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## 15th softball season opens with wins for Thumpers

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## 513TH UPDATE

### Upcoming events

- Saturday – 1200 – Key Spouse Luncheon (970th Conference Room)
- Saturday – 1430 – Pre-deployment Briefing (970th Auditorium)
- August UTA – TBD – Annual SAPR Training (970th Auditorium & 552nd OG Auditorium)
- Sept. 12 – TBD – 513th Family Day (38th CEIG/Tinker Annex)

### Fit to Fight MVP's

**Senior Airman James Lopez**  
Unit: 513th MXS  
Score: 97.3%



**Senior Airman Fernando Jacobo**  
Unit: 513th MXS  
Score: 97.1%

### Promotions for July

Congrats to this month's promotees!

**Airman 1st Class Misty Stratton**

(513th Operations Support Squadron)

**Staff Sgt. Paul Cartwright**

(513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

**Staff Sgt. Travis Flanery**

(513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

**Staff Sgt. Joshua Minton**

(513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

**Staff Sgt. Brittany Webb**

(513th Operations Support Squadron)

**Tech. Sgt. David Kiggins**

(513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

**Master Sgt. Justin Sproles**

(513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

### Cover photo

Thumper softball's Joe Brown starts his swing during the team's first game June 25 at Tinker Air Force Base. The Thumpers won both games against their first opponents, the 966th AACs. (U.S. Air For Photo/Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer)



### Fit to Fight hall of fame



**Team Tinker**

**513th ACG**



#### 1.5-Mile Run

Men: **7:51** **8:57** Men: TSgt Daniel McDonald  
Women: **9:44** **12:07** Women: TSgt Krystal Stalder

#### Pushups

Men: **110** **82** Men: SrA Robert Duncan  
Women: **65** **48** Women: 1st Lt. Lily Baker

#### Situps

Men: **109** **92** Men: 1st Lt. Michael Doughty  
Women: **84** **63** Women: 1st Lt. Amie Inman

#### 1-Mile Walk

Men & Women: **9:15** **11:22** Men: MSgt Darrell Freel  
**13:57** Women: MSgt Elizabeth Staff

## 513th Air Control Group Commander

## Fight, fight and win...again

By Col. David "Super Dave" Robertson

As you know, the 513 ACG recently changed its mission statement to "Provide Combat-Ready AWACS Citizen Airmen to Fly, Fight and Win." It's now time to put this mission statement into action. Many of you will be deploying this coming week in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. This task, which you are about to undertake, cannot be understated. There are enemies of our country that threaten our freedoms as Americans and threaten our way of life. Your job as a Reserve AWACS Airman is to manage the air war and facilitate the defeat of these enemies.

For some of you this will be your very first deployment to a war zone; for others you have deployed more times than you could possibly remember. Either way you are deploying as a team that makes up the very best AWACS has to offer—hands down. You have been trained well and I know you will uphold the legacy of excellence and experience that has always been the hallmark of the 513 ACG.

As your commander, I personally want to thank each one of you for sacrificing and volunteering to deploy, even though many of you are still in dwell from our last activation. The fact that we can voluntarily deploy two crews with maintenance to the AOR so soon after the threat of unit closure is remarkable. Many folks up the chain have noticed this and have expressed their surprise that we are able to once



again deploy. As I mention to higher leadership every chance I get, this is simply a testament to the patriotism and dedication of our Reserve AWACS Airmen.

Finally, we will be putting our new Key Spouse team into action while you are deployed. This is simply a way for us to promote the 513th family culture, allowing you to focus on the mission. We will have more info on this during the deployers/spouse brief on Saturday afternoon.

Thank you again for your dedication and willingness to take the fight to our nation's enemies. Give 'em hell, Team Thumper.

## 513th Air Control Group Deputy Commander

## Taking care of the now

By Col. Matt Conrad

I like sports. I like sports radio. I enjoy the meaningless banter and the dissection of teams and why one will dominate and the other will not even make the playoffs. "PLAYOFFS? DON'T TALK ABOUT PLAYOFFS?! YOU KIDDIN' ME...PLAYOFFS?!" (The previous quote was made by a former coach of the world's greatest NFL franchise.) I enjoy talking about sports in almost every aspect—except one. I detest the talk of legacy. It usually takes the form of "What will happen to LeBron's legacy if he doesn't win in Cleveland?" or "How will deflate-gate mar Tom Brady's legacy?" In these two cases, we are asked to look forward into the future (which is not a bad thing) and guess how the past will be interpreted (which again is not a bad thing). My problem with looking into the future to guess the past is that it neglects the now. The reality of a legacy is that to shape it into something you can be proud of; most of your focus needs to be on the "now".

Men and women of the 513th, your accomplishments are well documented and nothing less than astounding. It's due in great part to your accomplishments that the 513th was determined to be essential and vital to the defense of our nation. As much as I would like to reminisce about how great we were in the past, we need to double our efforts and keep the focus on what we are doing now. We are in an extremely busy season. As a matter of fact, I cannot remember a busier and more diverse season in the 513th. I'm sure you are all aware of the maintenance and ops package that is rolling out the door in a few days. In addition to that, the 513th will be and is presently participating in OCONUS and CONUS TDYs, as well as preparing for JTFX this August, and, oh by



the way, there is a little thing called the UEI on all of our calendars for November. Needless to say, it is a very busy time. Our focus needs to be taking care of the now. Another great football coach explained this as the "WIN" principle or "What's Important Now". What I need everyone in the 513th to concentrate on is their J-O-B. Whether you are aircrew, maintenance, or any of our necessary support staff, keep doing those things that keep you and your skill level at the very highest. We've got a lot going on and it's up to all of us to make sure we navigate through this busy season. You all continue to amaze me and I am extremely proud to be a part of this unit. Whadyasay we set aside some time in December and talk about our legacy? December 2017, that is.

## Q&amp;A

# OPM's data breach and what it could mean for you

## What happened and when?

OPM recently discovered two cyber security incidents that have impacted the data of Federal government employees, contractors, and others:

1. In April 2015, OPM discovered that the personnel data of 4.2 million current and former Federal government employees had been stolen. This means information such as full name, birth date, home address and Social Security Numbers were affected. This number has not changed since it was announced by OPM in early June and you should have already received a notification if you were impacted.

2. While investigating this incident, in early June 2015 OPM then discovered that additional information had been compromised: including background investigation records of current, former, and prospective Federal employees and contractors. OPM and the interagency incident response team have concluded with high confidence that sensitive information, including the Social Security Numbers (SSNs) of 21.5 million individuals, was stolen from the background investigation databases. This includes 19.7 million individuals that applied for a background investigation, and 1.8 million non-applicants, primarily spouses or co-habitants of ap-

plicants. Some records also include findings from interviews conducted by background investigators and approximately 1.1 million include fingerprints. Usernames and passwords that background investigation applicants used to fill out their background investigation forms were also stolen. Notifications for this incident have not yet begun.

While background investigation records do contain some information regarding mental health and financial history provided by applicants and people contacted during the background investigation, there is no evidence that health, financial, payroll and retirement records of Federal personnel or those who have applied for a Federal job were impacted by this incident (for example, annuity rolls, retirement records, USA JOBS, Employee Express).

OPM and an interagency team from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have been investigating these incidents. Based upon the analysis and forensics to date, the interagency incident response team assesses that the adversary is no longer active on OPM's network. At this point, it is most likely that no new significant information about exfiltration will be found regarding these incidents.

## What help is available to me to protect my identity?

For the affected background investigation applicants, spouses or co-habitants with Social Security Numbers and other sensitive information that was stolen from OPM databases, OPM and the Department of Defense (DOD) will work with a private-sector firm specializing in credit and identity theft monitoring to provide services.

The protections in this suite of services are tailored to address potential risks created by this particular incident, and will be provided for a period of at least 3 years, at no charge.

For those affected by the personnel data incident, OPM has sent notifications to provide you with the information for how to access identity protection and insurance services. These services include 18 months of credit monitoring membership, free credit report access, identity theft insurance, and identity restoration. Regardless of whether or not you explicitly take action to enroll in the credit monitoring services, you will have access to identity theft insurance and access to full-service identity restoration provided.

Visit [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov) for the full Q&A as well as more information on benefits available to those affected by the incident.



**Staff Sergeant Michael McCray**

**Unit:** 513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Job title:** Crew Chief

**Hometown:** Hampton, Virginia

**Favorite teams:** Georgia Bulldogs and Oakland Raiders

**What did you want to be when you grew up?** Work on ESPN. I'm a huge sports fan.

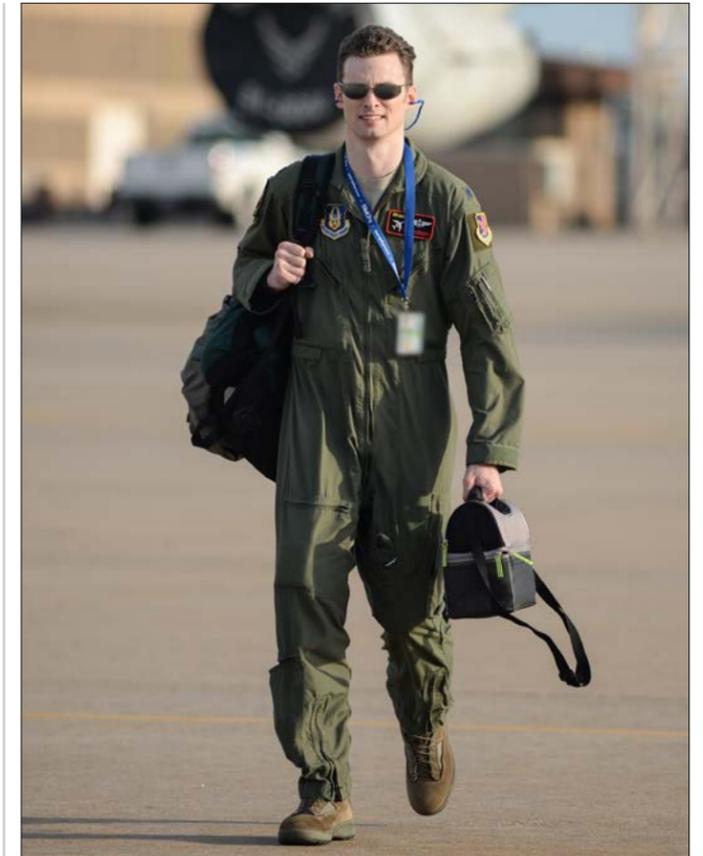
**Little-known fact about you:** I can swim pretty well, contrary to popular belief.

**Best part of your job:** Meeting people all over and learning from others.

**Favorite memory from your time in the 513th?** Participating in the squadron basketball event in March.

**If you had superhero ability, it would be:** I would be able to FLY.

**Watched any good TV shows or movies recently?** My favorite show is Sopranos. I like sports movies and comedies like Step Brothers, Friday or Coming to America.



**Lieutenant Colonel Travis Eastbourne**

**Unit:** 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

**Job title:** Senior Director

**Hometown:** Kennewick, Washington

**Favorite team:** Seattle Mariners

**Civilian Job?** Instructor Senior Director at Delaware Resource Group.

**What did you want to be when you grew up?** A radio DJ.

**Little-known fact about you:** My favorite hobby for most of my youth was trout fishing.

**Favorite memory from your time in the 513th?** Eating Japanese food in Hawaii with people from my crew at RIMPAC 2014.

**If you had superhero ability, it would be:** The ability to heal people with my mind.

**Watched any good TV shows or movies recently?** Archer re-runs on Netflix.



# Thumpers 2-0 at 15th season open



**By Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer**  
*513th Air Control Group Public Affairs*

The 513th Air Control Group's intramural softball team, the Thumpers, kicked off season 15 with two strong wins against the 966th Airborne Air Control Squadron

on June 25 in a double-header match. The season, which started two weeks late thanks to the heavy rain, will likely see the 100th match between the Thumpers and their

Reserve rivals, the 507th Air Refueling Wing Okies. The Thumpers start the season with a 51-44 all-time lead since the feud began in 2001.





The 513th's money man (a.k.a. Resource Advisor), Senior Master Sgt. Michael Striplin, made the June UTA his last. He didn't move far, however, landing a job spending a different Tinker agency's money. (Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer)

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Sulanke, our 513th Maintenance Squadron Superintendent, is retiring after many years of service to the 513th. He's also transitioning to a civil service job here at Tinker. (Courtesy photo)

