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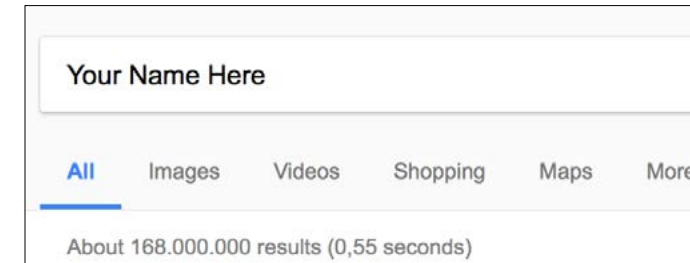
## 513TH UPDATE

### Maj. Gen. Scobee says farewell



Maj. Gen. Richard Scobee, Tenth Air Force commander, waves to family, friends and Airmen as he returns from his final flight at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, May 10, 2017. After his change of command, Scobee became the vice commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

### Why to "Google" yourself



In today's age of the internet and social media, expectations for privacy continue to decrease. However, some websites can take bits and pieces of personal info from many different sources and present it in a way that would have been impossible just years ago.

The most recent site to cause controversy is TruePeopleSearch.com, which allows users to search by name and city. Depending on the search, results can include addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth and relatives.

Thankfully, most sites include a way to request removal of your personal info (TruePeopleSearch's removal link is [here](#).)

On top of scanning the news for new threats like this, typing your name and city into search engines like Google and Bing can notify you of sources of personal information out on the internet. It's also a great way to check your digital social media footprint from an outsider's perspective.

### Promotions

Congrats to our June promotees!



**MSgt Rustin Rainbolt**  
(513th Operations Support Squadron)

**MSgt Joe Huizar**  
(970th Airborne Air Control Squadron)



**SMSgt James Gasaway**  
(513th Maintenance Squadron)

### Cover Photo

A maintenance contractor marshalls a U.S. Air Force E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft flown by Reservists from the 513th Air Control Group on June 1, 2017, at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany. The E-3 Sentry is slated to fly in BALTOPS 2017, an annual recurring multinational, maritime-focused exercise designed to provide high-end training for the participants. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Caleb Wanzer)



## Mattis welcomes new SecAF home

By Master Sgt. Bryan Franks  
*Air Force Public Affairs*

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis ceremoniously swore in Heather Wilson as the 24th Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon May 16, 2017.

“If we wanted to do one thing to Webster’s Unbridged Dictionary to define a Patriot with no words, we could put up Heather Wilson’s picture right next to the word, and we would explain what a patriot truly is,” Mattis said. “On behalf of the entire Air Force community, on the behalf of the Department of Defense -- welcome home.”

Wilson, who was administratively sworn in as secretary May 12, 2017, has more than 35 years of professional experience in a range of leadership and management roles in the military, higher education, government and private industry.

Mattis called Wilson well suited to lead the Air Force and said he needs her ideas and wisdom as the Air Force begins a new chapter.

Mattis said he, Wilson and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein are committed to restoring the readiness of the force, modernizing and advancing new capabilities to meet future threats, and developing exceptional leaders to command the finest combat force in the world.

“History is not predetermined or static. History hangs on a hinge. Air supremacy is not America’s ordained right and there are other



Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis delivers the ceremonial oath of office to Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, making her 24th secretary, during a Pentagon event, May 16, 2017. (U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash)

hands pushing on history’s door,” Mattis said. “By Secretary Wilson’s leadership, by the superior service of America’s Airmen...they push in vain...the U.S. Air Force must be better than anyone else.”

Goldfein and Wilson first served together as cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy where they both took the oath of office for the first time as members of the same class.

“Here we stand together again as you repeat these same sacred words. What a journey it has been, and what a journey it will be,” Goldfein said. “We follow in the footsteps of service secretaries and chiefs of the past who have put their heart and their soul into building the most combat capable and lethal Air Force the world has ever known.”

From the start, Wilson said she is focused on not taking air and space power for granted.

“We have got a lot of work to do under the guidance of Secretary Defense Mattis and with the support of the United States Congress we will restore the readiness of the force so that we can win any fight, anytime, anywhere,” Wilson said. “We’re going to cost effectively modernize the force and drive innovation to bring new capabilities to the service of liberty, and underpinning it all will be a commitment to people. Thank you to the Airmen who protect the freedom we enjoy. You and your families represent the best of what it means to be an American.”

## Parting words from the Commander

This will be my final UTA with the 513th Air Control Group team. As many of you know, I have been selected to a Joint/Active Guard and Reserve position as the Reserve Advisor to the Commander, USSOCOM at MacDill AFB, Florida...which happens to be located just a few miles away from my hometown. I am looking forward to a new challenge and being close to family.

However, I recognize I’m leaving my Air Force family and my home unit, the 513th ACG. It has been such a privilege to serve alongside you these past three years. During the uncertain future in 2014, shortly after I assumed command, it was my job to talk about the men and women of the 513th ACG and brag on your accomplishments to anyone and everyone that would listen to me including Senators, Congressmen, staffers, local leaders and AFRC leadership. You made my job easy, because your excellence speaks for itself. The legacy of the 513th’s sacrifice to answer our nation’s call again and again is unparalleled and it quickly became apparent that your experience and abilities were critical to our Air Force’s airborne C2 mission.

This past fall, when both Maj. Gen. Scobee, the 10th Air Force Commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Brandhuber, the 10th Air Force Command Chief, visited us, they took me aside and said that we had a special thing going at our unit and that it was very noticeable. They were able to see this in just a brief two-day visit. I encourage each of you to continue making the 513th a special place and to continue our tradition of family and culture of excellence. The 513th is truly a special family.

Unfortunately, the next commander will not be in place before I leave. Col. Steve “Spoon” England will be the acting commander in the meantime.



When the next commander is chosen this summer, I will do my best to return for a change of command.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your support of me, my family and the mission during my tenure. Any and all success achieved was because of you and your willingness to sacrifice your time and efforts to ensure the Reserve C2 mission gets done....and done with excellence. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve with you in the best damn Reserve unit in the Air Force.

Until we meet again...

*David Palant*

# We're back!

## 513th brings E-3 Sentry to NATO for first time in 20 years

By 2nd Lt. Caleb Wanzer  
513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

Nearly 100 Reservists from the 513th Air Control Group arrived at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany, on June 1 as part of the group's participation in BALTOPS 2017.

This year's BALTOPS will mark the first time in two decades that a U.S. E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft will participate in a NATO exercise.

Lt. Col. Matthey, the detachment commander for the 513th, said that flying in the European theater provides some new and different challenges.

"As Reservists, most of our training is stateside so it is vital we seek opportunities to integrate and exercise various Operation Plans," Matthey said. "The 513th has participated in three Pacific-area exercises over the last two years, so this time we linked up with U.S. Air Forces in Europe and selected BALTOPS 2017 as our exercise to learn and integrate with our European friends."

The AWACS Reservists are joining about 900 Airmen from NATO nations like Norway, Poland and Germany who are slated to support the exercise.

"This exercise provides U.S. Air Force Reserve AWACS operations and maintenance Airmen the opportunity to integrate with 13 NATO nations," Matthey said. "This is quite an endeavor, considering we all fly and fight with very different equipment like data links, which provide life and death information across the battle space."

BALTOPS is an annual recurring multinational, maritime-focused exercise designed to provide high-end training for the participants. This year, 14 countries (Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, the United Kingdom, the United States and NATO's Enhanced Opportunities Partners: Finland and Sweden) will participate.



The exercise is designed to enhance flexibility, strengthen combined response capabilities and demonstrate resolve among Allied and Partner Nations' forces to ensure stability in, and if necessary defend, the Baltic Sea region.

BALTOPS, which began in 1972, continues to be an excellent opportunity for NATO and regional partners to strengthen interoperability through a series of combined tactical maneuvers and scenarios.

*Operations Airmen from the 513th Air Control Group step off a U.S. Air Force E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft on June 1, 2017, at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany. The E-3 Sentry is slated to fly in BALTOPS 2017, an annual recurring multinational, maritime-focused exercise designed to provide high-end training for the participants. This year, 14 countries (Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, the United Kingdom, the United States and NATO's Enhanced Opportunities Partners: Finland and Sweden) will participate. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Caleb Wanzer)*

## Inferre leads Gold to third consecutive league title on 35th birthday



By Airman 1st Class Elliott Scott

History repeated itself Tuesday night.

Reserve Gold continued to make a name for themselves as reigning champs on Tinker Field with a no-nonsense 24-7 putdown of Security Forces on May 23.

Gold quarterback Jeffrey Inferre celebrated his 35th birthday early with a short pass to Casey Henninger at mid-field. Henninger carved a gap in the Five-O defense to run the gamut for a first posses-

sion TD.

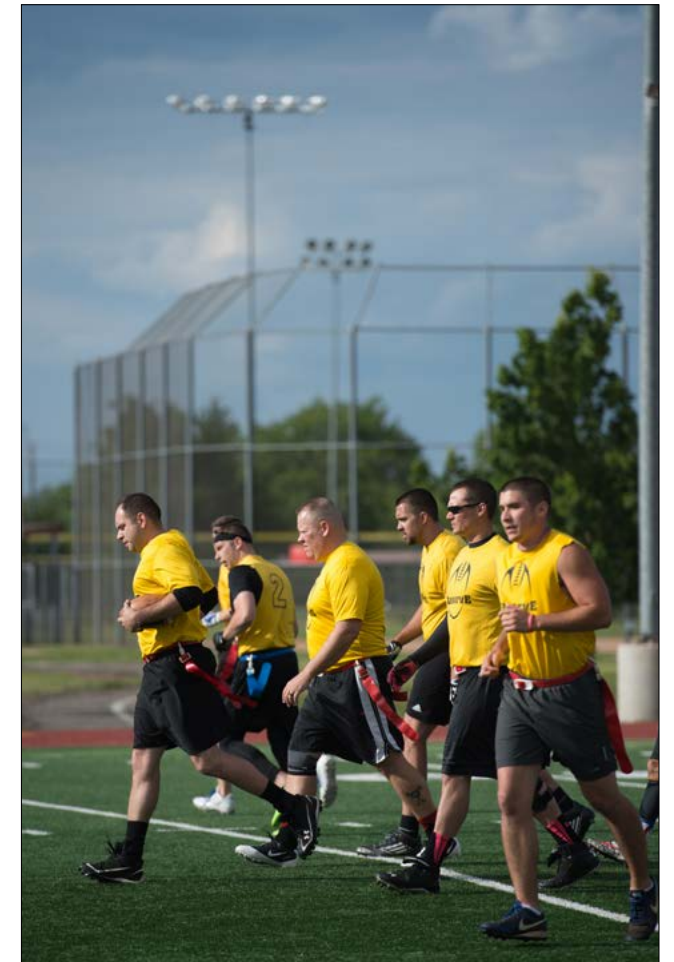
SFS would answer in the first quarter with their only score of the game. After an illegal block charged against Reserve Gold resulted in a 10-yard penalty, “Five-O” quarterback Eric Huston connected with Alex Thomas in the end zone to even the score. Kicker Caleb Epp would step in to give Security Forces a short-lived lead, bringing the score to 7-6.

“Gold is a very veteran team,” SFS coach Mychal Braxton said. “Obviously they’ve been to the champion-

ship for I think every year that I’ve been here.”

Braxton said in order to contend with Reserve Gold, their O-line would need to block more aggressively than they had back on April 4 during the regular season—a game that resulted in a Security Forces 22-6 defeat.

With less than two minutes to play in the first half, Huston hit on a 20-yard pass that was sniped by Gold’s Adrian Mack. Reserve Gold converted the steal into their second TD of the game in two plays with



a hand off to Mike Rosenthal from five yards out. Gold led at the half 12-7 after misfiring on their second extra point attempt of the game.

A toss from Inferre to Chris Sanders for a 30-yard gain quickly set the tone for the second half. With no relief, the Reserve Gold quarterback flanked right of the red zone to outspurt would be tackler Endurance Childens for an 18-7 lead. Gold failed again to capitalize on a two-point conversion that got lost in the congestion, bringing the tally of failed conversion attempts to

three.

SFS countered Gold’s O-line in the third, forcing two incomplete passes and holding Inferre at the 30-yard line, only to let loose Adrian Mack on third down, clinching a fourth and final TD of the championship. The extra point attempt failed once again.

Inferre was feeling generous on his birthday, as every point was scored by a different player.

“Our team’s really humble as far as who’s getting the ball,” Inferre said. “Whatever seems to be work-

ing, whatever defense we’re playing against, we try to attack it that way, and it doesn’t matter who’s getting the ball.”

SFS advanced 50 yards in seven plays in the final moments of the game, only to be charged with a tripping penalty that resulted in a yellow flag.

Reserve Gold’s steep win over Five-O is the fourth consecutive intramural flag football championship in which an Air Force Reserve unit has taken home the first place trophy.