

# RABBIT TALES



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**513TH ACG  
DEPLOYS  
WITH ACTIVE  
DUTY**

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**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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# 513th ACG deploys with active duty

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

**M**ore than 50 Airmen of the 513th Air Control Group here departed for deployment April 13, alongside their active duty counterparts with the 552nd Air Control Wing.

This deployment marks the first rotation for the unit in their Reserve Component Period, leaving their families and their typical nine-to-five jobs to answer their nation's call.

513th ACG commander, Col. James Matthey, addressed the group of deployers before their departure and explained some benefits of RCP cycles.

"These RCPs provide Airmen, their families and civilian employers with stability and predictability for non-voluntary mobilization with a 1:5 ratio of mobility time to dwell time," said Matthey. "The RCP also allows Airmen to work and coordinate with their civilian employers," said Matthey.

Matthey also recognized the sacrifices families make in order for the 513th ACG to accomplish its mission.

"To the families of 513th ACG Airmen, I want to extend my sincere and heart felt thank you," said Matthey. "Thank you for your sacrifices, and allowing your family members to serve our nation. Serving our country is a



"I need to run more and play will definitely play a little soccer," said Karstrom.

Matthey said that Reserve combat power requires mutually beneficial arrangements between civilian employers and our Airmen and that civilian employers take risk and make sacrifices while allowing their employees to serve in the Reserve.

"Reservists have unique talents and skills highly sought after by the civilian workforce, and the Reserve provides highly trained Airmen with diverse backgrounds," said Matthey. "Fortunately, these skills often transcend their

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civilian and Air Force careers. I believe employers who employ Airmen are part of our Total Force."

Matthey said, the role of Reservists in the military has changed since the terrorist attacks on September 11th and is now an operational force rather than a strategic one.

"Since 9/11, the United States has depended upon the guard and reserve for operational missions," Matthey said. "Our Reservists are a vital part of our national defense, and provide capabilities across all Air Force mission areas. We are a strategic force, while providing an operational capability."



family business. Our Airmen are the ones going down range, but all family members support, sacrifice, and serve," said Matthey.

A deploying AWACS air battle manager, 1st Lt. Gabriel Karstrom, said he is excited to deploy and plans to focus on his fitness while he is away.

"I hope to get a lot of studying and exercise in during my free time," Karstrom said, who will be deploying along with his wife who serves in the 552nd ACW.

# 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



## May Promotions

Airman Grady Hicks, 970 AACs  
Senior Airman Joseph Colpaert, 513 AMXS  
Senior Airman Nicholas Williams, 513 AMXS  
Staff Sgt. Brooks Keesee, 513 OSS  
Tech. Sgt. Najee Menefee, 970 AACs  
Tech. Sgt. Joshua Wiederhoeft, 513 AMXS  
Master Sgt. James Depace, 513 AMXS

## 2021 MORALE EVENTS

**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**  
**\$2262**

### Deposits

*\$5 Fridays - \$5*  
*Merchandise-\$35*

### Withdrawals

**-\$0**

# Air Force rewrites basic doctrine, focuses on mission command, airpower evolution

MAXWELL AIR FORCE, Ala. (AFNS) -- Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. recently signed perhaps the most sweeping change of Air Force basic doctrine in the service's history, marking a major milestone in the service's strategic approach to "Accelerate Change or Lose."

Core themes to the revised Air Force Doctrine Publication-1: The Air Force are the foundation and evolution of airpower and the concept of mission command.

"When it comes to airpower, it's about the fact that we can fly, fight and win anytime and anywhere. That is tried and true – how we exploit the air domain, operating in and through the air domain," Brown said. "That's what we've done since we became an Air Force, and that's what we'll continue to do. How we do that might change based on what we see happening in the world and where technology might take us."

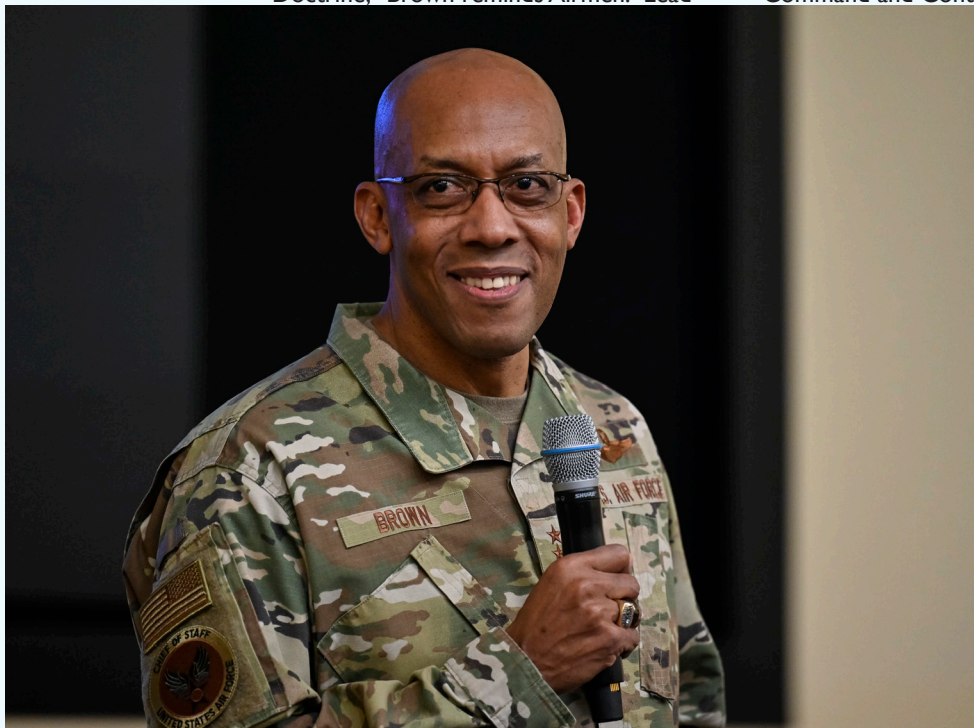
With the Air Force recently releasing its new mission statement – To fly, fight and win ... Airpower anytime, anywhere – the general said that "leaders need to ensure that all Airmen – active duty, Guard, Reserve or civilian – understand how much they contribute to airpower."

The document defines the concept of mission command as a return to the philosophy of mission accomplishment guided by the commander's intent, while operating in environments characterized by "increasing uncertainty, complexity and

rapid change."

"To drive commander's intent, we have to be very broad in our thinking," he said. "We have to give Airmen the leeway, without being very prescriptive, to lead and execute while still meeting intent. When Airmen are empowered, they'll be able to make things happen that we didn't even think about."

In the document's "CSAF Perspective on Doctrine," Brown reminds Airmen: "Lead-



ers must push decisions to the lowest competent, capable level using doctrine as a foundation for sound choices." This core idea resonates throughout the rewrite.

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AFDP-1 also updates the legacy airpower tenet of "centralized control, decentralized execution" to "centralized command, distributed control and decentralized execution." This evolution allows for a framework from which to develop

new operating concepts, strategies and capabilities to address rapidly changing and increasingly challenging operating environments.

Brown's new focus on mission command and centralized command, distributed control and decentralized execution postures the Air Force to execute what he lays out in his "Accelerate Change or Lose" vision: "We must focus on the Joint Warfighting Concept, enabled by Joint All-Domain Command and Control and rapidly move forward..."

While AFDP-1 marks a significant departure from the generally slow pace of change in doctrine, it represents the significant change in focus by the Air Force from retrospective and incremental to future-focused and poised to seize opportunity.

Doctrine represents the best practices and principles that articulate how the Air Force fights. The recent rewrite of AFDP-1 represents a consolidation from 141 pages to 16 pages and a refinement of "the most fundamental and enduring beliefs describing airpower and the Airman's perspective."

With the March 2021 release of the "Interim National Security Strategic Guidance," President Joe Biden remind-

ed the nation "the distribution of power across the world is changing, creating new threats."

AFDP-1 is poised to reorient the Air Force for the era of great power competition and accelerated change.

# Spotlight



**Airman Jalea Martin**

Unit: 970th AACCS

Job title: Administration

Hometown: Cushing, OK

Place you'd like to visit: Bora Bora

Best place you've visited: Taos, NM

Civilian Job: Call and Chat Representative for Tinker FCU

Best part of my job: Helping others and meeting new people.

Pet peeve: When I can hear people chewing.

Little known fact about you: I am a national dance champion and a former college dancer prior to the Air Force.

Favorite memory in the Air Force: All of my tech school memories, I can't pick just one.

Unit: 513th ACG

Job Title: Group Admin Superintendent

Hometown: Rockland County, NY

Place I'd like to visit: Spain

Best Place I've visited: Dubai

Civilian job: Operations Support (Army)

Best part of my job: Working with trainees

Pet Peeve: I don't like to repeat myself.

Little Known Fact: I sing

Favorite memory in the Air Force: When I got to sit and watch at the boom a refueling on a F-15 and AWACS while flying over Iraq on a KC-10.

**SMSgt Sally Granada Smith**



# Training Program Updates

By MSgt Nicole Tubbs,  
513th Air Control Group Training Manager

## UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

### Training Documentation Rapid Improvement Event (RIE):

**Apr 19-22:** 513 ACG held a RIE to analyze training documentation discrepancies within the unit. Several root causes were identified and a list of actions to implement was created. More to come from the CPI and Training Offices.

Thank you to all of the participants! You all helped to make the event a success and your inputs on constraints were key to creating achievable actions.

**CPI Leads:** MSgt Elizabeth Staff and Mr. Robert Atkins

**Team Participants:** CMSgt Robert Harding, MSgt Robert Bell, MSgt Lloyd Braden, MSgt Robert Doty, MSgt Nicole Tubbs, MSgt Douglas Wall, MSgt Renee Witten, TSgt Christopher Dipilla, TSgt Jonathan Fisher, TSgt Zachary Greene, SSgt J'nathan Brooks, SSgt Lizbeth Kowalski, and SSgt Austin Watlington.

**May 2:** Quarterly Training Meeting at 1300

In person: Main Conf. Rm. // Virtual: Teams  
(Training Schedule located on SharePoint)

## ANCILLARY UPDATES

**Extremism Training** – is a new CY21 training requirement. Training will be conducted quarterly via Commander talking points in the upcoming month. 100% completion required by 6 June 2021.

### MyLearning

Log-in to MyLearning and ensure account transferred from ADLS – if not, create an account.

Link: <https://lms-jets.cce.af.mil/moodle/>

Also located under AF Portal: Quick Links

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.

MyLearning isn't expected to be fully operational until July 2021, so there are likely to be issues and concerns between now and July.

Bottom-line: be patient and give AETC and MyLearning a chance to make necessary updates before elevating requests. It is also recommended to keep the Training Office in the loop of any issues, so we can elevate accordingly.



**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

## MAY UTA SCHEDULE

## UPDATE "AT HOC"

## TELEWORK FORM

# Status Reports



## ANCILLARY CBTS

Reports will be back after the conversion to MyLearning is complete.

## EPR/OPR STATUS

## UNPAID ITEMS

UNPAID ORDERS

UNPAID VOUCHERS

UNPAID RUTAs

UNPAID TPs

UNPAID RMPs



# How Do I?

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).