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MARCH 2021

PRIORITIES



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ACCELERATE LETHALITY

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**INCREASE FULL SPECTRUM
RESILIENCY**

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**STRENGTHEN AND
EVOLVE ALLIANCES AND
PARTNERSHIP NETWORKS**

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EVOLVE OUR CULTURE

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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March UTA Expectations

By Capt. Tyler Farrell
513th Air Control Group Executive Officer

Welcome to another drill weekend. Here are a few things you need to know:

FOUO has been replaced with Controlled Unclassified Information, or CUI. MSgt Jesse Egert sent an email Feb. 26 regarding the appropriate guidance when sending CUI. Please reference his email if you have any questions.

If you are locked out of AROWS-R, you should receive a message regarding how to unlock your account. You will most likely just have to answer the security questions, but if you need additional help, call the Help Desk at 877-294-5822.

For the folks meeting the O-5 promotion board this year, Col. Michael Remualdo would like 15 minutes of your time on Saturday, March 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the 970th AACCS conference room. If you are flying or cannot make it, please make sure you meet with him face to face.

Reminder--PRFs are due to the 513th ACG by COB Sunday, March 7.

Expeditionary Active Shooter Training, or EAST, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 7 via Zoom led by our UDM, Josh

Frederick. He will send the ID and password via email prior to the training.

SABC will be at 1300 on Saturday in MX, if escort is needed be at ECP at 1250

If you have any other questions, my door is always open and you can reach me at: DSN 884-6778 or commercial at 405-734-6778

Additionally, please make sure you take the time to watch Col. Matthey's March UTA video linked below. He covers some important topics that we all need to be familiar with.



Col James Matthey

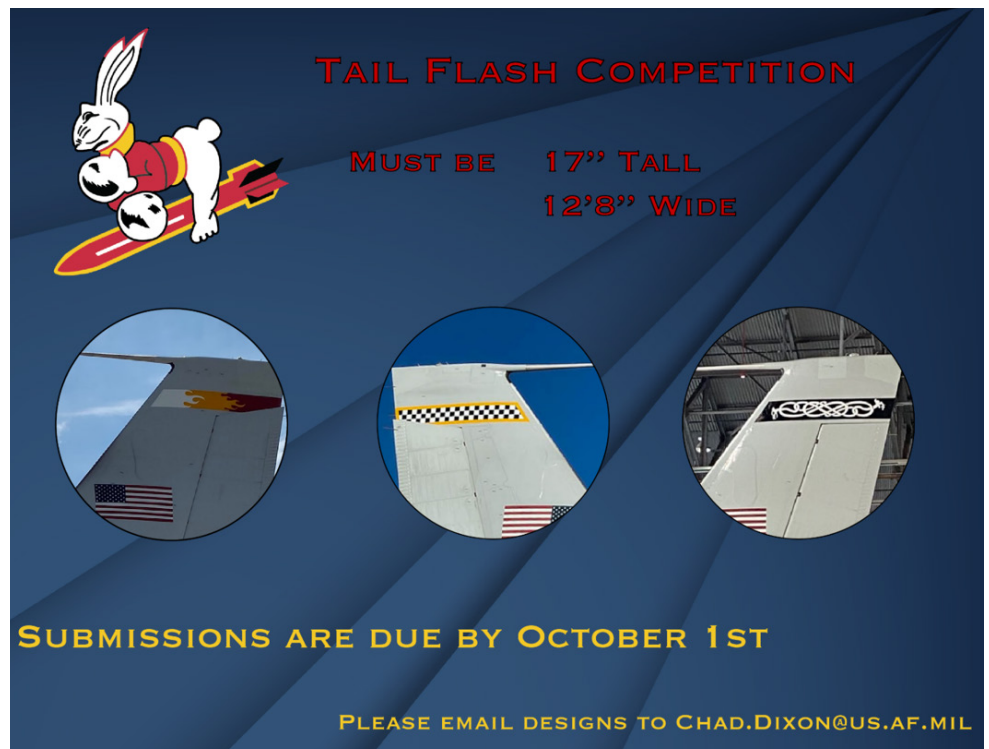


MARCH PROMOTIONS

Chief Master Sgt. Robert Harding, 513th AMXS
Tech. Sgt. Justin Tompkins, 970th AACCS

Calling all artists

Send in your best design by Oct. 1 for a chance to have your artwork featured!



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

513 ACG begins COVID vaccinations

By Senior Airman Chad Dixon, 513th Air Control Group Public Affairs and Tech. Sgt. Lauren Kelly, 507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 513th Air Control Group here received the first of the two-part Moderna COVID-19 vaccine Feb. 7, 2021. Col. James Mattey, 513th ACG commander, received the first of two shots during February's UTA and said he's confident in the safety of the vaccine.

"I would not take anything nor have my family vaccinated unless I was 100% sure of its safety," Mattey said. "I have to admit that last summer, I had my reservations due to inaccurate or incomplete media reports, so I educated myself and listened to experts in the field."



The Centers for Disease Control says common side effects with either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine can include arm soreness at the injection site.

COVID-19 vaccinations are optional to all military personnel and members of the 513th will have the next few months to take part in this first wave of vaccinations. Vaccinations were ad-

ministered by the medical technicians with the 507th Medical Squadron at the 72nd Medical Group at Tinker.

Maj. Scott Blair, 507th Medical Squadron Director of Operations, spoke of the second dose which would need to be administered between 24-42 days after the first dose, adding that the Defense Health Agency has ensured all military treatment facilities will receive enough vaccines to complete the second shot for those who received the first dose of the vaccine during the February UTA.

"Medical squadron personnel coordinated with unit commanders early in the scheduling process to ensure that members being scheduled to receive the first dose during our February UTA would also be available during the March UTA," Blair said.

Lt. Col. Elaine Boyd, 513th Operations Squadron Director of Operations, said she and her Airmen were very impressed with how efficient the COVID vaccination clinic was conducted, as well as the hospitality and welcoming demeanor of the MDS staff.

"UTAs are always tough for us," said Boyd. "It's a constant battle to try and balance flying and appointments. The flexibility the MDS displayed proves what we can accomplish when we work together."

Col. Mattey expressed the importance of being fit to fight and ready at all times.

"Americans expect us to be ready at a moment's notice"

"We must do everything in our power to prevent from falling out. Americans expect us to be ready at a moment's notice. Not all vaccines are 100%. Not getting vaccinated puts Airmen and their families at risk, and puts our mission at risk," said Mattey. "We are at war with an invisible enemy. These vaccines are like patriot batteries around a critical asset."



Commentary: Preparing for deployment

By Lt. Col. Melissa Jones

513th Air Control Group Director for Maintenance



Happy March Everyone!

I hope you all have COVID-safe St. Patrick's Day and spring break plans before many of you, including myself, depart downrange.

For this article, I will stick with Lt. Col. Ridlon's theme of addressing

issues surrounding our upcoming deployment. She did a great job of discussing the process of readying yourselves and your families beforehand.

I'd like to talk about keeping your minds right while you're downrange. This is my third deployment in six years and every experience has been an outstanding one. While it's difficult to leave your friends and family – everything will be okay! The hardest part is the spin up and then everyone falls into their routines, including your families. Your individual routine will be critical to your success! Deployment days start to feel like Groundhog Day unless you take the time to focus on personal goals and achievements that you have pre-established. This focus will provide you with a sense of accomplishment while the work stuff starts to feel redundant.

I have two objectives for myself and for my team departing this April:

1. **Leave the location better than you found it.** In my experience, people often treat the deployed location poorly because they see it as a temporary assignment. However, as reservists, we value pride of ownership and I expect to do what we can to emulate that pride of ownership in our location downrange. I also believe in the psychological impact that if you feel like you are doing good and making things better, you will also feel better.

2. **Return home a better person than you arrived.** This is the most important. Deployments are an outstanding opportunity to achieve professional and personal goals. For example, my professional goal is to put a big dent in my Air War College and my personal goals are to attend church regularly and become more active in yoga. Stay focused on your goals, otherwise, it is easy to get distracted and this distraction sometimes leads to error in judgment. It is your responsibility to maintain your family's pride in you and your service.

I will conclude with a challenge to all of you.

Create a list of your own professional and personal goals that you will focus on over the next several months. Maybe you want to work on PME, take a class, catch up on your reading, or run more...Whatever you decide, write it down.

This is going to be a life changing experience all for the better and I'm excited to deploy with each of you!

Spotlight



Senior Airman Karl Craig

Unit: 513th Maintenance Squadron

Job title: Surveillance Radar Maintenance

Hometown: Elk City, Oklahoma

Place you'd like to visit: Athens, Greece

Best place you've visited: Chichen Itza in the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

Civilian Job: Student

Biggest pet peeve: Unnecessary Rudeness

Little known fact about you: I started attending college at the age of 16.

Favorite memory from your time in the 513th: The night before leaving BMT and all of my flight coming together and recalling all of the memories we made.

Unit: 513th MXS

Job Title: Aerospace Ground Equipment Section NCOIC

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Place I'd like to visit: Australia. It looks like an amazing place, so long as you don't think about the millions of things that can kill you out there...

Best Place I've visited: Barcelona, Spain.

Civilian job: I'm currently an ART.

Best part of my job: I love the daily opportunity I get to work alongside of Active Duty and show them that members of the Reserves are more than capable of holding their own.

Pet Peeve: The underutilization of Google and YouTube before asking someone a question, especially on my HOA page.

Little Known Fact: Even though I'm built like a 12 year old gymnast, I'm not flexible enough to touch my toes.

Favorite memory in the Air Force: Attending the 2018 AFRC Enlisted Symposium, the knowledge I gained during that week has proven invaluable.

MSgt James Lopez



Moment in History: Desert Storm

By Charles Pope, Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) --Even before it began, before the first tactical decision and the first sortie flown, the 1991 conflict that would become known as Desert Storm acquired a notable profile.

Today, 30 years after combat ended on Feb. 28, 1991, Desert Storm's influence on the United States military, and especially the Air Force and Space Force, remain substantial and entrenched.

For any student of history, Desert Storm's accounting is well known. The U.S. and its allies flew more than 116,000 combat air sorties and dropped 88,500 tons of bombs over a six-week period that preceded the ground campaign. The air bombardment was so successful that the ground campaign was over in 100 hours.

Desert Storm was the first time stealth aircraft were used in a major way. It also featured an extensive use of precision-guided munitions. All of it was effective. The ground campaign began after six weeks of sustained air attacks drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait in four days.

There are other notable footnotes.

Desert Storm was the first time the Patriot missile system was used in combat to intercept and defeat Scud missiles. It was also the first time the Air Force relied heavily on stealth and space systems to support capabilities against a modern, integrated air defense.

Desert Storm, said Chief of Space Operations Gen. Jay Raymond, "is the first time that we integrated strategic space capabilities into the theater for operational advantage."

Desert Storm was also the first war since the adoption in the 1970s of the Total Force policy, which made the services far more dependent than previously on the National Guard and the Reserve.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., notes the "firsts" achieved during Desert Storm and their continuing legacy.

Yet while that legacy is significant, Brown maintains that another major – and often underappreciated – feature of the campaign is the importance of strong alliances and partners.

Desert Storm, he said, fostered a new set of alliances that have remained mostly steadfast – and mutually beneficial – since the war ended.

"Allies; that's the one thing that's been constant since then," he said. "You build these relationships with allies and

partners and that pays huge dividends." The benefits derived from combined operations, exercises and collaborations over the years continue to demonstrate their importance whether the adversary is ISIS or a peer competitor or a humanitarian effort, Brown said.

It's true that by the time combat operations began on Jan. 17, 1991 following Iraq's invasion and annexation of Kuwait, 39 countries including the United States, several Arab states, NATO partners and others had formed a cohesive coalition.

It was a potent and effective force. By the time fighting ended 43 days after it began, the force, which included 697,000 service men and women from the United States, overwhelmed Iraqi forces.

Desert Storm also did something else: it rearranged and

(Desert Storm continued)

updated American warfighting strategies in a way that maximized new technologies and spawned new tactics and doctrines. It showed the importance of space and stealth, of using a truly multi-domain strategy and using a “Total Force” doctrine.

Nowhere is that more true than the military use of space.

Desert Storm is recognized as the first true “space war,” one that used GPS, precision-guided weapons and satellite communication. Those technologies and tools were central – and essential – to the success of the effort rather than cobbled on as an accessory.

And unlike previous conflicts, Desert Storm utilized the “Total Force” concept in which the National Guard and Reserve played crucial and expanded roles.

“The seeds of an independent Space Force were absolutely sown during Desert Storm. Up until Desert Storm, most people thought of space as an add-on,” said Air Force Lt. Gen. S. Clinton Hinote, deputy chief of staff for Strategy, Integration and Requirements.

It’s not an overstatement, historians and analysts say, to

trace the roots of the Space Force to Desert Storm.

While promise and potential of capabilities such as “beyond line of sight communication” and “precision navigation and timing” were understood before Desert Storm, that conflict marked the first time those capabilities were widely used.

“It became such that nobody



ever again wanted to fight without those things,” Hinote said. “It took a long time but I think you can trace the appreciation inside the Pentagon and inside the Joint Force for space that reaches back to Desert Storm. We wouldn’t have been nearly as effective had it not been for the space assets we had.”

Hinote isn’t alone in that view.

The numbers explain why those assessments are not only offered, but also accepted and acted on.

The coalition’s “air armada of nearly a thousand aircraft in
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the first day of the air campaign attacked more targets than all of the Eighth Air Force aircraft hit in the entire European theater during the years 1942 and 1943,” The Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies noted in a recently released report aimed to coincide with Desert Storm’s 30th anniversary.

“For 43 days, coalition air forces were brought to bear against the centers of gravity of Saddam Hussein’s Iraqi regime. ... It is important to remember Desert Storm, not only for the definitive revelations and demonstrations

about airpower, but also because of valuable insights that apply to our current and future wars,” the report said.

The General Accountability Office described Desert Storm as “perhaps the most successful war fought in the 20th century.” That assessment is more than a sterilized remembrance.

“Just as our way of war has been fueled by space capabilities, largely since Desert Storm, we’ve also grown those capabilities over the course of the last three decades,” Raymond said. “We are more reliant on space today than ever before.”

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"

Complete the training

Go to vMPF- <https://w45.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecureNet40/PKI/MainMenu1.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?

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).

Sign-Ups and How To's

Aircrew Flight Equipment

ACDE bag issue: Friday 5 March, rear of Bldg 255

When: 1300 – 7 March walk-ins are accepted

Where: Bldg 255 – 552 AFE Classroom

0900 Crew 1 Flight Deck/ Techs/ Staff
0930 Crew 1 Mission Crew
1000 Crew 2 Flight Deck/ Techs
1030 Crew 2 Mission Crew
1100 Crew 3 Flight Deck/ Techs
1130 Crew 3 Mission Crew

ISOPREP

Offered Saturday & Sunday must sign up for time slot.

Time Slots available/booked – [Click Here](#)

Contact information is below to reserve time slots, No Walk-ins
E-mail jeremiah.dorrell.2@us.af.mil AND brooks.keesee@us.af.mil
Call DSN: 884-2094 or Comm: (405) 734-2094

UPDATE "AT HOC"

ADLS TRANSCRIPT

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UNPAID ORDERS

UNPAID VOUCHERS

UNPAID RUTAs

UNPAID TP_s


UNPAID RMP_s

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/>