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**Total force validates and tests
collaborative technology**

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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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Total force validates and tests collaborative technology

By Tech. Sgt. Lauren Kelly, 513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

Members of the 513th Air Control Group and the 552nd Air Control Wing here teamed up Oct. 25-29 to validate and test a new digital environment designed to speed up collaboration across many platforms.

Advanced Collaboration for Enterprise Services, or ACES, was designed to be a capability that can shorten the kill chain and speed decisions, allowing the mission to be done faster with quicker reaction times and less user error, improving data sharing between command and control agencies.

The testing was set up at the 513th ACG headquarters, with mock air operations center and Airborne Warning and Control System workstations installed in two separate conference rooms. The team conducted training scenarios designed around real-world situations that required them to react as AWACS crewmembers to explore how ACES would improve communication during the four-day assessment.

Capt. Matthew Hunter, an air battle manager with the 964th Airborne Air Control Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, explained how ACES was beneficial for him.

"Sharing multiple screens and manipulating them at the same time greatly enhances our ability to have situational awareness of the whole battle space



100% of the time," Hunter said. "ACES allows us to manage situations faster and easier, speeding up the kill chain, which is ultimately what we are going for."

1st Lt. Taylor Amann, an air battle manager with the 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, participated in the training and discussed what she liked about the collaborative technology.

"We can send and receive real time updates with other agencies," Amann said. "As a section lead, I can get information in and pass it to the crew really fast on their screen, where as before, they would have to go find it somewhere like a document or spreadsheet. Now, I can just pass it, and it's there right on their screen."

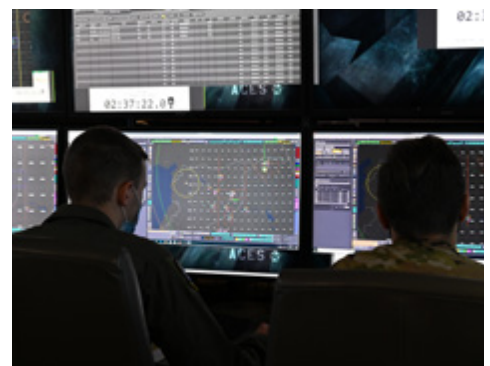
Hunter said the assessment showed him how the capability could streamline communications with sister services in the future.

"Depending on

how big this goes, the Air Force could use this program with the Navy or the Army," Hunter said. "The ability for me to send a picture of the battle space to a soldier down on the ground would be huge for us."

513th Air Control Group commander, Col. James Matthey, said ACES is a linchpin of future Air Force systems and is excellently engineered, easily acquired and ready to deploy with almost zero integration cost.

"ACES proved its ability yet again during this assessment to allow disparate teams and legacy applications to talk to one another, providing a model for how future systems should work," Matthey said. "It's a case study in our ability to execute CSAF General Brown's intent of accelerating change."



Department of the Air Force nears 97% AD vaccination rate

By Staff Sgt. Elora J. McCutcheon, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Nov. 2 marked the Department of the Air Force's deadline for active duty component Airmen and Guardians to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. As of publication, nearly 97% of Airmen and Guardians on active duty have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Our Airmen need to be prepared to operate anytime, anywhere in the world," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr. "Getting vaccinated ensures we are a ready force to meet our commitments to the nation while protecting the health of our team and families."

Since the Secretary of Defense's mandate Aug. 24, the Department of the Air Force set the most aggressive timelines amongst the military services to ensure members are vaccinated.

"I am incredibly proud of our Airmen for coming together and getting vaccinated," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass. "This is about readiness and ensuring our Air Force can continue to defend the homeland. It's also about understanding that we are not in the clear yet. Continuing safe practices to protect ourselves and others should always be in our cross-check."

The majority of the active component was vaccinated prior to the Aug. 24 mandate. After the mandate, installation Military Treatment Facilities rapidly scaled up vaccination efforts in order to meet the Nov. 2 deadline for the remainder of the force. Many MTFs stood up mass vaccination procedures capable of administering thousands of shots a day.

"Thank you to our active-duty Guardians and Airmen for moving out quickly to meet the Department's vaccine timeline," said Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. "Jay" Raymond. "Although we are encouraged by the fall-



ing number of cases, COVID-19 is still a very real threat. We need each and every one of you to be healthy and ready; we need you and your loved ones to be protected so our team can continue to protect and defend the nation."

Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force Roger A. Towberman echoed DAF senior leadership appreciation for all those who got vaccinated, as well as those who made it possible – to include DAF medical personnel who worked tirelessly to vaccinate nearly 100,000 Airmen and Guardians in just over two months.

"This took leadership and teamwork at all levels," Towberman said. "I'm proud of our Guardians for their commitment to our readiness and each other, and thankful for all our Airmen enablers who made this happen."

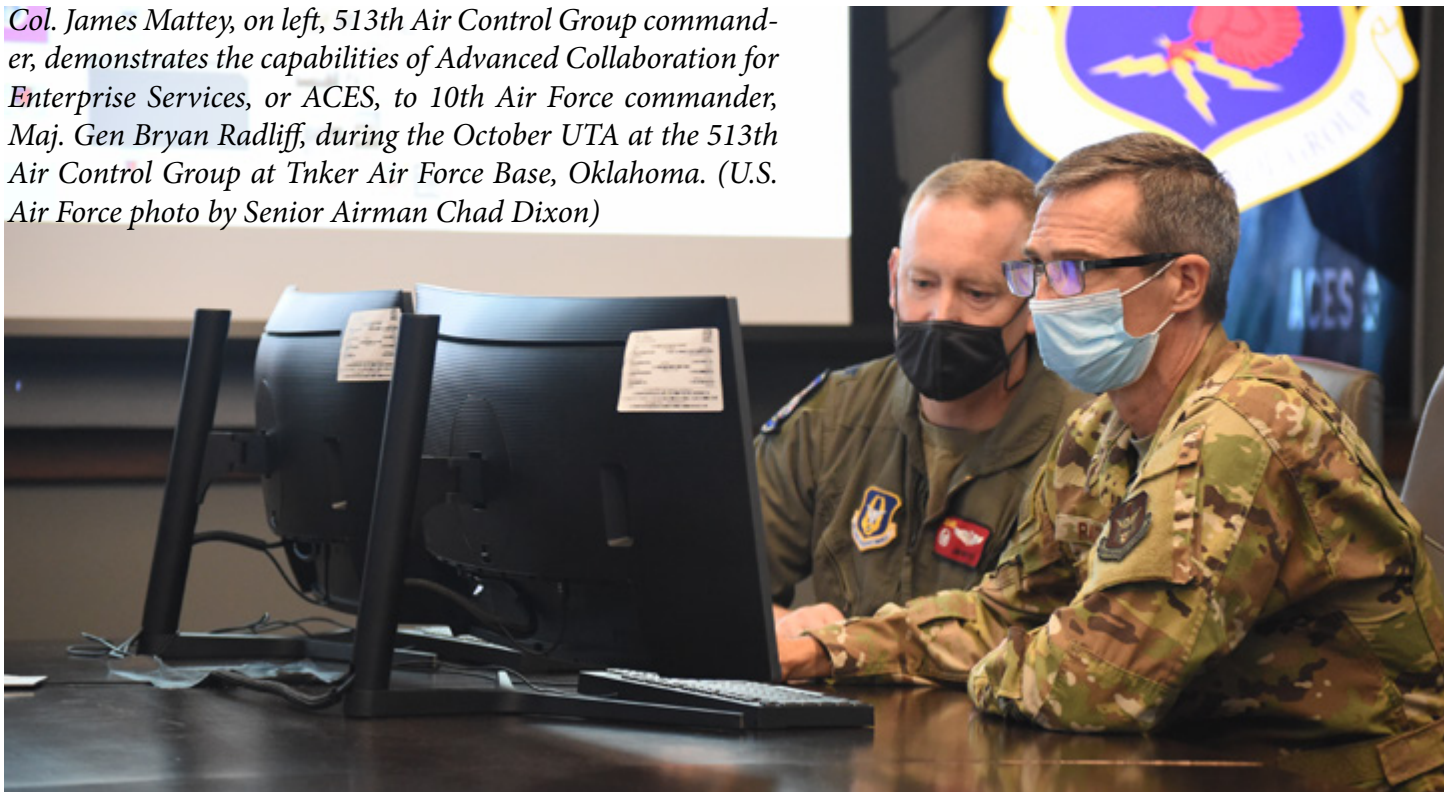
Over the next 30 days, DAF will review requests for medical exemptions and religious accommodations. DAF civilians have until Nov. 22 to be fully vaccinated, and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members in a Reserve component status must be vaccinated by Dec. 2.

Enlisted Promotions



NAF commander visits the 513th ACG

Col. James Matthey, on left, 513th Air Control Group commander, demonstrates the capabilities of Advanced Collaboration for Enterprise Services, or ACES, to 10th Air Force commander, Maj. Gen Bryan Radliff, during the October UTA at the 513th Air Control Group at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Chad Dixon)



In the Spotlight



Tech. Sgt. Diana Dubose

Job Title: NCOIC, Flight and Operations Medical Technician

Hometown: Kendall, Florida

Place I'd like to visit: Crete, Greece

Best Place I've visited: Atlantis

Civilian job: Program Coordinator/
Hobby: Farmer/Fulltime Future NFL mom

Best part of my job: Using my knowledge in medical Air Force Instructions to keep members serving and watching those I directly impact move forward in their careers.

Pet Peeve: Scooters putting whipped

cream on my coffee after the 3rd time I asked for no whip cream & trying to hide it by scooping it out, and my kids telling me they "can't find it" when they didn't look for it.

Little Known Fact: I am a football coach and a Sunday school teacher, and I love gangster rap.

Favorite memory in the Air Force: MTIs yelling "Don't touch it" in the chow hall and hearing myself say it every time someone breaks a cup/dish.

WANT TO BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT?

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Booster Club Upcoming Events

513 ACG Booster Club Coat Drive

Spread the warmth and support your local community by donating new and gently used coats for children and adults.

Drop off locations:

- Bldg. 461 Main Lobby
- Bldg. 230 Reserve Ready Rm



Unable to bring a coat?
Donations can be made by scanning the QR code.

Donate a Coat
All gently worn coats should be clean and wearable.

Spread the Word
Tap or screenshot, then share with friends.

Donate Online
Every \$1 donated equals 1 person.



513 ACG BOOSTER CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking for a way to get involved? There are some great events happening right here! If there are additional events that you would like to see featured, please send an email to 513thboosterclub@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2021

1st at 0800: Booster Club Coat Drive Begins

6th at 1100: Booster Club Meeting at Santa Fe Steak House

POC Capt Sarrah Williams

7th at 1700: Silent Auction Ends (NEW ITEMS ADDED!)

8th at 1700: Thumper Scarves need to be reserved and paid for

19th at 1700: Holiday Party Tickets MUST be purchased

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY PARTY

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS EARLY

DECEMBER 2021

3rd at 1800: Holiday Spirit Steak Supper

POC SMSgt Joe Brown or SMSgt Dan Gibb

4th at 1800: 513 ACG Hats and Horses Holiday Party

Menu: Prime Rib Station and Chefs non-beef entrée of the day

Events: Best dressed, minute to win it, scavenger hunt and more!

Cash bar will be available for attendees over the age of 21.

5th at 1700: Booster Club Coat Drive ends

JANUARY 2022

TBD: Booster Club Elections, By-Law Review, Yearly Planning

513 ACG BOOSTER CLUB SILENT AUCTION

Bid now!



SCAN QR CODE FOR AUCTION WEBSITE
BIDDING WILL CONCLUDE
NOVEMBER 7, 2021 @ 1700



DATE NIGHT CRAB BAG

513 ACG SWAG BAG

RUNNING LATE

SHARP SHOOTER

DARBY PERRIN PRINTS

GONE FISHIN'

AND LOTS OF OTHER GREAT ITEMS!

If you have any questions or want to volunteer with the 513 ACG Booster Club, please email 513thboosterclub@gmail.com



BOOSTER CLUB CURRENT FUNDS

Balance
\$3851.67



25th Anniversary
Christmas Party tickets
on sale at Eventbrite:

**Scan QR code
to purchase tickets:**



THUMPER SCARF ORDER FORM

Relive the good ol' days with a fashionable Thumper Scarf.

This Tuscany faille scarf is a lightweight polyester fabric and has a fine ribbed texture and a smooth and lustrous hand.

To reserve your scarf(s), scan the QR code below:



Price: \$25 per scarf

Payment accepted via:



Or



Bring cash to Turtin
Bldg 441 Rm. 215

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**Please reserve and pay by:
November 8, 2021**



SUPPORTED BY 513 ACG BOOSTER CLUB
POC: 1st Lt Kevin Raedy
WO 734-6782
O (845) 253-1448



Not for sale



November vaccination plan

NOTE: NOV. 18 IS THE LAST DAY TO RECEIVE 2ND DOSE (OR J&J SINGLE DOSE) TO MEET DEC. 2 DEADLINE

VACCINATION PLAN - NOV UTA
Location: 72nd MDG POC: Maj. Scott Blair

Saturday, Nov. 6
513th ACG 0900-1100
507th MSG 1200-1500

Sunday, Nov. 7
507th MXG 0800-1000
507th OG, MDS and ARW 1300-1500

Briefings at the Base Theater
Sat. @ 1100 // Sun. @ 0700 and 1100
Chaplains and MDS available



VIDEO: Reservists receive mandatory vaccinations



The 507th Medical Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, hosts a COVID vaccination pod Oct. 3, 2021, to ensure Reservists are compliant with the vaccine mandate deadline, ensuring more than 1,700 Reservists are medically prepared to deploy anytime. (U.S. Air Force video by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Kelly)

Holiday Spirit Steak Supper scheduled for Dec. 3

The 23rd Annual Operation Holiday Spirit (OHS) steak dinner will be held at the Del City American Legion Dec 3 from 6:00 -10:00 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, only a limited number of tickets will be sold.

There WON'T be a chicken or veggie plate option this year. "BEEF - it's what's for dinner!"

This steak dinner is always a big success and makes a lot of money for our own reserve and guard families. Through donations, auctions and more, the proceeds go directly to those that need.

OHS Background:

Operation Holiday Spirit was created in 1999 to assist some of the most deserving military families during the holiday season. This program takes nominations from fellow Reservists and Guardsmen, friends and associates of families who are known to be in need of assistance. These nominations are submitted by the leaders of the servicemen's units to a review committee.

Nominees are vetted as to the level of need and to ensure assistance is for many years Oklahoma Reservists and Guardsmen have been hit particularly hard. Many of these families join the Reserves and Guard to earn extra income, but with frequent deployments and unforeseen family situations they actually find their income considerably reduced that hardship, coupled with the absence of their loved ones, makes for a pretty tough time for families, particularly during the holiday season. OHS is a local organization, helping local families.

For paper tickets, contact Takesha Williams, Angi Dail, Joe Brown, Joe Wade, Ralph Hawkins, Dan Gibb, Larry DeSalle or Michelle Bonilla.

[CLICK HERE TO
PURCHASE TICKETS](#)



Master Sgt. Angela Leddy, 513th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant serves steak dinners to members of the 507th Air Refueling Wing, 513th Air Control Group and the Oklahoma Air National Guard, 137th Special Operations Wing, Nov. 4 2017. The 19th Annual Operation Holiday Spirit Steak Supper raised \$25,906 to benefit Airmen in need of assistance during the holidays. (U.S. Air Force photo/Maj. Jon Quinlan)

**23rd ANNUAL
HOLIDAY SPIRIT
STEAK SUPPER**

Friday December 3rd, 2021
American Legion/VFW Post - 5000 SE 24th Street - Del City OK
Time: 6:00 to 10:00 PM
Price \$45.00 * * LIMITED TO 400 TICKETS/SEATS * *

Menu: Wheeler's Meat Market rib eye steak served
with baked potato, veggies, salad, roll and cheesecake.
Beverages: Cash bar provided (no outside beverages)

TICKETS:
Takesha Williams, Angi Dail, Joe Brown
Joe Wade, Ralph Hawkins, Dan Gibb
Larry DeSalle, Michelle Bonilla
Visit holidayspirit.org for more information or to purchase tickets on-line

Tinker FSS Events this weekend

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND



First Friday & Karaoke Contest Tinker Event Center

Friday, 5 Nov at 1430

Free food, drink specials & karaoke contest!
FMI, call 405-734-3418

Colorama Tinker Lanes

Saturday, 6 Nov at 1900

\$20 entry. Strike with a color pin, win cash back!
FMI, call 405-734-3484.

Fight Night: UFC 268 Tinker Event Center Bar Saturday, 6 Nov at 1700

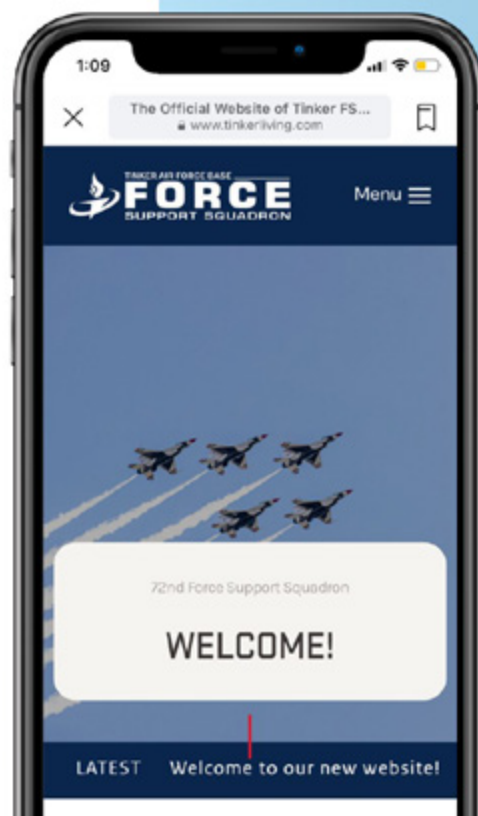
Free to watch! FMI, call 405-734-3418

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