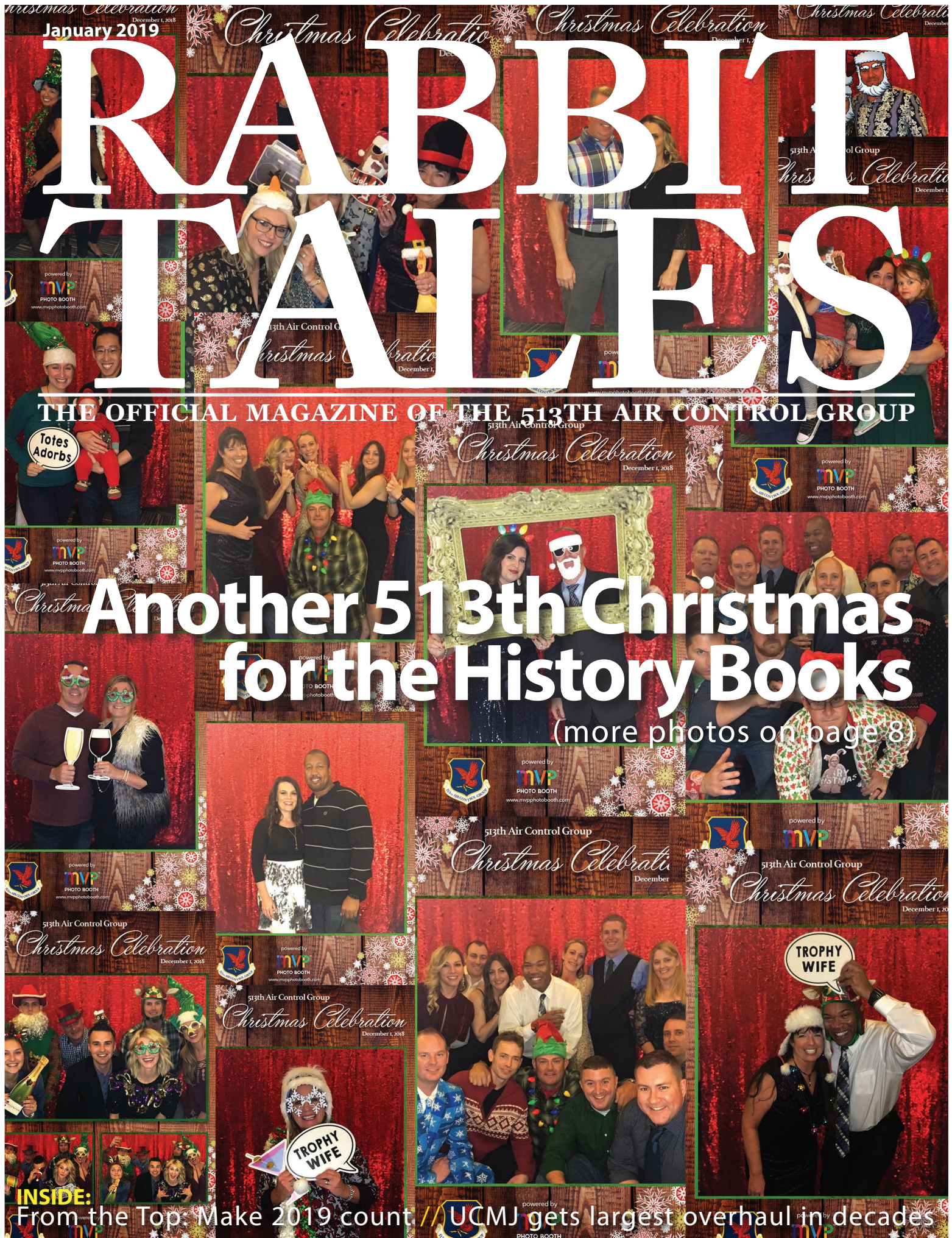


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## 513TH UPDATE

### Upcoming Events

Saturday – 1500 – Large Briefing Room  
Col England's Retirement Ceremony

February 9-10  
February UTA

June 1-2  
Tinker Air Show

### Operation Holiday Spirit sets another record

Operation Holiday Spirit easily bested its own record of fundraising in December with \$42,385 raised, helping 25 Reservist and Guardsman families in need.

OHS' annual fundraiser went off without a hitch on Nov. 30, which was the 20th anniversary of the Operation Holiday Spirit steak supper. Each year it brings together Air Force reservists from Tinker AFB's 513th Air Control Group and 507th Air Refueling Wing as well as Air National Guardsmen from the 137th Special Operations Wing.

According to OHS co-founder Ralph Hawkins, the non-profit organization has helped 469 families since its inception, with just over \$400,000 raised by 4,290 attendees over the years. Hawkins hopes to smash another record or two during next year's festivities, which are now scheduled for Dec. 6, 2019.

More info can be found on the OHS Facebook page: [facebook.com/OperationHolidaySpirit](https://facebook.com/OperationHolidaySpirit)

### Promotions

Congrats to our January promotees!



**TSgt Matthew Olson**  
(513th Maintenance Squadron)

Vision: Experience, Expertise, Teamwork: Citizen Airmen employing diverse talents as game-raising mission partners

### UTAPS sign-in and your bank account

By Master Sgt. Andy Stephens  
513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

Are you seeing your bank account shrink? Maybe you've added expenses suddenly popping up? Do you want FREE money?

Wall Street bankers and supervisors agree: the path to wealth is paved with YOU signing into UTAPS before and after every UTA! If you're already doing the work, don't YOU want to be paid for it?

The admin side of the ACG house has reported that dozens of Airmen haven't been signing into UTAPS to confirm their presence for several drill weekends in calendar year 2018. If the system doesn't know you're present and accounted for, then the system won't know to issue you a paycheck for all of your hard work. The timely use of UTAPS for sign/sign out is also an inspectable item and ACG leadership stresses that the simple sign in/sign out rule is a reflection on all of our Airmen, so the issue affects not just you, but your entire chain of command!

Those few minutes you spend signing in and out may just save your bank account!

### Fit to Fight MVPs

**Capt Kelly Khutoryan**  
Unit: 970 AACS  
Score: 95.2%



**Lt Col Jennifer Cress**  
Unit: 970 AACS  
Score: 90.9%



## Make your time count in 2019



Welcome back and happy New Year! I hope you were able to enjoy time with family and friends over the holiday break. I did, and have come to appreciate that time more now that my kids are both in college and on opposite sides of the country. Time flies and I am here to tell you to take advantage of every opportunity to spend time with your loved ones.

2019 looks to be a great year for the 513th. With our deployers headed into CENT-COM and our participation in Sentry Aloha in August, we are truly making contributions to the total force. Readiness is always a top priority as our country copes with the emergence of near-peer military competitors. Please do all that you can to “make the UTA count” and “green up” any training requirements you can. It is essential that all deployable members of the 513th remain vigilant and ready.

Finally, we bid farewell to Col. Steven “Spoon” England this Saturday. Spoon is retiring after nearly 24 years of distinguished service in the United States Air Force. Thank you for your service and godspeed, Spoon!

**Col. Laurie Dickson**  
Commander, 513th Air Control Group

# SAVING LIVES NEVER GETS OLD

## 507th ARW & 513 ACG Blood Drive

**Sunday, January 6**  
**8 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

*Look for the Bloodmobile!*

**To schedule an appointment, contact  
Jacqueline Johns-Jacobson at 734-6379.**



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winter in this limited edition  
long-sleeved t-shirt!**



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# Uniform code of military justice receives largest overhaul in decades

By Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

Effective Jan. 1, 2019, the Military Justice Act of 2016 will institute the most reform to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and Manual for Courts-Martial in decades, modernizing dated aspects of the military justice system while also providing transparency.

“The Military Justice Act represents the most significant change to the military justice system since the Military Justice Act of 1983. Over the past year, the Air Force JAG Corps has engaged in a robust training effort to educate every total force judge advocate and paralegal on the changes contained in the Act,” said Lt. Gen. Jeff Rockwell, Air Force Judge Advocate General. “In addition to training our Corps, our military justice experts are building tools and updating publications. Installation commanders, convening authorities, chief master sergeants and first sergeants will continue to receive military justice training in formal courses and from their local installation legal offices. Our focus is to ensure a smooth and seamless transition for all Airmen.”

The Act is the result of U.S. Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, former 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who proposed a

systemic review of the UCMJ and MCM to the Secretary of Defense in 2013, advocating that changes need to be implemented to ensure military laws and regulations reflect today’s environment.

Among its major reforms, the


Act will establish fixed numbers of members for courts-martial, expand judge-alone sentencing, expand the opportunity for convicted service members to appeal their convictions and require most court-martial documents be made publicly acces-

sible under a system similar to those used in civilian criminal justice systems.

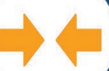
Additionally, the Act adds some new offenses such as retaliation against a person for reporting or planning to report a crime, fraudulent use of credit

cards and debit cards and sexual activity between military members in a position of trust and specially protected junior members. While these offenses were prohibited in the past, they are now specifically enumerated crimes under the UCMJ.


The UCMJ’s is Chapter 47, Title 10, United States Code and can only be changed by legislation while the MCM is issued by the president as an Executive Order. The Act was enacted by Congress and signed by former President Obama in 2016.




A convening authority may refer charges to a special court-martial consisting of a military judge alone if the accused does not object.




Several punitive articles in the UCMJ have been renumbered to group related offenses together.




A fixed size panel of eight members for a non-capital general court-martial and four members for a special court-martial was established and conviction requires a 3/4 vote in all non-capital cases.



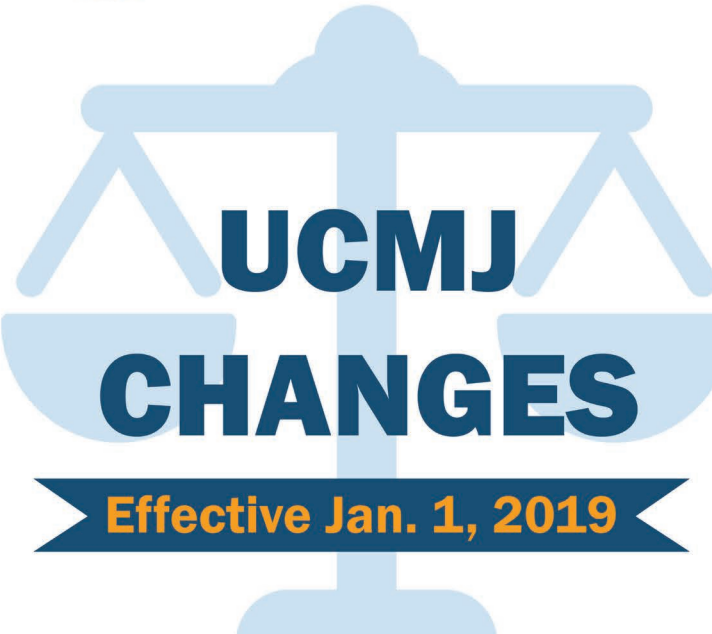
The trial proceeding now generally ends with entry of judgment by the military judge. Previously, the approval of the sentence by the convening authority generally ended the trial proceeding.



The accused may file an appeal for Service Court of Criminal Appeals review in a court-martial result that includes a sentence of confinement of more than six months and is not subject to automatic review.





Retaliation against a person for reporting or planning to report a crime is a crime.




**UCMJ  
CHANGES**  
**Effective Jan. 1, 2019**


The Military Justice Act of 2016 was enacted by Congress and signed by former President Barack Obama on Dec. 23, 2016, enabling the most significant changes to the military justice system since the Military Justice Act of 1983.




If the accused is convicted by a panel, the accused may elect to be sentenced by either the same panel or elect to be sentenced by a military judge alone.




There is automatic review by the Service Court of Criminal Appeals of all courts-martial including a sentence of death, punitive discharge, or confinement of two years or more.




A military judge has pre-referral authority to issue a pre-referral investigative subpoena, issue a pre-referral warrant or order for electronic communications, enforce certain victim’s rights, or conduct a hearing as directed by a Service Court of Criminal Appeals.



The government may ask The Judge Advocate General to approve appeal of an illegal or plainly unreasonable sentence.



Fraudulent use of credit cards, debit cards, and other access devices is prohibited.



Sexual activity between a person in a position of trust (officer, non-commissioned officer, recruiter or instructor) and a specially protected junior member (recruit or trainee) is a crime.



# 2018 in review

