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## 513TH UPDATE

### Upcoming events

Saturday – 1000 – Col. England Promotion  
(970th AACS Auditorium)

Saturday – 1500 – SMSgt Mark Rogers Retirement  
(970th AACS Auditorium)

Nov. 12-17 – UEI Capstone Inspection

Oct. 1-Nov. 22 – Combined Federal Campaign  
(See SSgt Wanzer or LtCol Hawkins for info)

### Promotions for Oct.

Congrats to this month's promotees!

**Airman 1st Class** Mercedes Richie  
(513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

**Staff Sgt.** Lindsay Flanery  
(513th Maintenance Squadron)

**Staff Sgt.** Aric Mooney  
(513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

**Tech. Sgt.** Christina Luna  
(513th Maintenance Squadron)

**Col.** Steven England  
(513th Air Control Group)

### Cover photo

Reservists from the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron return to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., from a deployment to Southwest Asia in support of combat operations against ISIS. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer)



### Fit to Fight MVP's

**TSgt Daniel McDonald**  
Unit: 513 MXS  
Score: 100%



**LtCol David Cavazos**  
Unit: 970 AACS  
Score: 97.7%

### 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

## November's Capstone Event

By Col. David "Super Dave" Robertson

Team,

As you should know by now, the November UTA has been moved to 14-15 November to accommodate the AFRC IG team as they conduct a Capstone inspection of the 513 ACG. The inspectors will actually be here before the UTA and will remain at our unit until approximately 17 November. This will be a different type of inspection than ones in the past with a heavy emphasis on MICT and the overall CCIP (Commander's Inspection Program). Many of you will be asked to give interviews with the inspectors...indeed we believe they are targeting at least 125 of you to give interviews on the status of our unit. If you're asked to speak with the inspectors, take the opportunity to respectfully express both positive things about the unit as well as some of the challenges we face as Reservists. Take this opportunity to brag on your unit, your shop and any programs you may manage. The 513 has a history of excellence and this is the time to show off this excellence to the AFRC IG team.

As we go through this inspection it's important to note our new 513 ACG Mission Statement - "Provide combat-ready AWACS airmen to fly, fight and win," and our new 513 ACG Vision Statement - "Experience, expertise, teamwork: The 1st choice in AWACS." It's also important to remember our



three strategic focal areas that were developed at our strategic planning conference this past spring:

- 1) Marketing our capabilities,
- 2) Maintaining and enhancing our Reserve culture, and
- 3) Actively identifying and engaging in new mission opportunities as a direct force provider to COCOMs.

I'm proud of the way the 513 ACG has rebounded after a difficult 2014 and potential shutdown. Your ability to recover as a team, deploy to the AOR and maintain the standard 513 ACG excellence is simply incredible. I ask you to dig deep during our AFRC IG Capstone event, work hard, show off our capabilities and demonstrate what makes the 513th the absolute best AWACS unit in the Air Force. Thank you ahead of time for your hard work and dedication.

## FROM THE TOP

### Words of wisdom from the IG office

By Maj. Greg Hutto

As we close in on our 1st ever UEI Capstone event, it is a good time to reflect on all the hard work we've gone through to get ready for this "big event". In the last two years, the 513th has fully integrated MICT into everyday life, created its own IG Inspections program, conducted 18 CCIP inspections made up of 40 separate unit-level evaluations, and embraced an entirely new culture of "Marketing the 513th". Not only have we survived, we have excelled!



We quite literally have made a name for ourselves. As November draws near and this AFRC Inspection approaches, I'd ask you to "Keep it Simple". First, do what you've been trained to do to the best of your ability. Second, "Market the 513th"! Let the inspectors know about the challenges and obstacles we face each day and also how we consistently overcome them. Lastly, this may be a much friendlier inspection, but it is most definitely still an inspection. Expect to be interviewed. Treat this inspection like a job interview and prepare your statements in advance. With the sheer number of interviews and/or "auditions" required, you may only get fifteen minutes to talk or "perform" a task. Make It Count!

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## OUR MISSION

To provide **combat-ready AWACS Citizen Airmen to Fly, Fight & Win**

## OUR VISION

Experience, Expertise, Teamwork:  
**The 1st Choice in AWACS**

You're invited to the 513th Air Control Group's 2015

# Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 5th

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

at The Petroleum Club

Come celebrate the reason for the season with family, friends, and honored guests!

Cash bar will be available!

Each ticket holder will be entered to win a big screen TV.

Purchase your tickets early for a jolly good discount!

Enlisted:

Purchase in October

Single - \$40

Couple - \$75

Purchase in November

Single - \$45

Couple - \$85

Purchase in December

Single - \$50

Couple - \$95

Officer:

Purchase in October

Single - \$50

Couple - \$90

Purchase in November

Single - \$55

Couple - \$105

Purchase in December

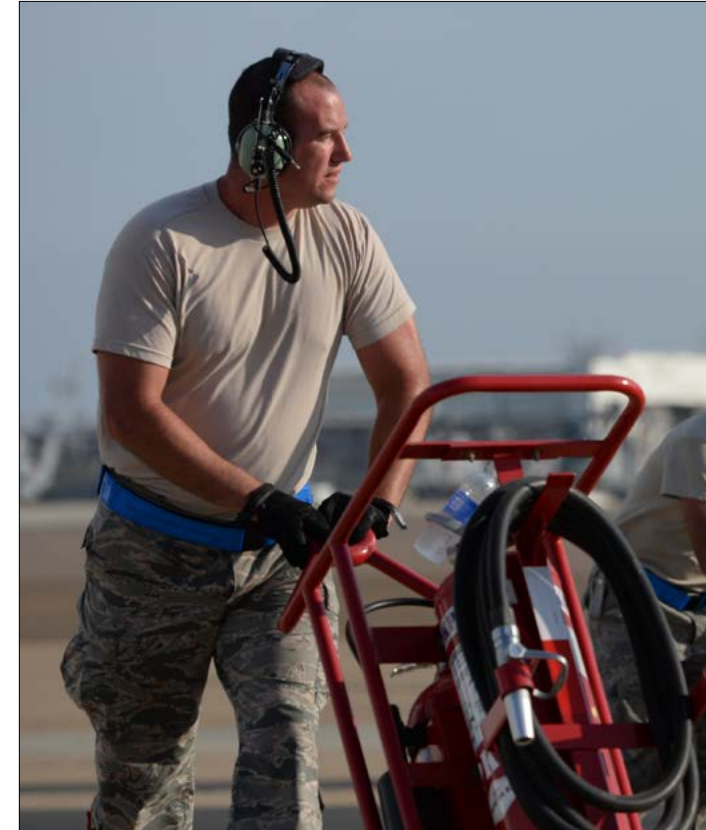
Single - \$60

Couple - \$115

The Petroleum Club  
100 North Broadway Suite 3400  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

## SPOTLIGHT

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**Master Sergeant Justin Sproles**

**Unit:** 513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**Job title:** Lead Communication/Navigation ART

**Hometown:** Galveston, Texas

**Favorite team:** Houston Astros

**What did you want to be when you grew up?**

A scientist.

**Favorite part of your job:** All the TDYs.

**Little-known fact about you:** I have a BS in Microbiology.

**Favorite memory from your time in the 513th?**

Going ADVON to Spokane, Washington.

**If you had superhero ability, it would be:**

Telekinetic Spontaneous Combustion

**Watched any good TV shows or movies recently?**

The Walking Dead.



**Senior Airman Hunter "Pony Boy" Millard**

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

**Job title:** 1A3 Airborne Radar Technician

**Hometown:** Lawton, Oklahoma (Do not be afraid...)

**Favorite team:** The Oklahoma Sooners and the New York Giants

**What did you want to be when you grew up?**

I'm not too sure. I hope I'm still growing.

**Little-known fact about you:** My real name is Hunter, but for some reason everyone calls me "Pony Boy." I think it's because I love the show My Little Pony or something.

**Favorite memory from your time in the 513th?**

Deploying on my 21st birthday with an awesome group of people!

**If you had superhero ability, it would be:**

I think the ability to time travel would be pretty cool and useful!

**Watched any good TV shows or movies recently?**

During this deployment, I have gotten addicted to Game of Thrones! The crew and myself pretty much reference it everyday.

# WELCOME HOME, THUMPERS!!

Crew 1 returned Sept. 15 from their 60-day deployment to Southwest Asia



# SEPTEMBER IN REVIEW



Intramural flag football team Reserve Gold's offensive line braces for a blitz from the 424th Supply Chain Management Squadron on Sept. 29. Pictured are Lt. Col. Jim Matthey, Staff Sgt. Ryan Clary, Tech. Sgt. Joe Huizar and Senior Master Sgt. Jay Harris. Gold beat the 424th 24-8. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jeffery Dahlem)

Master Sgt. James Gasaway, an air reserve technician assigned to the 513th Maintenance Squadron, shows off equipment in the fabrication section to Brig. Gen. David Hicks, the Vice Commander for 1st Air Force, on Sept. 29.

