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On the cover: Capt. Aaron Zendejas displays his championship medal at MacDill Air Force Base following his team's win at the the U.S. Armed Forces Soccer Championship in March 2022. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

Reservist leads team to victory at U.S. Armed Forces Soccer Championship

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

A Reservist with the 513th Air Control Group here led a team of Tinker Airmen to victory at the U.S. Armed Forces Soccer Championships March 5-13 at MacDill AFB in Tampa, Florida.

Capt. Aaron Zendejas, an Air Battle Manager Instructor with the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, was team captain of the Championship-winning All-Air Force soccer team, consisting of 1st Lts. James Landon Souder, 963rd AACs, and Austin Guerrero, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center.

According to 72nd Air Base Wing Chief Information Officer, Kirk Theophanus, the All-AF team went undefeated through the round-robin play, beating Army 2-0, the Marines in penalty kicks (after a 1-1 tie in regulation), and the Navy 1-0. They then faced Navy in the championship final, which they won convincingly 4-0.

“They persevered through having to play a man down (10 players vs 11) during most of the match and overtime period (over an hour and a half) against the Marines, after losing a player to a red card early in that game,” Theophanus said.

U.S. All-Air Force Men’s Soccer head coach Lt. Col. Jeremiah Kirschman, Deputy Commander, 92nd Mission Support Group at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, said he and assistant coach Chief Master Sgt. James Royston, Jr., Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida, couldn’t have done it without Zendejas.

“Zendejas is the linchpin that brings our team together,” Kirschman said. “Not only is he our team captain, but he’s also the starting left back who leads our team on and off the field through his words and actions. He’s the best leader on our

team of Airmen and Guardians.”

Zendejas, who was raised in an Air Force family and played soccer all over the world with his brothers growing up, explained how the military culture of playing soccer is unique.

“Each year brings in new players from all areas of the Department of Defense—with different ages, ranks, AFSCs, and backgrounds,” Zendejas said. “This makes every season special and very unique, because we never get the same team twice; and the team disbands after each tournament.”

The constant among the players is the love for the game and the war-fighting mentality each of the players bring, Zendejas said.

“Along with the war-fighting mentality comes grit and a competitive nature that is on a level

much higher than that of most professional clubs,” Zendejas said. “The reason is because for these players (with completely unrelated careers), this month of living, eating, and training like professional athletes is more than just a TDY—it’s an opportunity to live



out a dream that was sacrificed in order to serve. It’s a life-long goal for some, and a stamp on an Air Force career for all.”

According to head coach Kirschman, competition was fierce to join the team.

“We received more than 100 applications and had 32 players tryout for the US All-Air Force Men’s Soccer Team,” Kirschman said. “Z was definitely one of the best players throughout tryouts and during the tournament. We only gave up one goal in four games and that was in large part due to Z’s leadership and skills on the back line.”

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Soccer Championship continued

Zendejas described his feelings regarding winning the championship.

“It was immensely rewarding—it felt like justice, coming off of the silver medal in 2019,” Zendejas said. “I’m happier for my teammates though, and seeing them succeed. I’ve tasted gold before and contributed to other Air Force National Championship teams, and it never gets old.”

Zendejas said he approached this season from a leadership perspective because he plans to switch gears and start coaching in the near future.

“Training camp is insanely grueling, and as the team Captain I had to ask a lot from the guys,” Zendejas said. “I needed them to constantly give 100% even though they were hurting, to continue pushing and to trust me. I’m very proud of our ability to grow from a group of strangers into a full-fledged ‘force’ in less than three weeks. I would love to continue mentoring Airmen and Guardians in an athletic capacity as a coach.”

The next opportunity for these players is to com-



pete for selection to the All-Armed Forces Soccer Team, which will be competing against other countries’ soccer teams in the Men’s Military World Cup later this year, according to Theophanus.

“There is a lot to be gained out here by way of leadership, integration, and resilience,” Zendejas said. “To all of the Command Teams who have supported it, I can guarantee you two things: Your Airman or Guardian has never worked harder in their life, and when they come back to your unit, they will be stronger, sharper, and ready to lead with confidence and conviction.”



STAR PERFORMERS MARCH UTA

Despite funding challenges and strong head winds, the 513th is making steep gains with out GTX conversion thanks to the Total Force effort of the 513th Air Control Group and 552nd Air Control Wing maintenance. Our two units combined efforts March 18-21 in support of home station TDY operations for the 970th AACs and winter weather make-up training for the 966th AACs. Despite some operational hurdles, both squadrons conducted successful training Friday through Sunday. Thanks to the 513th maintenance team who supported this total force effort.

513 AMXS



Senior Airman Guadalupe Corpus, 513 AMXS
Senior Airman Riley Manning, 513 AMXS

552 MXS



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513 MXS



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AF connect app - are you connected?

Perfect for Reservists, the AF connect app allows you to stay up to date on the 513 ACG from anywhere!

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Booster club hosts pancake breakfast



Capt. Lily Baker, 513th Air Control Group booster club vice president, serves pancakes and sausage at the booster club's pancake breakfast March 5, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



Master Sgt. Lisa McLean, 513th Air Control Group booster club membership chair, cooks pancakes on the griddle for the booster club's pancake breakfast.



513th Air Control Group leaders enjoy pancakes, sausage and juice at the booster club's pancake breakfast March 5, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



513 ACG Booster Club Calendar of Events 2022



Reminders for these events will be sent out prior to the UTA.

April

Coffee/Pastry Station @ bldg. 461

Saturday, April 2 & Sunday, April 3 at sign-in coffee and pastries will be available at CSS and in the main lobby (donations accepted to help keep the stations going. If there is enough participation the Booster Club can do this every UTA).

May

Burger Burn @ bldg. 461 Heritage Rm

Sunday, May 1 @ 1100 Come and join us for some burgers and socializing!
Meal includes burger with fixins, drink and chips for \$6.

To pre-order your burger, scan the QR-code or email 513thboosterclub@gmail.com



June

June 4, 2022 @ 1330
Booster Club
Meeting Reserve
Ready Room MX

Dodgers Game @ Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

Join the 513th on a night out at the ballpark to cheer for the OKC Dodgers
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 @ 1900.

\$25 per person (includes Dodgers hat, \$6 concession voucher and seats behind home base.
To purchase tickets, scan the QR code or email 513thboosterclub@gmail.com



July

Silent Auction - Online

Auction begins April 30, 2022 and will end on July 10, 2022 @ 1900. Bid on one of a kind items and gift baskets to help support the Booster Club. If you would like to donate a basket or item, please email

513thboosterclub@gmail.com

Winners will be able to pick up their items during the week or at August UTA.



Breakfast Burritos @ OPS and MX

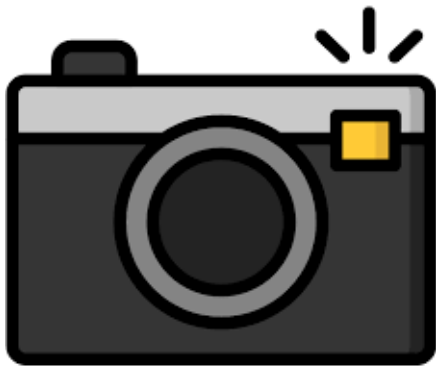
Saturday/Sunday @ sign-in, Breakfast Burritos will be offered at both OPS and MX

Other Upcoming Events-

- August- Garage Sale
- September- Chili Cook-off
- October- Family Day
- November- Thunder Game
- December- Holiday Party

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email 513thboosterclub@gmail.com

CURRENT FUNDS BALANCE: \$2,364.61



Please, send your Hats and Horses holiday party selfies/photos!

Please email them from your phone to:

513thpublicaffairs@gmail.com

2021's holiday party was a little different than in the past and we would like to collect everyone's selfies and print them in a collage for the heritage room.

To join the 513 ACG Booster Club, contact one of the Executive Council or send an email to 513thboosterclub@gmail.com

Airman Leadership Qualities Feedback available on myEval

Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel & Services (A1), Headquarters, U.S. Air Force

The Air Force continues to introduce new capabilities and enhancements to the Enlisted and Officer Evaluation system, all with the focus of improving the feedback and evaluation experience for Total Force Airmen. The latest update in myEval features the transition from the Airman Comprehensive Assessment (ACA) Feedback to Feedback based on Airman Leadership Qualities (ALQ). The new ALQ Feedback is applicable for all Total Force Airmen and will be automatically available in myEval as the only official format for military performance feedback for all USAF personnel.

Effective 31 Mar 2022, the ALQ Feedback will replace the existing ACA Feedback. Supervisors and Airmen will no longer access ACA Feedback within myEval and the AF Form 724 on the AF e-Publishing website is no longer authorized for Feedback for all USAF personnel. Any incomplete ACA Feedback in myEval (meaning it is unsigned by both rater and ratee) already being processed automatically convert to ALQ Feedback within the myEval system. For Enlisted Evaluations closing 30 September 2022 and later, and Officer Evaluations closing 31 October 2022 and later, it is mandatory that supervisors use myEval to conduct the ALQ Feedback with their Airmen in order to later access the EPR or OPR within myEval.

Additional helpful resources are available at the below locations:

<https://www.afpc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2983491/af-to-launch-airman-leadership-qualities-based-feedback-in-myeval/>

- Training provided by ARPC and AFPC (for HR professionals)

- Frequently Asked Questions are available here (updated regularly)

To continue reading about myEval or to receive notifications about myEval updates, simply follow the below link to the myEval myPers page and click the “Notify Me” bell icon at the bottom of the page.

https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/51405

Professional development dates announced

Motivated to do more and be more? Want to learn how to grow and develop yourself or your team?

Know of current gaps in training? Join us for our various training opportunities throughout the year to grow and professionally develop yourself!

2022 Professional Development Schedule

WHERE: 507th ARW Wing Auditorium, Bldg.1056

April 2nd @ 1000-1100

DTS Training

Presented by: SrA Merrill

April 30th @ 1000-1100

Education Benefits

Presented by: SMSgt Jacobs

June 4th @ 1000-1100

Counseling and Mentoring

Presented by: SMSgt Scoles

August 6th @ 1000-1100

Nutrition Training

Presented by: Elizabeth Burgess

September 17th @ 1000-1100

Effective Communication

Presented by: TSgt Grable

If you would like to get involved with the 507 ARW Professional Development Council, have any suggestions to improve the program, or have training topic suggestions, please reach out to the following POC's: Senior Master Sgt. Jeremy Scoles, Master Sgt. Kurt Weisel or Senior Airman Alyssa Perry.

Enlisted Promotions

April Promotions



DAVID HERRERA, 513 MXS
CALEB SPAULDING, 513 MXS
SAMANTHA WALL, 513 AMXS



VICTOR ZAVALA, 970 AACs



CAMERON SCHAFFER, 513 AMXS



Military kids celebrated in April

The Defense Department celebrates military children during the month of April. There are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents' service.

While military members serve around the world, we often forget the challenges faced by their children. Military families move on average every two to three years, impacting military children through changing schools and support networks.



In the Spotlight

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Ritter

Job Title: 513th MXS Aircraft Metals Technology Specialist & 513th MXS Undershirt

Place I'd like to visit: Norway

Best Place I've visited: Singapore

Civilian job: AFSC Budget Analyst

Best part of my job: Mentoring Airmen

Pet Peeve: I hate a sink full of dirty dishes... Someone do the stinkin' dishes!!!

Little Known Fact: I am the father of 13 yr old identical twin daughters... out of the nine sets of twins littered throughout our family, we have the only set of identical twins!

Favorite memory in the Air Force: Osan Air Base South Korea 2006. I walked in the MXS squadron building door during an exercise and noticed a moody airman sitting alone at the end of the check-in table flipping through a guidance binder... I married her six months later and she has been my wife for 15 years and counting!



Earth Day to be held April 22

As spring blooms and winter wanes, we are acutely aware of the beauty and delicate balance of the natural world around us. April 22 is Earth Day, a day dedicated to helping protect and restore our planet.

[Here are some eco-friendly activities your family can enjoy at home and in the community!](#)



Commander's Commentary

By Col. Jim Mattey, 513th Air Control Group commander

My fellow warfighters,

In 1993 I walked into the AF recruiter's office in Buffalo, New York to enlist. As I was thumbing through the book of AFSCs, I came across a picture of the E-3. I recalled that during Desert Storm, Gen. Schwarzkopf and CFACC Gen. Horner talked about the mighty AWACS, the crews and maintainers who were among the most valuable assets during the Gulf War. Right then, I knew I had to be part of that fantastic team. I've enjoyed the mission and the camaraderie our AWACS crews developed over the years. We are part of an exclusive club and have made history and defended this great nation since 1977. Though the B-52 Stratofortress and KC-135 Stratotanker may be older in calendar years, the E-3 airframes have logged more flight hours. Unfortunately, they are well past their prime.

Looking to the future, to defend our nation and protect America's interests abroad, we must have the ability to sense air moving targets and feed that information into the AMBS and get that information to the next generation of fighters and bombers. The time has come to modernize. The following is the official AF statement: "The Air Force plans to retire 15 aircraft at Tinker AFB and redirect funding to replacing the E-3 with a system that can still provide airborne moving target indicator capabilities that also meets the requirements of the Air Force we need for the future. We are working through the details and the impact to the base, but are looking forward to working with the Air Force and our local communities as we transition. We will have additional information available at a later date."

A few of us were in the OPT yesterday and got to preview some COAs we're working to prep for E-3 divestment starting in FY23.

I look forward to discussing this with you later today, and as more information becomes available, we will ensure it gets to you soonest. So many unknowns need thoughtful consideration, but none

more important than "what does this mean for our Airmen."

One thing I know for sure is that we will work tirelessly to ensure we work through the issues that follow. The 513th isn't going away, but we need to be candid; the future 513th won't look like it does now.

There are still many high-level decisions that



An E-3 Sentry AWACS taxis on the ramp at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, March 10, 2022. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Kelly)

need to be made, and there are COAs, even I'm not privy to. And any "bro" network traffic is pre-decisional at best.

Uncertainty can breed fear, anxiety, and mistrust so we will endeavor to be as open and transparent as possible. I believe leading Airmen is a solemn responsibility, and it's tough. Our Airmen deserve strong leadership now more than ever, and we will continue to prioritize taking care of our Airmen and their families, both uniformed and our civilian teammates. We must reaffirm our commitment to our mission and to each other.

We don't have control over many decisions outside of our group, but we control how we react to change and fly through this turbulent air. When I took command, I swore to you that I would provide you the best of my time and talents to help us achieve our goals; this has never wavered, nor will it.

Push it up!

Enlisted PME distance learning changes underway

Chief Master Sgt. Timothy White, Command Chief, AFRC

Over the last two years, Enlisted Professional Military Education Distance Learning Courses have transitioned from paper-based PDF courses to web-based courses that offered flexibility in delivery and assessments.

The next phase of EPME DL transformation is to move the DL courses to the Arizona State University Learning Management System (LMS), and make course enhancements that elevate the student system and course experience. That transformation is already underway, but system complexities are going to generate an enrollment blackout period as the current DL courses end, and the new courses come online for student enrollment.

To ensure student record integrity and a smooth transition to the new DL courses, all EPME DL courses will stop new student enrollment 1 April 22, and courses will be closed 30 April 22.

New DL courses will open for enrollment as follows:

ALS—May 2022

NCO/SNCO—July 2022

Please socialize this information widely in your formations to ensure students currently enrolled in DL courses are aware of the 30 April 22 course complete date, and provide as much time as possible for those considering enrollment in the current DL courses to make an informed decision.

I am excited about the opportunities this next phase of EPME distance learning and the developmental opportunities future course enhancements will offer the Air Reserve Component.

Please reach out to CMSgt Teresita Kobilis at Teresita.kobilis@us.af.mil, or Mr. Timothy Hardaway at timothy.hardaway@us.af.mil with any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for leading your teams through this period when DL will be offline.

SARM team wins MAJCOM-level award

Col. James Matthey, commander of the 513th Air Control Group, presents the AFRC Aviation Resource Management Sergeant Dee Campbell Small Unit of the Year award to the 513th OSS SARM team at commander's call March 6, 2022.

Congratulations team!



Executive director of Midwest City Chamber of Commerce selected as group honorary commander

By Lauren Kelly 513th Air Control Group Public Affairs

The 513th Air Control Group here welcomed their 2022 honorary commander and hosted a tour and static aircraft display March 10, 2022.

Marcy Jarrett is the group's new honorary commander for 2022. Jarrett is the executive director of the Midwest City Chamber of Commerce, and has made a career of economic development and marketing cities for over 20 years.

"Tinker AFB and Midwest City have grown up together and grown into their own identities together," Jarrett said. "That unique symbiotic relationship is special to Midwest City residents, and especially to the Chamber. We always want others to remember that we live in the land of the free, because of the brave."

Jarrett received a mission briefing and a tour of the jet, and expressed how she was amazed at the intricacies

equipment that serves a valuable purpose and is not readily visible."

Col. James Matthey, 513th ACG commander, led the tour and detailed the mission of the Reserve AWACS wing to Jarrett and how it differs from a traditional active duty unit.

"Our reservists are total force partners with our active component, the 552 Air Control Wing, while maintaining a full-time presence in the community," Matthey said. "Our reservists not only serve to support and defend our way of life but are deeply rooted across OK and the United States. We have a diverse team of Citizen-Airmen, from farmers to doctors, nurses to first responders, teachers, at-home parents, civilian pilots, engineers, and small business entrepreneurs."

A Certified Destination Management Executive, Jarrett is currently a Governor's appointee to the Oklahoma Humanities Council and previous board member of the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association,

Red Carpet Country, Enid Arts Council and Enid Rotary Club, as well as a City Council appointee to the Public Arts Commission of Enid and a Vance AFB Honorary Commander.

"After the briefing and the tour of the jet, I feel the impact of our Citizen Airmen is not as well known, and possibly undervalued," Jarrett said. "We owe them so much because it is their choice to



participate and defend. I am especially grateful for their commitment."

participate and defend. I am especially grateful for their commitment." One of the goals of the Honorary Commander's program at Tinker AFB is to develop integral interpersonal relationships to better learn and understand how each partner's activities impact the community and Tinker AFB.



Air Force Reserve Command

April 2022

Safety Note

ERGONOMIC SAFETY

Ergonomics address the effectiveness of body mechanics. Posture is one principal of ergonomics. Good posture is the way you hold your body; whether sitting, standing, or active. Maintaining good posture reduces the amounts of aches and pains your body may experience. When sitting, try not to slouch or twist your body. When standing do not slouch over with your head and neck bent down and your shoulders hunched.

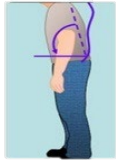
Stand straight, lift properly and get help with heavy lifting. Avoid prolonged static postures, move around, and do warm up exercises before work. Above all, don't over do it.

Neutral Posture

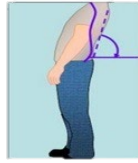


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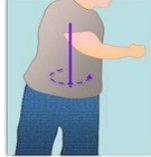
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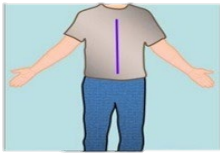
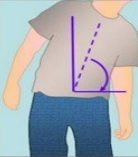
Back Extension



Twisting about Waist



Lateral Bending



TORNADO SAFETY

Three important tips to help keep you safe:

- Be prepared. The best way to stay safe during a tornado is to be prepared.
 - Have a battery operated radio to follow changing weather conditions
 - Tornado emergency plan
- Stay aware of weather conditions. Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations or an NOAA weather radio for further weather information. Signs a tornado is approaching:
 - Dark or green-colored sky
 - Large, dark, low-lying cloud
 - Large hail
- Know where to shelter.
 - Go to the basement/inside room
 - Avoid sheltering in a room with windows
 - For added protection get under something sturdy

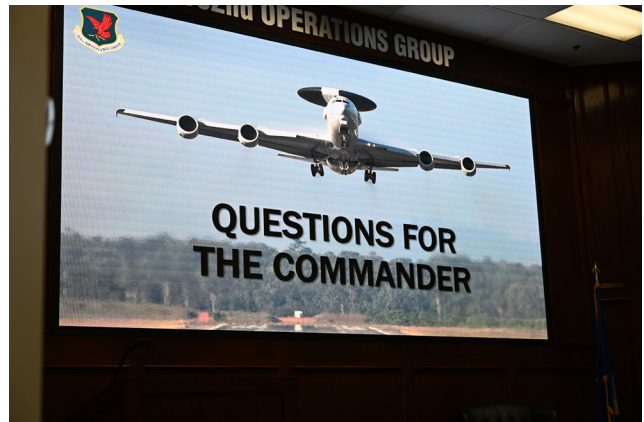
FACE SHIELDS

If you require eye protection to prevent injury from flying objects or chemical splashes you should wear a face shield. Face shields are secondary eye protection designed to protect the face. Appropriate eye protection must be worn in conjunction with face shields.



SLOW DOWN TO PREVENT HYDROPLANING

Q and A with the commander



Would you like ask the commander a question anonymously? Scan the QR code above to submit your question.

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