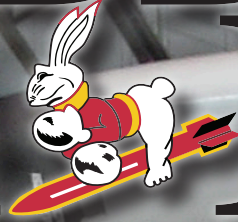


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Happy New Year!

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From the commander

Carnivores:

Through all of the challenges for 2020, we made it to 2021 successfully. YOU have ensured that the mission never faltered, and the 513 ACG family remains strong. Please know that you are appreciated and that I am grateful for your continuous hard work.

Here's our current situation with regard to various hot topics:

First, COVID response and vaccinations. The nation's infection rates are climbing but fortunately to date, the 513th has experienced minimal infections. Our relatively low infections are due mainly to your diligence with protective measures. You must remain vigilant, not only as to personal protection but also as to the stresses brought about by the pandemic, social distancing, and economic factors among all our reservists, civilians, and their families. And do understand: our extended families ARE experiencing illnesses as well added anxieties and pressures.

All of us must continue to be excellent wingmen, look after each other, and strive to make contact with each member if only for a "buddy check-in." We'll have more COVID vaccination info on the following pages.

Second, Virtual drilling. While we will prioritize flying training, RCP, and medical care for in-person drill, our broader COVID mitigation strategy is moving to a quasi-virtual drill to reduce the number of people in the building. All remaining training will be done online or, if necessary, in small group settings. Please work to ensure your technol-



ogy is FMC before start time.

Third, 513th ACG Priorities, goals, and roadmaps. Your Leadership met last month to discuss and plan the next 12-24 months. We opened the session by answering two questions: (1) "what drove your decision to join the 513th?" and (2), "why do you stay in the 513th?" A couple of common responses emerged as well as one central theme: "FAMILY."

We immediately recognized that we not only take care of our family, but also each other. We are willing to make sacrifices for each other. Sacrifice is baked into our DNA! It's at the heart of why we serve as reservists. To serve side-by-side with our comrades in arms. To that end, we are collectively sacrificing by deploying in the near future. Many Airmen are temporarily putting their personal lives on hold to carry out our nation's business, and plenty are stepping up to volunteer to stand shoulder to shoulder with us. More on the deployment will come to you in the coming weeks.

In closing, remember this: we practice the profession of arms. Our collective job is one of organized and disciplined use of force to safeguard our freedoms and national interests against all enemies foreign and domestic. Always remain aware of our mission: "To provide combat-ready Citizen Airmen to generate and employ AWACS anywhere, anytime", and our vision, "We take care of our family of Citizen Airmen while keeping watch over America!" Let's Push it Up!-Col Jim Mattey

Department of the Air Force moves Physical Fitness Assessments to April 2021, removes waist measurement from composite score permanently

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) --

The Department of the Air Force announced physical fitness assessments will now resume April 2021 and will no longer include the waist measurement component.

To ensure social distancing practices remain in place during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and to give Airmen and Space Professionals time to prepare, testing was delayed from October to January and is now further delayed to April.

While the waist measurement is permanently removed

from the assessment, height and weight measurements will resume October 2021.

"We trust that our Airmen understand the standard of good physical health practices and we are all finding innovative ways to stay fit," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. "We also trust that leaders will take the appropriate steps to keep their Airmen safe while making every effort to provide fitness options during the pandemic."

The DoD requires services to maintain a physical

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fitness assessment program and a body composition program. Over time and based on feedback, the waist measurement portion of the test was determined to be a better fit within the separate body composition program, officials said. The conditions associated with COVID-19 provided a good opportunity to make this adjustment permanent. The department will release additional information once we determine how we will measure body composition.

Fitness assessment cells, fitness center staff, physical training leaders and members performing fitness assessments will adhere to physical distancing protocols and other local precautions as determined by installation commanders once assessments resume.

Commanders may delay official fitness assessments beyond April 2021 if necessary, based on the recommendation of local public health officials, the continuation of closed fitness centers and extended state-wide restriction of movement and gatherings.

At this time, Space Professionals will adhere to the physical fitness policy of the Department of the Air Force. Eventually, the U.S. Space Force will develop its own physical fitness assessment.

Airmen and Space Professionals may determine their next fitness assessment due date by visiting the Official Physical Assessment Due Date Matrix on myPers which

will be updated and available Dec. 8. Fitness assessment due dates will primarily depend on the date and score of the last official test.

“Originally, we hoped to resume testing by January 2021,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass. “However, based on the number of cases nationwide, the right thing to do is focus on keeping our Airmen and their families safe. Delaying and reevaluating the PT test is the best option for our people.”

The test will still consist of a 1.5 mile run, 1 minute of pushups and 1 minute of situps. However, the composite score will be calculated with full points for the waist measurement portion until system changes can be made.

Department leaders are also looking to reevaluate certain testing criteria moving forward.

“Along with removing the waist measurement, we are also exploring alternative strength and cardio components to our current Air Force fitness assessment,” Brown said. “We believe these potential test structure changes will impact Airmen in a positive way and help with a holistic approach to health and fitness standards.”

For more information, Airmen and Space Professionals should contact their fitness assessment cells and visit the COVID-19 Fitness Guidance page on myPers.

Congratulations to our newest promotees

513th January Promotions



Karl Craig, 513 MXS
Colby Macqueen, 513 OSS



Christon Harris, 513 OSS
Kobe Kiesel, 513 OSS

COVID vaccine update

Here's the situation on our COVID vaccine update. First, under the emergency use authorization (EUA), the COVID-19 is voluntary. Once the FDA approves for general use, expect it to be mandatory just like our influenza vaccinations. Second, OSD recommends that reservist be in status when receiving the vaccine. However, if you're required per your civilian employment (first responder, medical ...) go for it. Remember to bring in documentation for UHM. Third, if there are any adverse reactions please follow current LOD procedures. And lastly, as of press time, we don't have exact dates, the vaccine is here at Tinker, we will get those to you soonest. Please see distribution chart below.

Phase 1a All Healthcare Providers, Healthcare Support, Emergency Service & Public Safety Personnel	Phase 1b.1 Critical National Capabilities	Phase 1b.2 Personnel Preparing to Deploy to OCONUS Locations	Phase 1b.3 Other Critical and Essential Support Personnel Not Identified
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[*Click here for facts about the vaccine*](#)

Total Force Initiative Recognition

The goal of Total Force integration is to provide the Air Force with the best possible capabilities to meet our mission requirements by leveraging the combined resources of the AF, AF Reserve, Air National Guard, and the AF Auxiliary (Civil Air Patrol).

This month's TFI recognition goes to Lt Col Curt Andersen and his team for their initial work with the new KC-46's Tactical Situational Awareness System (TSAS). Recently "Easy" Andersen took a trip up to McConnell AFB and met with members of the 931 OG, the 344 ARS and members of the AMC staff.

Easy, being one of the Air Force's link experts, attended KC-46 initial Link 16 academics, which included opera-

tion of the KC-46 TSAS desktop trainer, a link 16 ramp test involving two KC-46s, and demonstrated the E-3G Primary AWACS Display (PAD) trainer, reviewed TSAS mission planning software and provided direction on advancing KC-46 TSAS, datalink training, and employment.

TSAS and PAD software are very similar, so it's a natural fit that the 513th Air Control Group with access to the expertise and is a significant source of instruction material in the PAD trainer assist active duty and reserve Pegasus crews developing tactical ties and an enduring relationship.



ACES: The future is now

USAF Chief of Staff, General Brown, authored a paper titled “Accelerate Change or Lose.” In his paper, Gen Brown emphasized that “uncontested U.S. Air Force Dominance is not assured, and the consequences of failure-and success-are profound.” Our Air Force, the most technological military organization in the history of the world, is reliant, in part, by empowering Airmen, the one’s doing the do, to innovate at the speed of mission.

The 513th ACG recently stood up our own innovation cell and is currently working on a relatively new computer user experience that you may have seen in the movie “Minority Reports” or “Iron Man”. ACES (Advanced Collaboration Enterprise Services) is a new way of looking at how we view and manipulate information from pictures, video, and other applications. With ACES and an IP connection moving data to and from just about any number of workstations or smart devices regardless of brand, operating system, or classification, anywhere in the world is easy as click and drag. No more walking over to put your finger on another warfighters screen or walk them through a maze of clicks over the phone. They can instantly see what you’re seeing.

ACES makes this possible by turning all our electronic displays (video walls, monitors, and handheld devices) into a panoramic room of displays. ACES is a spatial computing platform we can incorporate with legacy systems and not be tightly coupled to weapon system baselines. What does this mean for AWACS? ACES can be a

roll-on, roll-off capability that not only allows us to move windows, applications, and information around console but also to displays on top of consoles. Think about a single pane of glass spanning the width of E-3 consoles used to display PAD information and information from off-board using different software. Want to get an AOC/TBMCS app into the E-3, ACES can do that.

The 513th will soon connect PAD desktop trainers to our ACES system, and are we’re looking for innovative Airmen across the AWACS enterprise to participate in developing new TTPs and work “what’s in the art of the possible.” Collaborating closely with XR and the CTF, we are utilizing these relationships to influence the possible today. The military that can quickly collect, process, and disseminate actionable information and make decisions faster than the enemy have the advantage. Technology is not the golden ticket; winning the battle for cognition requires many innovative solutions, including understanding human cognition limitations, biases in decision making, and how our high-tech information systems are degrading the decision making process.

