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## 513TH UPDATE

### Upcoming events

Sunday – 0930 – Wingman Day/Group Commander's Call  
(Fannin Hall)

September 11 – 513th ACG Family Day  
(38th CEIG)

October 1-2 – Unit Training Assembly

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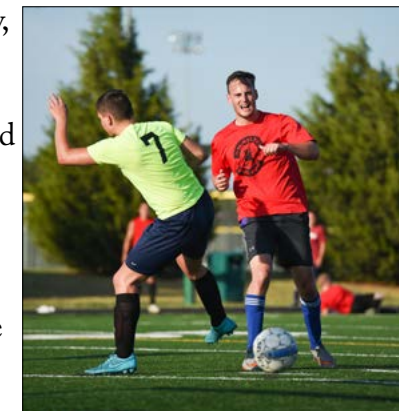
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### Cover Photo

Staff Sgt. Ryan Clary, assigned to the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, moves around a defender Sept. 10 in the Reserve team's first game at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Clary scored four of the team's 14, shutting out the opposing team.



### Promotions for September

Congrats to this month's promotees!

**SrA** Zackary Faith  
(513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron)

**SrA** Latonda Gaither  
(513th Operations Support Squadron)

**CMSgt** Joe Baldwin  
(970th Airborne Air Control Squadron)

### Fit to Fight hall of fame



Team Tinker



513th ACG

#### 1.5-Mile Run

Men: **7:51** **8:33** Men: Cpt. Bradley Bentlage  
Women: **9:44** **12:04** Women: SSgt Stephanie Jacks

#### Pushups

Men: **110** **101** Men: TSgt Jeff Inferrere  
Women: **65** **53** Women: Maj. Andromeda Augustino

#### 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

# What's your role?

By Lt. Col. Scott Tillman  
Director of Operations, 513th OSS

The Air Force Reserves has been around for 68 years and the one constant is change. I did some research on the Air Force Reserves and found some interesting information about how the role of the Reserves has changed. In the 1950s the Reserves' first big test was providing support during the Korean War. The 147,000 individuals mobilized during that period performed so well that legislation was passed into law that made some much needed changes to define Ready Reserve, Standby Reserve and Retired Reserve categories. Also, the legislation established the Air Reserve Technician (ART) program. The most significant portion of the law gave the President the ability to mobilize part of the Ready Reserve without getting Congressional approval.

Each decade the Reserves continued to assist in very important world events, such as the Berlin Crisis, Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Vietnam War. The Reserves has played a critical role in each major military event since its inception. Over the last 68 years the role of the Reserves has changed from an on-call force to continued daily support of military operations. In fact, without the support from the Reserves many of these important missions would not be accom-

plished.

In 1996, the 513th was the first and only AWACS Reserve Component unit so there were many discussions about what role the group would have with the active duty AWACS units. It wasn't long before the group found the best way to support the active duty with

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maintenance personnel and operational assistance. The Air Force Reserve Command, as well as the 513th, changed dramatically after the 9/11 two year activation with the development of the AWACS Reserves support role. After the 9/11 activation the 513th continued to provide the active duty with year round assistance with operations and maintenance support.

When I joined the unit in 2002, I assumed I would be here a couple of years and then move on. I quickly learned that it was more of a family than just a part-time job. I have been part of the group 12 years this December, and it is hard to believe that time has passed so quickly. My relationships with oth-

er group members has developed over the years which will continue past my reserve career. I first realized the 513th was different when the Commander thanked everyone for giving up their weekend to attend drill. I realized that I wasn't just a number. On active duty you might have a couple of friends but most were just acquaintances but that isn't the case here.

Over the last 20 years, the group has matured and those that joined the unit in 1996 are beginning to retire and move to another phase of their lives. There are still a few of the "original" folks around but most of them have moved on. So with that being said, there are many leadership opportunities for others to fill that could influence the direction of the unit for years to come. The great thing about the Reserves is that you can decide on your participation level. If you would like an additional challenge, then seek out those opportunities as they present themselves. Also, communicate with your supervisor what you might be interested in doing in the future. My guess is that the Reserves and the role of the 513th will continue to change in the years to come. Decide what your role will be in the group and know that the most important part is giving your 100% effort in that role. Thanks for taking time out of your busy lives to serve in the Reserves!

# ROA honors Sen Lankford with Minuteman award



From left to right: Maj. (Ret.) Joe Mays, Maj. Gia Wilson-Mackey, Sen. James Lankford, Col. Steve Walker and Lt. Col. (Ret.) Rick Stephens

Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) received the Oklahoma Reserve Officers Association's Minuteman of the Year Award last month. This award is presented annually to a "citizen who has contributed most to National Security during these times." This is in keeping with the Reserve Officers Association Congressional Charter: "to support a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security, and to promote the development and execution thereof."

"I am humbled and honored to receive the Minuteman of the Year award from the Oklahoma chapter of the Reserve Officers Association," said Lankford.

"America has a reserve force that plays a key national security role for the nation, and it is important that we provide full support for their efforts.

Whenever they are called upon, reservists are always willing and ready to serve and sacrifice for America. I am extremely thankful for their contributions to our

security and freedom."

Since 1922, the Reserve Officers Association has been the only organization dedicated to support reservists and their critical role in national defense.

Reserve service carries unique burdens and for more than nine decades, the Reserve Officers Association has been the nation's leading advocate for lifelong support in recognition of their unprecedented contributions to the cause of freedom.

# Reserve sports alive and well



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2016 is a year of “firsts” for the Air Force Reserve intramural sports program. For the first time in the history of Tinker sports, the Reserves entered a team into the basketball league, as well as the soccer league.

2nd Lt. James Harbison from the 507th championed putting together the basketball squad, which featured at least four members from the 513th: Barry Alexander, Curtis Clowdus, David “Josh” Foster and Frank Wallick. Feeling the pains of

being a first-year team, the Reserves finished the season with a 1-10 win-loss record. But they have laid a solid foundation for future players to join and help improve the squad in 2017 and beyond.

SSgt Ryan Clary and TSgt Jeff “Red” Inferred of 970th fame joined forces to round up enough soccer players to enter a team this season. The RESERVES have started the young season undefeated at 2-0, and has a solid chance to compete for a championship in its freshman season. While Red is leaving for tech school this week,

Ryan still has plenty of Thumper talent to rely on the rest of the way, including James Lopez.

The biggest challenge this season will come from arch rivals, 552 Maintenance. Look for a “call to arms” for that game Monday night September 12th at 8 pm for friends, family and co-workers to come out to support the soccer team on its road to the finals.

Congratulations to all basketball and soccer players in the 513th for stepping up to continue the outstanding tradition of Reserve sports on Tinker Air Force Base.



## 513th commander opens OKC Dodgers game



Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Davis, the 513th Air Control Group Superintendent, shakes hands with an umpire before the Oklahoma City Dodgers game Aug. 19 at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.



Col. David Robertson, the 513th Air Control Group commander, addressed the crowd after the first inning Aug. 19 at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City during the Dodgers military celebration night. The evening also included a mass re-enlistment and the Tinker Air Force Base Honor Guard.



Airmen from Tinker Air Force Base's Honor Guard present the colors before the OKC Dodgers took on the Albuquerque Isotopes Aug. 19 at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.



After the third inning, Col. David Robertson, spoke about the 513th on the air Aug. 19 at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City during the Dodgers military celebration night.





it works off duty.  
it works on duty.  
... it works well for ALL you do!