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ACES nominated for innovation board

By Col Jim Mattey,
513th Air Control Group Commander



AFRC just announced the command is standing up an Innovation and Transformation Board. This ITB drives AFRC Senior Leaders to select and steer initiatives, focusing on things that matter most to commanders and continually improving and building on the solid foundation. The ITB is

held four times per year. NAF Commanders will select and champion one CPI initiative and one innovation semi-annually.

10th AF has nominated the 513th's innovation "Advanced Collaboration Enterprises Services" (ACES) as the first innovation recognized under this new program.

ACES is a multi-year effort by a diverse team of warfighters, industry partners, research labs, and academia. This capability was initiated from the frustration with our weapon systems, our IT infrastructure, and the promise of "the next big thing." The ACES vision was cast by warfighter requirements; the inspiration came from

Hollywood.

ACES uses spatial computing techniques to build and we built an elegant, simple computer interface. We created "Minority Reports" for the DoD. ACES connects different classification networks, applications over high speed or disadvantaged networks, in garrison or on the move.

The 513th is working with our industry partners in an AFWERX direct to phase II SBIR prototype. This is how warfighters go from a napkin idea to experiments and technology demonstrations to operationalizing technology. We are accelerating change and increasing lethality.

We encourage all of you to resent the status quo. Live with a mindset of "what's in the art of the possible." It's a strategic imperative.



PRIORITIES



1 ACCELERATE LETHALITY

2 INCREASE FULL SPECTRUM RESILIENCY

3 STRENGTHEN AND EVOLVE ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIP NETWORKS

4 EVOLVE OUR CULTURE

April Promotions



Omar Torres, 513th MXS



**Christopher Clark, 513th ACG
Luis Badillo, 970th AACs
Cindy Holloway, 970th AACs**



Patrick Holford, 513th MXS



Calling all artists: *Send in your best design by Oct. 1 for a chance to have your artwork featured!*

FY22 UTA Schedule

2-3 Oct 21
6-7 Nov 21
4-5 Dec 21
8-9 Jan 22
5-6 Feb 22
5-6 Mar 22
2-3 Apr 22
30 Apr-1 May 22
4-5 Jun 22
9-10 Jul 22
6-7 Aug 22
10-11 Sep 22

TAIL FLASH COMPETITION

**MUST BE 17" TALL
12" WIDE**

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 1ST

PLEASE EMAIL DESIGNS TO CHAD.DIXON@US.AF.MIL

Booster Club seeks volunteers

Welcome to Spring everyone! The 513 ACG Booster Club is jumping into the spring season with a bunch of great events for 2021. In addition to these events, we're looking for folks from all parts of the group who want to make the 513th a place where everyone feels at home and is excited to play their part.

We are accepting new members and nominations for Executive Council positions. Just [click the link](#) or scan the QR code if you're interested in joining the booster club or want to nominate someone for the council.

Not interested in being a booster club member? That's okay! We are encouraging everyone to take the [click this survey link](#) to provide feedback to help us improve the booster club.

BOOSTER CLUB SURVEY



2021 MORALE EVENTS

April- Booster Club Survey

May- Field Day

June- Silent Auction

July- Burger Burn

August- Deployer Homecoming Celebration

September- TBD

October-TBD

November- Fundraisers for Holiday Party Gifts

December- 513th ACG Holiday Party and 25th Anniversary Party

CURRENT FUNDS



Balance

\$1743

Deposits

+\$120

\$5 Fridays

Merchandise

Withdrawals

-\$200

Deployer Lunch

Air Force finalizes PT uniform design; will begin production process

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – After numerous tests and feedback from Airmen around the world, the Air Force Uniform Office has finalized the design of the new Physical Training Gear (PTG) uniform, and is preparing to begin the production process.

This is the first update to the PT uniform in more than 16 years, and over 150 Airmen participated in testing the uniform.

“Our main requirement [from Air Force leaders] was to develop a PT uniform that people really wanted to wear and is as good as if not better than commercially available athletic wear,” said Tracy Roan, chief of the Air Force Uniform Office, which is aligned under the Agile Combat Support Directorate’s Human Systems Division. “The new uniform now includes all of the great performance features that you find in athletic wear today.”

In addition to improving performance, the uniform is designed to accommodate various athletic interests.

“In the past, there was one uniform for all athletic pursuits, whether you were running, playing basketball or lifting weights,” said Col. Paul

Burger, 88th Air Base Wing Mission Support Group Commander, one of the test participants and an official with the Air Force Marathon. “The approach the Air Force has now taken, is to develop a uniform that is ear marked for runners or running and one that is better designed for some of those other athletic activities.”

With the new gear, Airmen will be

“With the ‘notorious’ track jacket, we’ve made updates to the fabric to minimize the noise it makes during workouts,” said 2nd Lt. Maverick Wilhite, the Office’s Program Manager for PT gear. “The jacket will be sleeker looking, so instead of having a bulky jacket, you’ll have a fit and tailored design. In addition, the jacket will have a zipper chest pocket for holding things like your CAC

[common access card].”

The workout ensemble will include two variations of shorts; a shorter running style, and a longer all-purpose short.

The all-purpose shorts are unlined knit with zipper hip pockets you can close. The runner’s are a lightweight stretch woven fabric with mesh side panels to im-

prove airflow and improved stretch liner for modesty. The performance shirt is designed to be untucked

issued a jacket, a pair of pants, T-shirt and shorts.

The ensemble will have improved

during workouts or tucked as required by command.

Overall, the entire PTG uniform has updated styling

with stretch materials to provide comfort and increase performance.

The new uniform will be available to Airmen in 2022, and there will be a four year transition period for mandatory wear.

Other significant changes include the design of the jacket.



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fabrics that include soft, quick drying, and have antimicrobial technology that helps with moisture and odor control.

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Commentary Strategic Planning and Force Development: This is Chess, not Checkers

By Chief Master Sergeant

Alphonzo Glover

Most of the time when someone mentions Strategic Planning, particularly within the last couple of years, most people call upon the National Security Strategy, the National Defense Strategy, the Air Force Chief of Staff's priorities and most recently his Accelerate, Change or Lose talking paper. Although Air Force Manual 36-2647, Institutional Competency Development and Management was re-written into Air Force Handbook 36-2647, Competency Modeling on 25 April 2019, the prior has proficiency level definitions and descriptive behaviors that outline expectations from the institution commensurate with rank for the total force. While I do feel it is important to for all Airmen at every level to at least know what the ABCD priorities are referring to (Airmen, Bureaucracy, Completion and Design Implementation), along with other some other topics and key phrases, that is now what I want to focus on today.

AFH 36-2647 defines the continuum of learning as a "career-long process of individual development where challenging experiences are combined with education and training events", and defines force development as "a deliberate process of preparing Airmen through the continuum of learning with the required institutional competencies to meet challenges of current and future operating environments." That means we as members and supervisors should be providing and

engaging in opportunities now that will help in the future. The time to start getting your biography or official picture together is not when you win something or you see an email. Just like the time to start providing input for your performance report is not two months (or



later) to closeout; the time is now.

The Reserve provides us with the great opportunity to be able to remain in the same unit our entire career if we choose to; that's one of the great things that separate us from active duty. If you want to be the best section lead the Reserves has ever seen and you have no plans to ever leave the unit, that's great; because we also need that continuity and experience. But what if you have a tech sergeant that is looking to something else, something different. As a supervisor, do you know where to send them? Do you have any information for them? We have to be able to guide our people in the right direction, and offer the tools necessary to set them up for

success. We have to be familiar with these objectives, opportunities and timelines for our people. It is our responsibility to be educated, for our airmen. Particularly at the SNCO level, we have to be more than technical experts. There is a reason it is called technical sergeant; that is the last rank where the emphasis should be primarily on your technical capability.

So how do we do it? How do we know what to do or how to find out? How do we keep the continuum of learning and force development wheels turning?

1. myPers. myPers has a plethora of information, and you can find just about anything on there for the total force; active duty, Reserve, even civil service and retirees. The splash page offers hyperlinks to a number of topics, and the search bar will pull up every article with the keywords you type in. Speaking

of which, Enlisted Development Education Board packages are due 19 April.

2. AFRC Professional Development Center. The PDC Sharepoint has links to all the different courses offered throughout the command. It also has a course catalog, links for the NSS, NDS, CSAF reading list, the course calendar for FY21 and so much more. <https://afrc.eim.us.af.mil/sites/A1/PDC/SitePages/Home.aspx>

3. Read. Whether it is AFIs, policy, or doctrine, in this digital age we have the ability to access information quicker and easier than any time in history. With that being said, revisit AFIs, AFH, and AFMANs from time to time as they are always being revised and in

(Chess, not Checkers continued)

some cases re-written. We should all be somewhat familiar with AFMAN 36-2136, Reserve Personnel Participation, because that covers how we get paid. Another one to review is AFH 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure. This handbook is a great tool for enlisted and officers alike, because it outlines expectations for all ranks and chapter 7 specifically speaks to officer and civilian forces structures. There are a lot of books available for free in either paperback or PDF at Air University Press. If you are ever at Maxwell Air Force Base passing through or attending a class, you are allowed to take ten books, free of charge. <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/AUPress/>

4. Challenge your people.

We have some talented Airmen in our organizations and some are just itching to take on new and challenging roles. If you are a supervisor, do your best to ensure you are providing challenging experiences that will provide your airmen an opportunity to grow. Pull them in and let them be part of the process at times. The time to train your

Airmen should not be upon deployment or retirement. We should have multiple candidates that are able and comfortable executing the mission in our absence; because we are not going to be here forever.

This is not an all-encompassing



list, but it can get you thinking about where you and your people are going. In the upcoming months, we're going to get a team together and try to even better codify and articulate a deliberate process for 513th ACG Airmen who want to partake to ensure every possible tool is available for furthering your career. We want you to have options and be able to make informed

decisions that will best suit you and your family's needs in the present, mid and long term.

I want to leave you with this final thought: In five years, the senior leadership across the 513th ACG will be gone. That includes all the

chiefs, including Chief Gonsalves, all the commanders, to include Lt. Col. Jones, Col. Remualdo and Col. Matthey, and all of the first sergeants. Ask yourself which strategic planning you are doing right now that will set you up to be competitive for any of these positions. Supervisors, are we mentoring our people and training our replacements? Now is the time to act.

2020 Annual Award Winners

CGO of the Year

Capt Joshua Culver, 970th AACCS

First Sgt. of the Year

MSgt Michael Christensen, 970th AACCS

Senior NCO of the Year

MSgt Omar Torres, 513th MXS

NCO of the Year

MSgt James Lopez, 513th MXS

Airman of the Year

SrA Bobbi Kearns, 513th MXS

Congratulations to all!

Training Program Updates

By MSgt Nicole Tubbs,
513th Training Manager

ANCILLARY TRAINING:

SAPR, Suicide Prevention and Extremism training will be conducted quarterly as separate training items via Commander talking points. First quarter (Jan-Mar) and 2nd quarter (Apr-Jun) talking points should be published in the upcoming weeks. Be on the lookout on future schedules and events.

CDC UPDATES

CDC E-Exam – Wing Training will no longer be administering PME tests after 31 August. Training is waiting on information of impact on AFSC CDC Testing and will ensure information is distributed as it becomes available.

CDC Blackboard – Wing Training no longer requires signatures on AF101 requests for distance learning CDCs.

PME UPDATES

EPME Trifold – A great resource for questions and accomplishing enlisted PME. It is also located on 513th SharePoint under Training.

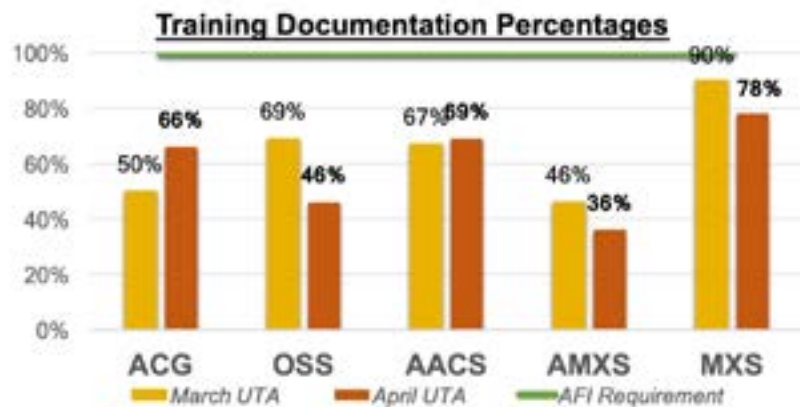
SNCOA – New SNCOA beta test is scheduled to be complete by 8 April and released for all by 28 April. Members enrolled in the legacy course and haven't completed the first module by 28 April, will be automatically disenrolled. Members will have four months to complete the new course, similar to ALS and NCOA.

UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

May 2: Quarterly Training Meeting at 1300
In person: Main Conf. Rm. // Virtual: Teams

April 19-22: Rapid Improvement Event
on Training Documentation
POC: MSgt Elizabeth Staff

(Training Schedule located on SharePoint)



MY LEARNING (Click to follow link)

- o Log-in to MyLearning and ensure account is transferred from ADLS or to create an account.

The site should be fully operational in July 2021.

There is a discrepancy for some users with MyLearning not creating a certificate after a user completes training. AETC is troubleshooting the situation for a resolution. This includes Cyber Awareness Challenge, and AETC is aware of the issue as well. There is a temporary moratorium covering the Cyber Awareness training requirement so user accounts will not be disabled for overdue training during this time.

The training office has no elevated roles due to an incident affecting the courses on the site, and there is no date as of now that this will be fixed. Therefore, the training office cannot assist with accounts, courses, or metrics, so please be patient.

Bottom-line: be patient and give AETC and MyLearning a chance to make necessary updates before elevating requests. Please keep the training office informed of issues.

How Do I?

Complete my Records Management Training?

This is a yearly requirement for ALL members!

Go to ADLS- <https://golearn.adls.af.mil/login.aspx>

LOGIN (with CAC or username & password)

Click "ADLS Gateway" in menu on the left

Click "AETC"

Click "Course List" in menu on the left

Click the "+" next to AFJQS to show courses

Click on "Records Management – User Training"

Go to vMPF- <https://w45.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSe-cureNet40/PKI/Main-Menu1.aspx>

Click vMPF

Verify your E-mail & Phone #

(On the left hand side) Click Record Review/Update

Click Individual to update personal info

Review your record for any discrepancies.

Review/Update my vMPF Records?

Certify my SGLI?

GO TO: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect>

LOGIN with your CAC

CLICK on BENEFITS tab

From Scroll down menu CLICK on LIFE INSURANCE (SOES) When Life Insurance (SOES) Page will open click CONTINUE and answer question on each page.

When finished, you will receive an e-mail with the attachment of your new SGLI.

Call 405-582-1558 or 405-734-5476

Email :513acg.admin@us.af.mil

Create a ticket : CSS Ticketing System

Contact my CSS?

Check your Awards and Decs

Are your decorations up to date? Go to vMPF to check your awards & decorations. If you are missing something, let the CSS know. Not sure what you should have? **Verify with PRDA for decorations & the chart below for awards based on time in service.**

| Award | Requirement | Remarks |
|--|--|---|
| AF BMT | Completion of AF BMT | |
| National Defense | See AFI 36-2803 | |
| GWOT-E | See AFI 36-2803 | |
| GWOT-S | See AFI 36-2803 | |
| Air Force Longevity Service Award | 4 years Sat Svc any branch | |
| Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal | 3 continuous years in ANG or AFR | |
| Armed Forces Reserve Medal (no M) | 10 years reserve service any branch | First award equals 1 device. |
| Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M | Deployment under 12301(a), 12304, 12406, or title 10 (see | First award equals 0 devices. |
| NCO PME Ribbon | In-residence completion of ALS, NCOA, SNCOA, Chief's Leadership Course | Effective 1 Aug 2014, correspondence/distance learning counts for this award. |
| Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal | All 507/513 members | |
| AF Pistol Expert | AF522 showing Expert | |
| AF Rifle Expert | AF522 showing Expert | |

Update AFPAAS



AFPAAS

Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System

How does AFPAAS Work?



~ What is AFPAAS? ~
~ Why is AFPAAS needed? ~
~ Who can use AFPAAS? ~

AFPAAS is the Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System. It is a website designed to help Air Force personnel and their families directly affected by natural and man-made disasters.

AFPAAS provides a tool to report your status, current location, update emergency contact information and request assistance. AFPAAS helps the Air Force leadership to account for personnel and to make decisions that support you and your family.

AFPAAS is available to all Air Force-affiliated personnel and their family members. This includes Active Duty, Select Reserve, DAF and NAF Civilians, AF Contractors (OCONUS), and their family members, including personnel on temporary duty status, on leave or on a pass in the affected area.

Air Force Personnel Readiness Cell 1-800-435-9941
AFPAAS Help Desk 1-866-946-9183

Complete the following eight basic steps:

- Step 1: Logon to AFPAAS
- Step 2: Click the "Airmen/Civilians"
- Step 3: Select Login Method
- Step 4: Verify and update your information
- Step 5: Review the survey introduction
- Step 6: Complete the assessment survey
- Step 7: Review the confirmation window
- Step 8: Print, edit or view your entries

Click here:

https://afpaas.af.mil/

Sign-Ups and How To's

**Aircrew Flight
Equipment**

When: 1300 – 11 April walk-ins are accepted
Where: Bldg 255 – 552 AFE Classroom

UPDATE "AT HOC"

**MEDICAL READINESS
AND APPOINTMENTS**

TELEWORK FORM

**UTA
SCHEDULE**

Status Reports



ANCILLARY CBTS

ACG
AMXS
MXS
AACS
OSS

EPR/OPR STATUS

**UNPAID ORDERS
AND VOUCHERS**

UNPAID ORDERS
UNPAID VOUCHERS
UNPAID RUTAs
UNPAID TPs
UNPAID RMPs

How to Update vRED

1. The vRED will first extract the following data from the Personnel Data System and you will have the opportunity to update it:

- Your religious preference
- Your home address (the address must be where you reside and not a P.O. box)
- Do not enter special characters such as (#, /, or \) in the address block or your phone number

NOTE: You must enter a complete address to include street number and name. Do not enter a post office box. When using a Rural Route address, provide directions to the home in the "Remarks" section.

2. After you have verified and or updated this information you will then be asked the following questions:

- Marital Status

If you are married, you will be asked for your spouse's name, address, and telephone Number

- How many children do you have (includes natural, step and adopted)?

If you have children regardless of their age the program will ask for their names, dates of birth, addresses, and telephone numbers.

If you have minor children and they do not reside at the same address as you do, you will be asked to provide the name, address, and telephone of the adult who has the responsibility to care for them.

NOTE: You must enter a complete address to include street number and name. Do not enter a post office box. When using a Rural Route address, provide directions to the home in the "Remarks" section.

- Is your mother alive? If your mother is alive, you will be asked to provide her name, address, and telephone number. If deceased, annotate "Deceased".

NOTE: You must enter a complete address to include street number and name. Do not enter a post office box. When using a Rural Route address, provide directions to the home in the "Remarks" section. If deceased, annotate "Deceased".

- Is your father alive? If your father is alive, you will be asked to provide his name, address, and telephone number. If deceased, annotate "Deceased".

NOTE: You must enter a complete address to include street number and name. Do not enter a post office box. When using a Rural Route address, provide directions to the home in the "Remarks" section.

- If you have commercial life insurance policy (not SGLI) and you want to record that policy information, you will be provided with an opportunity to do so. This is optional.

3. After providing all of the above-required information, vRED will take you to the following pages, provide you some background information on each topic, and they prompt you to make some decisions:

- Do not Notify Due to Ill Health. The program will list the names of all adults you have provided this far. If any of these people are currently sick or in poor health and you do not want them notified in the event you become a casualty, you need to identify the person you want to be notified instead. Minor children will always be notified through the adult guardian and therefore will not appear in this section.

•Death Gratuity. If you die while on active duty, the Air Force will pay the designee \$100,000 in death gratuity. If you are married or have children, then your spouse or children will automatically receive this money' therefore they do not have to be named in the event that you are single or if your spouse or if your spouse or children do not survive you. Federal Law limits who can receive this benefit to the following family members: A mother or father (including step and adopted parents), sister or brother (including step and half brothers & sisters) or persons who serve in loco parentis.

•Beneficiary for Unpaid Pay and Allowances. Your decision in this section is to designate the person or person's you want to receive any unpaid pay and allowances that are owed to you at the time of your death. You can designate anyone you choose.

•Interested Persons Designation. Another section of the federal law requires the Air Force to allow you to name another person or persons to be kept advised of your status in the event you go "missing." You do not have to designate anyone, but if you choose to do so, then you need to provide the Air Force with his name or her name, address, and telephone number.

- Additional Remarks.

In this section you identify anything else that you feel is important, for example:

Do you need to provide written directions to someone's house? Do you want to be buried in a specific location?

Have you had no contact for several years with your birth mother or birth father, and do not want them notified under any circumstances? Do your parents or someone else you have listed have more than one residence?

Do you keep your will or other legal documents in a particular location?

4. The following is additional information that may assist you in this application:

•If you need to add another person to vRED, simply click on the Add Another Person link, follow the instructions, and complete the page.

•If you want to know the definition of a term such as "casualty", "death gratuity", or "loco parentis", simply click on the word and the definition will pop up

5. Once you have provided all of the information, the vRED will take you to a Review Pane. It is here that you will be able to see all of the information that you have provided and make any final changes. Once you are satisfied, click on the submit bottom of the page. After you hit the submit button, the system will prompt you to certify the information that you have been provided as being true and correct and that the user ID and password that you used are yours and that you have electronically signed this document through the use of the user ID and password. You will then be taken to a page called the "Proof of Successful Completion." You can only get to this page if you have successfully completed the vRED. This page will also tell you that you information has been sent to your servicing MPF and to Air Force Casualty Office. Finally, you will be provided with a link to print a copy of your vRED for your own records and for your mobility folder. Please note: There is PII on the official vRED so make sure to send this securely \. . If any information was changed send the updated vRED to reginald.curry.2@us.af.mil (has to be the official vRED).