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# **Upcoming events**

February 5 – 1200 – FBI Guest Speaker and Luncheon (POC: Lt. Col. Gia Wilson-Mackey)

February 5 – 1400 – 513th OSS Change of Command (970th AACS Auditorium)

March 4 - 5 – Unit Training Assembly

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# **Cover Photo**

An E-3 Sentry Airborne
Warning and Control System
aircraft flown by reservists from
the 513th Air Control Group
taxis for its last of nine missions
supporting Sentry Aloha 17-01,
a primarily Air National Guard
and Reserve exercise hosted by
Hawaii's 154th Wing at Joint
Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam,
Hawaii. (U.S. Air Force photo by
2nd Lt. Caleb Wanzer)



#### **Promotions**

#### **Congrats to February's promotees!**



SrA Christon Harris (513th Operations Support Squadron)



TSgt Ryan Clary (513th Operations Support Squadron)

TSgt Nathan Seay (513th Maintenance Squadron)



MSgt Gary Cartwright (513th Maintenance Squadron)

MSgt Daniel McDonald (513th Maintenance Squadron)

MSgt Tricia Sandoval (970th Airborne Air Control Squadron)

### **Did You Know?**

February is not only Black History Month, it's also Canada's ecosystem awareness month, where the country focuses on enjoying nature in ways like swimming and exploring nature. For more information on this month's emphasis on our environment, visit the U.S. Park Service or the Canadian Park Service.



Lt. Col. Scott "Spud" Tillman Commander, 513 OSS

By Staff Sgt. Giovanna LaMaestra 513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

#### Q: How long have you been with this unit?

A: I have been in the 513th for 14 years.

#### Q: What plans or ideas do you have for the unit?

A: I want to continue the great work that Lt. Col. Cress has done for the unit.

#### Q: What is your overall vision for the OSS?

A: The short-term vision is to prepare for the Capstone Inspection this November. The long-term vision is to make sure that the OSS is supporting the 513th ACG as mission requirements change in the to accomplish any goals you have future.

#### Q: Does this command have any differences from your last unit?

A: I came from the 970th, which is a part of the 513th family, so most everything is the same.

#### Q: What are you looking forward to most in this job?

A: Taking care of the people and helping them achieve their goals in the reserves.



# Q: How much time do you have while here?

A: I serve at the wish of the 513th Group Commander so he/she will decide when my time is finished as commander.

#### Q: What challenges do you foresee in the coming future that may affect our unit?

A: The reserves are always changing and the constant question is: "What have you done for me lately?" As a result of that question, the reserves

have become more like active duty, which might require more time for the traditional reservist to spend away from their job or family.

#### Q: As this is your first command, what personal challenges does taking this job give you?

A: It adds another hat for me to wear longer than it has been over the last 14 years in the group. The challenge will be for it not to impact the amount of time I spend with my family.

# Fit to Fight MVPs – January & February

SrA Hunter Millard Unit: 970 AACS Score: 97.3%



Maj Andromeda Augustino Unit: 970 AACS Score: 97.7%





TSgt James Porter Unit: 513 AMXS Score: 93%



1Lt Colby Alexander Unit: 970 AACS Score: 96.1%

# **January Fit to Fight Hall of Fame**

# **February Fit to Fight Hall of Fame**



SSgt Courtney Redmond



513th ACG



1Lt Jennifer Cress

1	.5-Mile Run	Record Highs		1.5-Mile Run	
Men: SrA Hunter Millard Women: SSgt Courtney Redme	10:29 13:24	Men: Women:	7:51 9:44	10:42 14:11	Men: Lt Colby Alexander Women: Maj Andromeda Augustino
Men: SrA Hunter Millard Women: SSgt Courtney Redn	Pushups 72 30	Men: Women:	110 65	Pushup 60 40	Men: TSgt Gabriel Bonnett Women: Maj Andromeda Augustino
Men: SSgt Hunter Millard Women:	Situps 58 45	Men: Women:	109 84	Situps 60 42	Men: TSgt Gabriel Bonnett Women:

# SPAM 01 returns to the **Hawaiian Islands**

513th owns the skies for Hawaiian Air National Guard's Sentry Aloha

By 2nd Lt. Caleb Wanzer

513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

Reservists from the 513th Air Con- The reservists deployed to Hickam Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, marking a full two weeks of successful missions in one of the best train- "It's vital for us to get every sortie ing events in the unit's history.

ed by the Hawaiian Air National multiple fighter, refueling and cargo Reserve and Air National Guard and kept it flying." units.

Lt. Col. David Cavazos, the Sentry Aloha Detachment Commander. the maintenance Airmen ensuring "We've controlled about 325 aircraft the E-3 Sentry was ready for flight and have trained in every facet of capability that we need to be profi- "One night we were out working cient in for mission execution."

The daily missions have included many as 26 airplanes at a time.

fered a higher level of training than possible in the continental United States," he said.

trol Group finished their last day of Field and flew 100 percent of the Sentry Aloha 17-01 on Feb. 3 at Joint missions planned, despite encountering multiple maintenance issues with the E-3 Sentry.

that we can," Cavazos said. "Every The Sentry Aloha exercise was host- mission set is a rare opportunity, and we want to take full advantage Guard's 154th Wing and involved of each one. Hats off to our reserve maintainers; their experience and aircraft primarily from Air Force dedication is what got this jet ready

Tech. Sgt. Isaac Van Cleave, a ra-"It's been absolutely amazing," said dar specialist assigned to the 513th Maintenance Squadron, was one of each day.

on the jet until 2 a.m.," Van Cleave said. "We always make sure we have simulated offensive and defensive enough people to fix the issues, but scenarios involving Air Force and we're out there until the job is done." Navy fighter aircraft, involving as The maintenance challenges that back into the technical orders, get "For the 513th, Sentry Aloha of- Cleave, a traditional reservist, a reacquainted."

change to refresh his troubleshooting skills.

"I've been able to break some of the rust off," he said. "Radar is a big system, so there's a lot of stuff we don't see too often. It's a good time to dig came with Sentry Aloha gave Van my hands dirty with the jet and get

The 513th also used Sentry Aloha as a test bed for new software, hardware and communications capabilities for the AWACS platform.

"We validated a \$1.8 million E-3 software upgrade during the exercise and identified errors and points During the exercise, the AWACS for improvement," said Maj. Anne reservists flew nine missions with a Ridlon, the chief of tactics for the total of 46 hours in the air.

513th Operations Support Squadron. "We also coordinated efforts with Navy EA-18G Growlers, which gave us some unmatched jamming training in an environment which is rarely seen in other training."

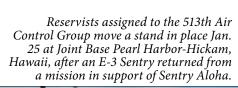
An E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft climbs shortly after taking off Feb. 3 from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Reservists from the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron and 513th Operations Support Squadron flew all nine mission scheduled for Sentry Aloha 17-01. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Caleb Wanzer)





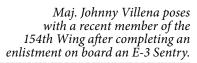


Master Sgt. Angela Leddy, a first sergeant assigned to the 513th Maintenance Squadron, rolls up rope on the flight line Jan. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.





Col. Steven England, the 513th Air Control Group Deputy Commander, gives the Hawaiian greeting sign after returning from a mission on Jan. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.







Master Sgt. Angela Leddy, Tech. Sgt. Andrew Mistowski and Master Sgt. Darrell Freel, reservists assigned to the 513th Air Control Group, review a technical order on the flight line Jan. 25 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Senior Master Sgt. Alphonzo Glover, an inspection superintendent for the 513th Air Control Group, rides in a bobtail on Jan. 25 on the flight line at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.





# **Heather Wilson nominated by White House** for Secretary of the Air Force



(Photo credit: Getty Images / Paul Richards, 2006)

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The that President Donald Trump intends to nominate former New Mexico Congresswoman and Air Force Academy grad Heather Wilson to be the next Air Force secre- University, England. tary.

former Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James to become the first Academy graduate to serve as secretary. high level of knowledge, and suc-

lead our nation's Air Force with the greatest competence and integrity," White House announced last month Trump said in a Jan. 23 news release. Wilson is from Keene, New Hampshire. She graduated from the Academy in 1982 manga cum laude and became a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford

During her Air Force career, Wilson If confirmed, Wilson will replace was a political adviser to the U.S. Air Force in England, and a NATO defense planning officer. After leaving the Air Force in 1987, she became "Her distinguished military service, a member of the National Security Council Staff at the White House cess in so many different fields gives under President George H.W. Bush.

me great confidence that she will "America and our vital national interests continue to be threatened," Wilson said in the White House release. "I will do my best, working with our men and women in the military, to strengthen American air and space power to keep the country safe."

> Since 2013, Wilson has been the president of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota.

> Acting Secretary of the Air Force Lisa Disbrow will to head the service until the Senate confirmation process for a new secretary of the Air Force is complete.

# Air Force relaxes policy on flight suit sleeves



Air battle managers assigned to the 970th AACS discuss mission details July 23 on board an E-3 Sentry prior to a sortie at Rim of the Pacific 2016. This photo, formerly hidden in the archives due to improper uniform wear, may now be published due to the change in flight duty uniform sleeve regulations. (U.S. Air Force Photo by 2nd Lt. Caleb Wanzer)

#### By 2nd Lt. Caleb Wanzer

513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

Airmen wearing the flight duty uniform are now allowed to roll or pull up their sleeves while not performing in-flight duties, due to a recent memorandum written by the Air Force's deputy chief of operations, Lt. Gen. Mark Nowland.

In the Jan. 23 memo, Nowland directed an immediate change to the flight duty uniform and desert flight duty uniform. The text of the memorandum reads:

"I have approved the following change to FDU/DFDU wear effec-

tive immediately. Personnel will have sleeves rolled down to the wrist when performing aircrew duties inflight. Sleeves may be rolled under or pulled up (using Velcro to hold in place), the sleeves will end at, or within 1 inch of, the natural bend of the elbow, when the wearer's arms are hanging naturally at their side.

An AF Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication, will *be forwarded to HQ USAF/A1 to* formally change Paragraph 8.3.7 of AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel."

According to the Military Times,

the memo was first posted on the unofficial Air Force amn/nco/snco Facebook page on Saturday, and the Air Force confirmed Nowland did send the memo.

"The flight suit sleeve policy was updated to align with the Airman Battle Uniform coat (shirt) wear policy," Air Force spokeswoman Ann Stefanek said in an email.

Air Force spokesman Maj. Bryan Lewis said that airmen were already allowed to roll their flight suit sleeves under once, and that the pulling up of sleeves was the major