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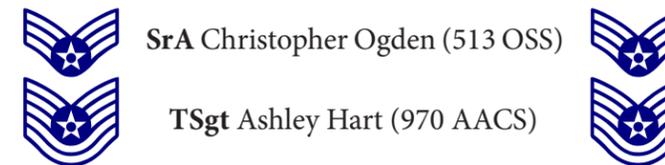
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Upcoming events

January 25-26 – RESCHEDULED UTA
(Moved from January 11-12)
March 1, 2014 – Christmas Party
RESCHEDULED

Promotions

Congratulations to this month's promotees!



Angel Tree "Sponsor a Vet"

This is the last UTA for Angel Tree donations! We are currently at 22% of our \$3,500 goal. You can give donations at the 507th Public Affairs office (Bldg. 1043) or ask for a name to sponsor a vet. The deadline is Dec. 13.

Safety Spotlight: Electricity

Power Strips/Surge Protectors:

- Use for computers, printers, fax machines, radios.
- Do not use for coffee pots, refrigerators, toasters, microwaves (High Wattage).



Extension cords:

- Do not plug into power strips/surge protectors ("Daisy Chained").
- Not to be used with refrigerators, coffee pots, toasters, microwaves.
- Do not run through doors, walls, ceilings, windows.
- Three-prong plug required with portable power tools.
- Two prong, double insulated cords okay with wall clocks, etchers, pencil sharpeners, lamps.
- Unplug when no longer in use or at end of day.

Modular-style furniture electrical outlets:

- High wattage items such as those listed above require approval from Civil Engineering electrical shop.

References:

AFI 91-203
EAFBI 32-111
29 CFR 1910.303

Remember:

SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU!
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Fit to Fight MVPs from Nov.

Maj. Jose Rodriguez
Unit: 970 AACS
Score: 99.3%



Col. "Scotty" Wright
Unit: 513 ACG
Score: 98.4%



Fit to Fight Hall of Fame



1.5-Mile Run

Men:	7:51	8:57	Men: TSgt Daniel McDonald
Women:	9:44	11:00	Women: SrA Regina Kinzie



Pushups

Men:	110	82	Men: SrA Robert Duncan
Women:	65	51	Women: SrA Regina Kinzie



Situps

Men:	109	82	Men: 2nd Lt. Michael Doughty
Women:	84	60	Women: 2nd Lt. Amie Deal

1-Mile Walk

Men & Women:	9:15	11:22	Men: MSgt Darrell Freel
		13:26	Women: SrA Valerie Johansen

Cover Photo

An Airman assigned to Tinker Air Force Base stands next to an E-3 Sentry before the aircraft is fueled on Dec. 6. Despite the freezing temperatures and snow that have blanketed the flight line, maintenance Airmen continue to service the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Staff Sgt. Caleb Wanzer)



513th Air Control Group excels in new inspection

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

The Air Force Reserve's 513th Air Control Group modeled excellence once again during a recent inspection by an Air Force Inspector General team.

The inspection, called a Consolidated Unit Inspection Phase 0, involved a total force effort with the 513th and the active-duty 552nd Air Control Wing. Nearly 60 Airmen from the Inspector General evaluated both units from 18-23 Nov.

513th Air Control Group Commander Col. Richard Wright is proud of the Airmen whose behind-the-scenes work made an excellent grade possible.

"I certainly appreciate the work that everybody did to get us ready," Col. Wright said. "When you look at the depth of the inspection, to come out with only 8 minor discrepancies, I couldn't ask for anything better."

To earn an excellent rating, a unit must show performance or operation that exceeds mission requirements, according to the inspection report.

The inspection team recognized a few Airmen for their excellent performance throughout the inspection.

The inspection team chief presented a challenge coin to Master Sgt. David Hall, a flight engineer with the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, for his superior performance with the unit safety program. Sgt. Hall manages the safety program as an additional duty, a job that is typically filled by a full-time safety specialist.

The Reserve unit does not have any full-time safety personnel because of its small size.

"We were able to leverage the experience that we've got from both the operations and maintenance side," Sgt. Hall said. "Tech. Sgt. Malachi Woodlee and Master

Sgt. Marcus Dixon on the maintenance side were helpful with the program. They did an outstanding job."

Inspectors were also impressed with the teamwork between the 513th and 552nd. The inspectors reported a seamless total force integration between active duty and the Reserve unit. They found that training, simulators, sorties and briefs are conducted with a mix of active duty and Reserve crews, which shows no loss of training.



Another two teams from the 513th were named superior performers during the inspection: the commander support staff and the fitness program team, which did not receive any deficiencies within their programs.

The commander support staff was led by Master Sgt. Carla Barber, a knowledge operations manager with the 513th Air Control Group.

"Sgt. Carla Barber is really one of our unsung heroes," Col. Wright said. "Based on the number of programs that were inspected, to come through that without a discrepancy is really phenomenal."

To earn an excellent rating, a unit must show performance or operation that exceeds mission requirements, according to the inspection report. The rating also requires that programs are efficiently managed and relatively discrepancy-free.

The 513th Air Control Group is the Air Force Reserve's only unit to fly and maintain the E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft. The 513th is an associate unit of the active-duty 552nd, which "owns" the E-3 aircraft assigned to Tinker Air Force Base.

Total Force Integration is an initiative by the Air Force for active duty and Reserve Airmen to work, train and deploy together.

By the numbers:

Deficiencies:

- Critical: 0
- Significant: 0
- Minor: 8

Strengths: 2

This UTA in history: Pearl Harbor attacked

Source: www.History.com

Dec. 7, 1941 – At 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appears out of the clouds above the island of Oahu. A swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault. The surprise attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States irrevocably into World War II.

With diplomatic negotiations with Japan breaking down, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his advisers



Courtesy Photo

knew that an imminent Japanese attack was probable, but nothing had been done to increase security at the important naval base at Pearl Harbor. It was Sunday morning, and many military

personnel had been given passes to attend religious services off base. At 7:02 a.m., two radar operators spotted large groups of aircraft in flight toward the island from the north, but, with a flight of B-17s expected from the United States at the time, they were told to sound no alarm. Thus, the Japanese air assault came as a devastating surprise to the naval base.

Much of the Pacific fleet was rendered useless: Five of eight battleships, three destroyers, and seven other ships were sunk or severely damaged, and more than 200 aircraft were destroyed. A total of 2,400 Americans were killed and 1,200 were wounded, many while valiantly attempting to repulse the attack. Japan's losses were some 30 planes, five midget submarines, and fewer than 100 men.

Fortunately for the United States, all three Pacific fleet carriers were out at sea on training maneuvers. These giant aircraft carriers would have their revenge against Japan six months later at the Battle of Midway, reversing the tide against the previously invincible Japanese navy in a spectacular victory.

Inaccurate records can damage promotion chances

by Janis El Shabazz

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

If your records meet a board tomorrow, would they accurately illustrate your suitability for promotion or retention? Are your evaluations, time in service, time in grade and decorations correct? Are your professional military education records complete? Do you know what your promotion recommendation form says?

If you can't say yes to every question, you are not managing your career, and that mistake could cost you, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

"There is no legitimate reason to be unsure about your records," said Lt. Col. John Barlett, the AFPC officer promotions branch chief. "Not too long ago, Airmen had to physically visit the personnel center here in Texas to review their records. Now Airmen have 24/7 access from their home or office computer. Each Airman is ultimately responsible for ensuring their records are accurate and up-to-date."

In 2012, the Air Force began using electronic records for officer promotion boards and senior NCO evaluation boards.

Since this shift to all electronic records, Airmen can access their records on myPers through the Personnel Records Display Application. PRDA affords members the opportunity to view their records and to see which items will meet upcoming boards. Airmen who routinely review and update their records online will benefit, Barlett said.

"Your records tell retention boards why you are a valuable military member and tell promotion boards why you're ready for the additional responsibility that comes with the next grade," Barlett said.

To read the rest of the story, visit

<http://www.afpc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123372380>

How to:

Access your Personnel Records Display Application

- Go to <https://mypers.af.mil/>
- Under "I Would Like To...", click "View My Records [PRDA]."
- On the left side, click "PRDA".
- Available records will show in folder format.

OPERATION HOLIDAY SPIRIT A SUCCESS DESPITE WEATHER

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

Friday night's Operation Holiday Spirit annual charity fund raiser was alive with activity as steaks flew off the grill, auctions were held and attendees donated money for military families in need.

The 15th annual fund raiser, held at the Del City American Legion Post 73, raised a record-breaking \$34,769 to support struggling Guard and Reserve Airmen and their families. Military and community members turned out in force despite the below-freezing temperatures and icy road conditions.

"This event has grown more and more each year," said Lt. Col. Ralph Hawkins, 513th Air Control Group executive officer and lead OHS team member. "It is really encouraging to see the strong support every year for Airmen who struggle to provide for their families during the holiday season."

Event organizers sold 318 tickets for the steak dinner, which has grown in popularity since its modest turnout of 45 for the first fund raiser.

Operation Holiday Spirit is a consolidated effort by three Tinker AFB-based units: the 507th Air Refueling Wing, the 513th Air Control Group and the 137th Air Refueling Wing. The initiative was formed by Tinker Citizen Airmen in 1999 for those in need during the Christmas season.

Hawkins also gave much praise to the level of involvement of the Oklahoma Air National Guard. Members of the 137th alone donated more than \$6,000.

"We have seen more and more from them every year and I think it's a great partnership," he said.

The donations are distributed based on recommendations from first sergeants within the units. The sergeants discreetly nominate members they see struggling. A committee then divides up the donations that will provide food and gifts for children. Nearly 190 families have been assisted since Holiday Spirit began 15 years ago.

"We helped 61 families in 2011, which is our current record," Hawkins said. "We hope that the number this year is lower."

Senior Airman Mark Hybers contributed to this report.



Top left: Lt. Col. Ralph Hawkins, an organizer for Operation Holiday Spirit, kicks off the night with commentary and a reminder of how it all started.

Top right: Former 507th Command Chief Bob Kellington shows off his new football helmet during the fund-raiser dinner.

Bottom left: Master Sgt. Frank Deitchman watches the rib eyes with a careful eye as he works to stay warm in the below-freezing temperatures.

Bottom right: Steve Wright, former 507th Maintenance Chief, and Senior Master Sgt. Bob Gaspar announce donations during the Dec. 6 fund-raising dinner. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)



In The Spotlight



Senior Airman Aaron Stelzer

Unit: 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

Job title: Airborne Surveillance Technician

Hometown: Colfax, Wyo.

Civilian job: Student

Place you'd like to visit: Australia

Favorite part of your job: Traveling with great people.

Biggest pet peeve: B.O....Can't stand body odor!

Little known fact about you: I helped establish the Iraqi Air Force Academy.

Favorite memory from your time in the 513th: Rob Hall's Life Lessons.

If you had a superhero ability, it would be:
Regenerative powers.



Senior Airman Thurman Moore

Unit: 513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Job title: Crew Chief

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

Civilian job: Sheet Metal Tech

Place you'd like to visit: New York

Favorite part of my job: Launching jets.

Biggest pet peeve: B.O....Can't stand body odor!

Little known fact about you: People think I work out a lot because of my build. Truth is, I only work out two months a year! Just good genes.

Favorite memory from your time in the 513th: Working with MSgt Glover. We were the only crew chiefs that recovered a jet in horrible weather. It was in the middle of December; cold, wet, sleeting and late (around 2100 hours.) I've never worked like that before. I caught trench foot from it.

If you had a superhero ability, it would be: I got to say the hulk!! He's my alter ego!! Hulk Smash!!!