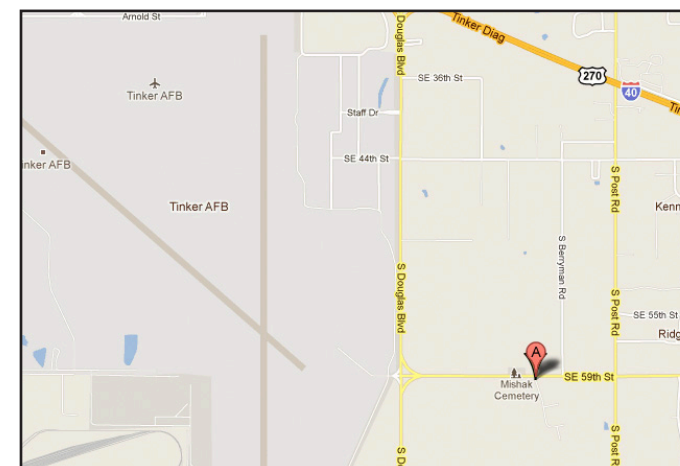
FAMILY DAY 2011

On Saturday, there are a couple opportunities for you and your family to enjoy Family Day 2011. The 507 ARW activities are still open to all 513 ACG members as usual with a \$1 cost per person.

This year, the 513th is putting on a family day at the 38th Engineering Installation Group, located just east of South Douglas Boulevard on SE 59th Street.

Admission is free for 513th members, \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children. Food and drink is provided, along with volleyball and games.

The fun starts at 1100 with more than 370 unit and family members expected. Don't miss out!



Map indicates the 38th Engineering Installation Group, where the 513 ACG family day will be held. Graphic courtesy Google ©2011.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10 Sep - 0830 - Group Photo
- 10 Sep - 1100 - Family Day
- 12 Sep - 1700 - Monday Night Volleyball
- 13 Sep - 1700 - Flag Football Practice
- 19 Sep - 1700 - Monday Night Volleyball
- 20 Sep - 1700 - Flag Football Practice
- 22 Sep - 1700 - Okie vs. Thumper Softball
- 26 Sep - 1700 - Monday Night Volleyball
- 27 Sep - 1700 - Flag Football Practice
- 27 Sep - 1900 - Journey, Foreigner, Night Ranger at Zoo Amphitheatre
- 01 Oct - 0900 - 513 ACG/CC Assumption of Command
- 04 Oct - Time TBD - Flag Football Season Begins
- 03 Dec - Time TBD - Christmas Party

THIS UTA IN HISTORY

Sep 9, 1776 — The Continental Congress formally declares the name of the new nation to be the “United States” of America. This replaced the term “United Colonies,” which had been in general use.

Sep 9, 1942 — A Japanese floatplane drops incendiary bombs on an Oregon state forest, resulting in a forest fire without any long-term damage. This was the first and only air attack on the U.S. mainland in the war.

Sep 10, 1897 — A 25-year-old London taxi driver named George Smith becomes the first person ever arrested for drunk driving after slamming his cab into a building. Smith later pled guilty and was fined 25 shillings.

Sep 10, 1955 — “Gunsmoke”, the longest running television show in history, premiered its first episode. Before being adapted for TV, the show had existed for more than 3 years as a radio show, which began in 1952.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Brig Gen John C. Fobian
Commander, 513 ACG
Nov 1999 — Apr 2001



Col James Kerr
Commander, 513 ACG
June 2001 — June 2004



What are your duties in your current position?

As the Deputy Director of Intelligence, Operations, and Nuclear Integration for Joint Matters, I provide management oversight for Joint and Interservice Education and Training programs and assist in the development of the vision for total force integration throughout AETCs operations.

What was the biggest challenge that the 513th faced while you were commander?

The biggest challenge was continuing to build this new associate unit by recruiting talented professionals to form a cohesive team to work side by side with our active duty partners. In 2000, the 513 ACG was declared fully operational capable and we participated in our first AEF deployment with four volunteer crews supporting Operation Northern Watch.

What is your favorite memory of the 513 ACG?

On December 11, 2000, TSgt Duane Fansler's (513 MXS) home was completely destroyed due to a fire. Duane, his wife Kim, and their six children lost everything. In a short time, word spread about their situation and members from the 507th and 513th came forward to help. Reservists donated money, clothes, toys, and other items that were badly needed. That was a great example of Airmen helping Airmen, which is typical of the 513th Air Control Group.

Do you have any advice for members of the 513 ACG?

Your mission will not get any easier, so continue to work together to face the future challenges. Teamwork is the key to your success. Whether it is within the 513th or with the 552nd, cooperation and dedication to the mission are vital. Thanks for what you do every day.

Brig. Gen. Fobian now lives at Lackland AFB, Texas.

What are your duties in your current position?

As the Chief of the Professional Development Center (PDC) for AFRC, I am in charge of our reserve command's unique course offerings. Some courses are offered here in residence and some in the field.

What was the biggest challenge that the 513th faced while you were commander?

During the activation of the 513 ACG beginning in 2001, we worked hard to prove our capability as an autonomous group with the capability to partner at the hip with the 552nd Air Control Wing. By taking responsibility of Operation Northern Watch, we proved that capability and became side-by-side partners.

What is your favorite memory of the 513 ACG?

Visiting the men and women of the 513th and 970th during the Christmas Holidays in 2001 and 2002 while they were deployed in support of Operation Northern Watch. It meant a lot to be with them during the most challenging season to be separated from family, and to show them their commander's support.

Do you have any advice for members of the 513 ACG?

Continue serving each other first and foremost while you serve your country. There is power in union and teamwork. I am very proud of you and of all you have accomplished.

Col. Kerr now lives at Robins AFB, Georgia.

To suggest former 513th Air Control Group members to include in future issues, email 513acg.publicaffairs@tinker.af.mil.

WHAT CAN MILITARY ONESOURCE DO FOR YOU?

Story by Senior Airman Caleb Wanzer

We all have enough responsibility in our lives. Between juggling our children, spouse, civilian career, and military job, every day can be an adventure. If we figure in deployments, TDYs, and other training, the load can stress not only ourselves, but those we love most as well.

The Department of Defense recognized this and responded by creating Military OneSource, a resource accessible both digitally and by telephone. The majority of their services only apply during a deployment, but some are always available to Reservists.

- Free tutoring through Tutor.com for deployed members and their families. This online service provides tutors in any subject who work through homework step-by-step.

- Counseling, whether face-to-face, by telephone, or online, is available to members and their families, regardless of duty status. Counselors are trained for military specific issues, but are available for stress, family, professional, grief or communication counseling.

- YMCA memberships for family members before, during, and after a deployment. Eligibility begins 3 months before deployment, and expires 3 months after the member returns. The deployment must be at least 6 months.

- Sittercity membership. Sittercity is a database of childcare providers focused for military families. Members can browse local caregivers' profiles that include reviews, references, background checks, and more.

- Message boards and the 24/7 hotline are both ways to get answers and advice for military, personal, or family related questions.

They also provide monthly newsletters via email to keep you updated on the latest features and programs available. I hope that you take an opportunity to check out these and the many other resources available to you through Military OneSource.



AIR FORCE LEADERS ISSUE 9/11 MESSAGE

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy issued the following message to the Airmen of the U.S. Air Force:

September 11, 2011, marks the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent people -- at the World Trade Center; at Shanksville, Pa.; and at the Pentagon -- and affected the lives of countless others across our great country and beyond. In all, 90 countries lost citizens, and people the world over would condemn these acts of terrorism.

This tragic event altered our view of the world and sparked a global effort to combat terrorism and the conditions that give rise to extremism. We are proud of the international efforts that have led to the capture or killing of many of the terrorist leaders, but our success has not come without significant cost. As we reflect on the horrific day that marked the beginning of our struggle to better secure the world from these threats, we honor the tremendous selfless service that today still distinguishes American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, comprising the most dedicated, professional and powerful military force in the world. We also recognize that the need for sacrifice is not over.

We sincerely thank you and your families for what you have done for your country to date, and thank you in advance for bravely facing our future challenges. Please take a moment this day to reflect on the tragic losses of September 11, 2001, as well as the losses and wounds that we have suffered in our campaign to maintain security for our Nation since that fateful day. Today, we also remember the families and friends of the lost and wounded, who bear the heaviest burden, whose loneliness we seek to ease, and whose sacrifice we hold in the highest regard.



E-3 BLOCK 40/45 UPGRADE

Story by Brandice J. O'Brien
Courtesy of the Tinker Take-Off

Team Tinker achieved the impossible ... again. On the morning of Aug. 25 beneath a glaring hot sun, approximately 300 guests from the 566th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, E-3 System Program Office, Electronic Systems Center and Boeing attended a victory celebration just west of Bldg. 2136's AWACS programmed depot maintenance hangar in the shadows of the first E-3 AWACS jet to receive the long-awaited Block 40/45 modification.

The event marked the completion of phase two of the low-rate initial production of the Block 40/45 modification project, which was finished on the first E-3 Sentry 23 days ahead of schedule. The Block 40/45 modification is a \$2.7-billion initiative to upgrade the computer system, ground systems and infrastructure. Replacing the aircraft's physical computer equipment began in November in conjunction with routine depot maintenance.

"This is a great day – we delivered ahead of schedule and under budget," said Maj. Gen. David Gillett, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center commander. "You don't get to say that very often about programs,

and it happened because this is a textbook example of how you want industry and the Air Force working together."

Col. Cedric George, 76th Maintenance Wing commander, agreed. "You overcame a leaking radome, hydraulic contamination, and a late corrosion find, but nothing stopped you," Colonel George said. "You did all of this and still produced the aircraft 23 days early and with fewer than planned labor hours. I'm convinced nothing will stop you as you look forward to future E-3 inductions. That's how it's done."

Block 40/45 replaces the internal 1970s equipment with commercial off-the-shelf Ethernet/local area network, similar to modern-day office equipment. The first aircraft to be reengineered is 82-007, a 27-year-old E-3.

During phase one, 566th AMXS personnel installed the equipment. In phase two, they proved the systems were operational and performed and completed functional tests. Following the ceremony, aircraft 82-007 flew to Boeing in Seattle, for product qualification tests.



Tinker's Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center Commander Maj. Gen. David Gillett congratulates E-3 riggers Robin Moulton and Steven Mooy and sheet metal mechanic Jason Mooy, from left, after an Aug. 25 Block 40/45 modification celebration. Maintenance personnel of the 76th Maintenance Wing were praised by a line of leadership for their early completion of the first E-3 Sentry upgrade that included new computer and ground systems and jet infrastructure. (Air Force photo by Margo Wright)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

SSgt Renee Eavey

Unit: 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

Job Title: Knowledge Operations Manager

Hometown: Oklahoma City, Okla.

Place I'd like to visit: China (since my husband is there for a year).

Favorite part of my job: Going home!

Pet Peeve: People who text/talk and drive.

Little Known Fact: I'm left-handed.



TSgt Alphonzo Glover

Unit: 513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Job Title: Dedicated Crew Chief, E-3B
Aircraft 75-0557

Hometown: Kansas City, Mo.

Place I'd like to visit: Greece. My buddy went while stationed at Mildenhall and said it was the best place he'd ever been.

Favorite part of my job: Getting airplanes airborne.

Pet Peeve: Lazy people

Little Known Fact: I love to write music (lyrics), poetry and short stories. It's therapeutic.



THUMPERS BATTLE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Story and Photos by
Senior Airman Caleb Wanzer

The dreams of a third consecutive base intramural softball title for the 513th Thumpers were dashed on August 25th in a 16-6 loss to the 72nd Security Forces Squadron.

The game lasted only four innings. In those four innings the Thumpers suffered 11 errors, with each player only batting twice.

“It was without a doubt the worst game we’ve played in 3 years”, said Thumper player-coach Joe Brown. The lone bright spots were two ‘in the park’ home runs, hit back-to-back by Matt Portno and Aaron Jones.

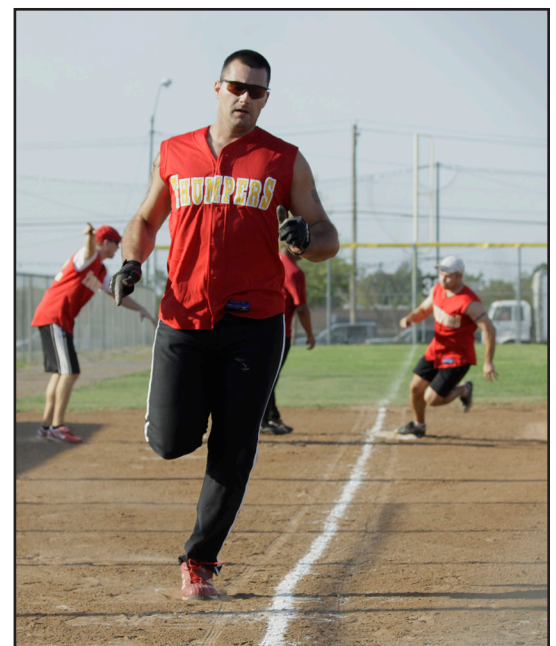
The score was tied with four runs on both sides of the scoreboard when the 513th defense fell apart in the bottom of the third inning, allowing the 72 SFS to score 10 runs.

“We’ll be back next season,” promised Brown. “We needed that kick in the pants to get us hungrier.”

On the same night, the Thumper co-ed softball team defeated Jay’s Wrecking Crew 8-7, winning their second consecutive base championship.

Look for both teams to be near the top of the heap again in 2012.

Lt. Col. Ralph Hawkins contributed to this story.



Top: Matt Portno fires a ball to second base from center field. Above: Aaron Jones races to home plate followed by Rob Muther at third base. Left: Rob Doty hits a ball to left field while Aaron Jones looks on from third base.