

# RABBIT TALES



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP



**WELCOME  
HOME!**

AUGUST 2021



**MISSION:** TO PROVIDE COMBAT-READY CITIZEN  
 AIRMEN TO GENERATE AND EMPLOY  
 AWACS ANYWHERE, ANYTIME



**VISION:** WE TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILY OF  
 CITIZEN AIRMEN WHILE KEEPING WATCH OVER  
 AMERICA!

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# From the top

by Col. Jim Matthey, Commander, 513th Air Control Group

First, MISSION COMPLETE. Welcome home RCP Airmen, and congratulations on a job well done!! The 513th has just added more names into history, and we've scored more firsts. The 513th ACG continues to provide combat power in every major operation, world-wide. We're all proud of you! Now, enjoy some downtime and get re-integrated with your families. You deserve it.

Second, we're back to wearing masks in DoD facilities, whether vaccinated or not. The "delta" variant is turning out to be more contagious than the Spanish Flu, SARS, Polio, Small Pox, and Chick-enpox. Now with data-driven studies, vaccinated people can spread the deadly coronavirus disease. Dep SECDEF guidance clarifies that anyone in DoD facilities will mask up in areas deemed high transmission areas <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

Protect yourselves, protect others. Throughout history humans have acted similarly during every pandemic (plague, smallpox, yellow fever, dysentery, typhus, TB, malaria, polio). Our intellectual history is sobering, denial, fighting science, raising fears, and anxieties by religious and political officials. And in the end we've beat those infectious diseases through science and understanding. It is very evident that "throughout history until the twentieth century, infectious diseases have been far more devastating than any other category of illness. Indeed globally, they remain leading causes of suffering and death." (Snowden, Epidemics and Society, pg 3) Now we have proven science and tested vaccines. I urge you to increase your health IQ, get vaccinated and take care of our Airmen, our families, and above all, stop getting suckered by social media medical advice. "Q" lies and people die.

Lastly, if COVID wasn't a bad enough threat, we're reaching the end of the fiscal year while planning the next. This period is a trying time in FM shops across the military. Starting 1 Oct, we'll be operating in a CR (continuing resolution). With-



out a signed budget, congress must pass a CR to fund the government. So we're likely to see only a percentage of our budget for the next three months or longer. Therefore, it is vital that we all closeout FY21, file your travel vouchers, and submit all orders for payment. Leadership is also developing a financial plan starting 1 October. Squadrons will evaluate order requests against monthly authorizations. Supervisors, up channel all your school requirements now. Spending time up front on planning is the best way to ensure you're taking care of our Airmen and getting them the training and opportunities to maintain readiness.

Thank you and your families for your continued support. We are experience significant chop, continue to close the formation, fly in mutual support, maximize radar sweep, and look out for threats! Follow me.

Push it up! Work hard, play hard, rest well.  
JM



# Deployers return home from the AOR

By Senior Airman Chad Dixon, 513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

**M**ore than 100 Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 513th Air Control Group arrived at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, July 28, 2021, to reunite with family and friends after a three month deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Airmen from the 513th ACG deployed alongside active duty Airmen of the 552nd Air Control Wing to Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emir-



ates. The return from deployment brings with it its own challenges. Besides the difficulty of getting back to normal life and getting back in the rhythm with friends and family, members are also returning to a different Air Force with COVID-19 protocols back in place. Returning Thumpers will spend time quarantine to make sure they aren't showing symptoms or are infected with COVID-19.



# August Promotions

SSgt Marcus Parker, 513th AMXS

TSgt Jnathan Brook, 513th AMXS

## BOOSTER CLUB SURVEY



**INDOOR MASK WEAR IS  
MANDATORY  
REGARDLESS OF  
VACCINATION STATUS**

[www.tinker.af.mil/coronavirus](http://www.tinker.af.mil/coronavirus)

## CURRENT FUNDS



Balance

**\$4,264**

Deposits

**+3,264**

*\$5 Fridays*

*Christmas Tickets*

*Cornhole/Cowbell*

Withdrawals

**-\$23**

*Cornhole Tournament*

## 2021 MORALE EVENTS

**September-** TBD

**October-**TBD

**November-** Fundaisers for Holiday  
Party Gifts

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



# Cowbell becomes cash cow for booster club

By Senior Airman Chad Dixon, 513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

Members of the 513th Air Control Group participated in a morale event during the July unit training assembly.

Airmen teamed up and took part in a cornhole tournament with the winning group being that of Jeff Inferredre and Ryan Clary of Team Eskimo.

More than \$1000 was raised during the event which will help fund the upcoming 25th anniversary celebration of the 513th, this coming December.

Along with playing cornhole, members took turns

attempting to dunk Col. Jim Matthey in the Let Freedom Ring dunk tank. Some Airman appeared to get a little too much joy out of dunking the commander.

Burgers, beers and good times were all served up at the outing. Much credit is owed to the booster club for putting on such a successful event.





# Triple threat: Commander competes in half Ironman triathlon

By Senior Airman Chad Dixon, 513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

**513th Maintenance Squadron commander, Maj. Carol Stanley, discusses her triathlon experience.**

**How long was the triathlon and what does it consist of?**

It was a half Ironman which totals 70.3 miles; consisting of three disciplines: a 1.2 mile swim, a 56 mile bike ride and a 13.1 mile run.

**What is your best discipline?**

Swimming is my best discipline – and it's my favorite part of the race.

**How long did you train?**

I'm almost always training. The real focus on this race started about 2-3 months prior when I started running and biking longer distances and doing more brick workouts, which is when you stack more than two disciplines in one workout with no interruption in between.

**What is your best discipline?**

The swim is my best discipline – it's my favorite part of the race.

**What was your nutrition like during the race?**

Nutrition is definitely the 4th discipline. I had a cinnamon raisin bagel after I set up my transition while I waited for the walk to swim start. After the swim I had an energy gel packet in transition. On the bike it was waffles, another half bagel, and water mixed with my hydration tabs. Off the bike, I had another energy gel packet and that was it except for water and hydration capsules on the run. I'm still trying to work out a good mix

of fuel that gives me energy but doesn't impact my ability to run.

**Are you going to do more triathlons?**

Definitely! I'm already signed up for more (including next year's Gulf Coast 70.3 in Panama City Beach) and I'm hoping that in another year I'll have the time to train for a full Ironman.

**What was your reason for doing one?**

The biggest reason was my dad got sick in 2016 and ended up needing a lung transplant. I looked at the fact that he was still fairly young and had plans in retirement that he couldn't do because he was sick. Triathlon was originally brought up to me in high school and I never did one because I was intimidated by the bike. I knew nothing about cycling and didn't even own a bike. After my dad got sick, I decided that I didn't want to reach a point one day where I had stuff I had always wanted to do, but then ended up in a place where I physically couldn't.

**Were you happy with the results?**

Overall, I can't complain. I shaved 56 minutes off my first 70.3 to finish in 6:45:06. I know I can do better. I went into the event with little swimming preparation, but with big improvements in the bike and run as well as transition. Now, I can't wait to improve even more.



# Thumpers earn honor guard awards



Senior Airman Bobbi Kearns graduated honor guard training on July 30, 2021, and took home distinguished graduate.

Kearns is an Aircraft Structures Maintenance Technician from the 513th Maintenance Squadron.

Chief Master Sgt. Kevin A. Terrell earned top Honor Guard graduate.

Terrell stood out above all peers and was nearly perfect in the execution of ceremonial movements, while also displaying exemplary leadership and professionalism.





August  
2021

# 513 ACG Training Update

## August Calendar of Events

8<sup>th</sup> 13:00 – Qtrly Training Meeting

*Bldg. 461, Main C/R*

**\*\* Mandatory** for at least 1 representative from every work center \*\*

12<sup>th</sup> 18:00 – Trainer-Specific AFTC  
*Virtual - ZOOM*

26<sup>th</sup> 18:00 – W/C Supervisor AFTC  
*Virtual - ZOOM*

Have you ever wondered why you're showing red on SAPR or Suicide Prevention when you just accomplished the training?

Are you interested in attending PME In-Residence and want to know the latest policy?

Do you want to know more about the new, modern version of CDCs coming out in the near future?

These are just some of topics that will be covered in this month's **Quarterly Training Meeting**, and your UTM can guarantee that even if these aren't topics you've wondered about, there is someone in **YOUR** work center that has.

## Training System Updates

There are a lot of changes occurring with the various training systems. Below is a stop-light chart of all 2021 completed, in-work, and projected updates.

	<u>Old System</u>	<u>New System</u>	<u>Project. Complete</u>
●	DL ALS	New Version	January 2021
●	DL SNCOA	New Version	April 2021
●	MILPDS	AFIPPS	July 2021
●	ADLS *	myLearning	TBD

*myLearning updates in-work – reporting is inoperable & courses aren't always updating.*  
**Initial suspense date: Jul 21**

●	SurvPro	Inoperable	TBD
●	PME AF101	Package (OTA)	TBD

*Enlisted In-Residence PME requests are changing & moving to EPME requests in OTA.*  
**Initial implementation timeline: 19 Jul 21**  
*Awaiting further guidance and package.*

●	Blackboard	myLearning	August 2021
●	E-Exam	myLearning	October 2021
●	CDSAR	myLearning	October 2021
●	TBA	TFTR	March 2022

**TFTR Initial suspense date: Jan 22**



**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"8" WIDE

**SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 1ST**

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

**UPDATE "AT HOC"**

**ADLS TRANSCRIPT**

**TELEWORK FORM**

**MEDICAL READINESS AND APPOINTMENTS**

# Status Reports



## ANCILLARY CBTS

- ACG
- AMXS
- MXS
- AACS
- OSS

**EPR/OPR STATUS**

## UNPAID ORDERS AND VOUCHERS

- UNPAID ORDERS
- UNPAID VOUCHERS
- UNPAID RUTAs
- UNPAID TP<sub>s</sub>
- UNPAID RMP<sub>s</sub>



# 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/AFPCSecureNet40/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" [Click Here](#) button.

**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/>



# 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).