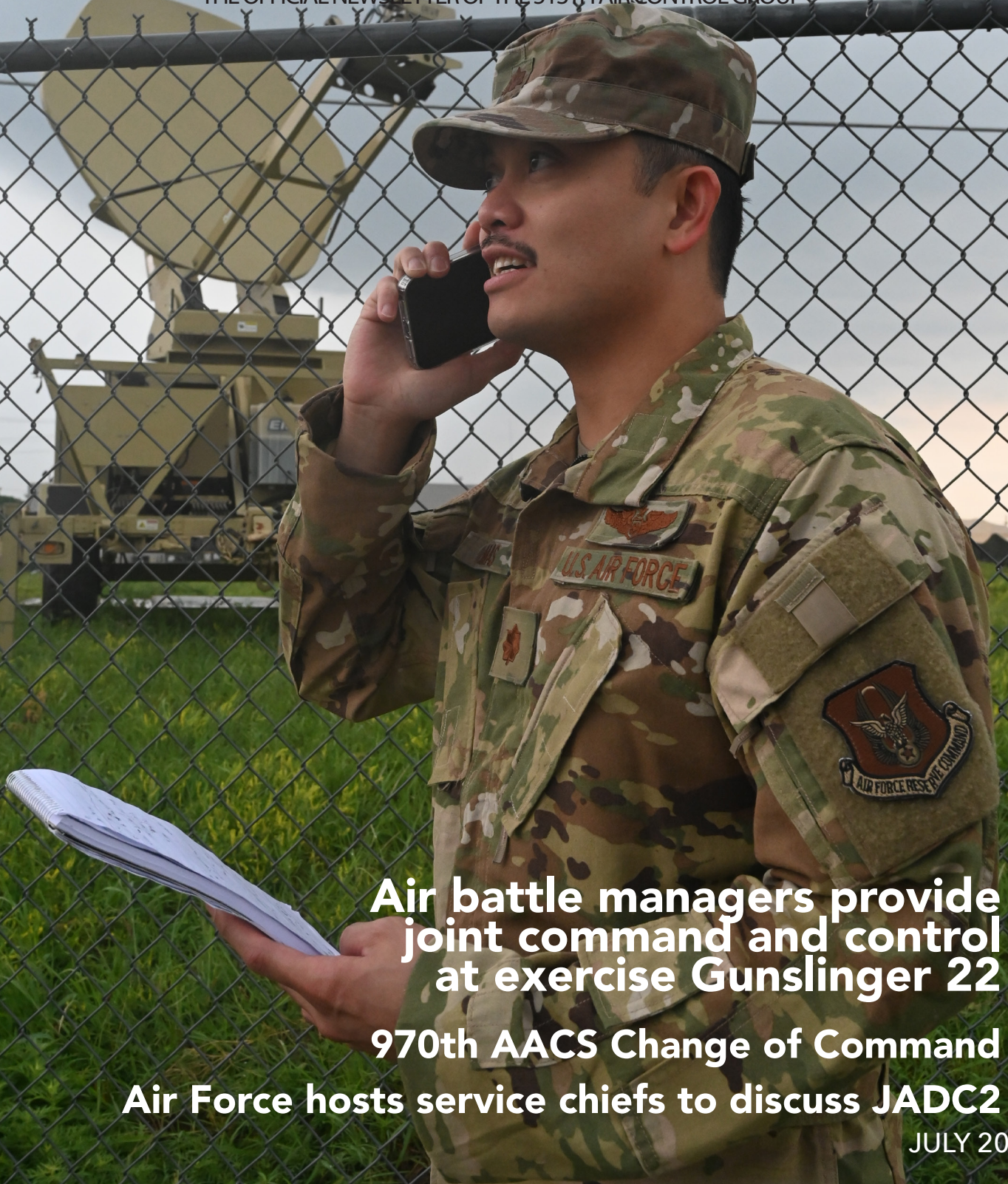


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On the Cover: Maj. Levi Limas, air battle manager with the 513th Air Control Group, serves as the AWACS liaison officer for Exercise Gunslinger 22 in Salina, Kansas. Gunslinger is a large joint military exercise conducted by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, and the Kansas Air National Guard's 134th Air Control Squadron, designed to increase aircraft control and training for potential real-world contingencies. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Lauren Kelly)

Commander's Commentary

Col. James Mattey, 513th Air Control Group commander

Esteemed carnivore warfighters,

Welcome back from your 4th of July activities. I trust you celebrated and reconnected with friends and family. Now we're ready for our big push to make it to Labor Day!

Last month we passed the 970th guidon over to Lt. Col. Ryan Green. It was a short and simple ceremony, and I wanted to loop back and reiterate the significance. So much more is happening during a change of command ceremony than meets the eyes. Today's military commanders are entrusted with incredible powers concerning legal authority and personal influence. And commanders are required to be subject matter experts in four major areas. 1) executing our mission, 2) managing resources, 3) improving the unit, and 4) leading people.

A commander's authority is granted to us under legal provisions via the UCMJ to accomplish the mission and ensure good order and discipline. In addition, this authority provides us with the tools necessary to accomplish the mission.

We must also be mission-focused, holding ourselves and those we lead to the highest standards. Also, commanders must understand and articulate our role as it relates to national defense and protecting our interests worldwide.

And just as important, command is about people and inspiring them to do things they never thought possible. We must continuously keep at the forefront who we are, what we stand for, our values, and the importance of every single Airman, uniformed and civilian. In one of his best sellers, "Leaders Eat Last," Simon Sinek wrote, "Leadership is not a rank. While there are people that have authority, that does not make them a leader. There are people who have no authority, but they themselves are leaders. We call them leaders because they go first and take the risk before anyone else does. They choose to sacrifice so that their people may be safe, protected and so that they may gain." Trevor has done just that.

As leaders, we must continuously challenge ourselves. The security of this world continues to shift, and we need leaders at all levels to constantly hone their craft to stay ahead. I have yet to study leadership which teaches us that you can manage your way out of a crisis. If we are to excel in today's environment, our Airmen need leaders, not managers. Our success as a nation, an Air Force, and

down to the squadron requires our Airmen to lead, not just manage. We need leaders "who would sacrifice themselves so that others may gain. Not sacrifice others so that we may gain." This is the foundational service principle and a prerequisite for trust and cooperation.

If you've attended other command changes, you may have heard "squadron command as one of the best jobs in the Air Force." Yes, that is true, and it is also among the most demanding. Leadership requires us to put the needs of others above our own. Leading Airmen is one of our most solemn responsibilities. It is a privilege and demands commanders be on call 24/7.

No briefing or speech is complete without a "dead guy" quote. So here's one of my favorite from John Quincy Adams, "if your actions inspire others to dream or, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

Looking back over Trev's command, these past few years were no cakewalk. It has been one of the most challenging times to be an Air Force leader because much of what happened is outside our sphere of influence. Our aircraft availability, draconian budget constraints, a pandemic, deployment, the most significant E-3 conversion since its inception, and the beginning of aircraft divestiture. Throughout Trevor's command, he led Airmen from the front. We continue to have the highest morale and retention in the NAF. This is a testament to Trev and our leadership team. Thank you. And we'd be remiss if we didn't thank the rest of the Anderson clan. Thank you for sharing Trevor with us and taking on the same sacrifices. Success in this game takes a

team, and our extended families are a big part of this team. Thank you.

Ryan, you've proven yourself many times over and now are taking over one of the best squadrons in the Air Force. You've also led through the past few years of turbulence, and we are in a better place for it. Now, you will be taking the 970th AACCS guidon, and I am entrusting our mission and the welfare of our Airmen to you. I also want to thank your family for their sacrifices over the years of your service and for the additional sacrifices they will make while you hold this tremendous responsibility. You have my complete faith and trust. Thank you for volunteering to be part of this group's command team as we shape the future of airborne C2 for the Air Force Reserve.

Ok, let's push it up!



Air battle managers provide joint command and control at exercise Gunslinger 22

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

The 513th Air Control Group provided joint command and control at exercise Gunslinger 22 June 1-24, 2022, in Salina, Kansas.

First of its kind, Gunslinger is a large joint military exercise conducted by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, and the Kansas Air National Guard's 134th Air Control Squadron designed to increase aircraft control and training for potential real-world contingencies.

According to deputy commander of the 513th Air Control Group, Col. Alison Schorr, the 513th ACG seized the rare opportunity to work alongside Marine Force Reserve, or MARFORRES, the smallest of all the Reserve components, in the exercise.

"As one of many tactical command and control nodes in the larger Joint All-Domain C2 environment, E-3 Sentry AWACS operators must understand the C2 architecture of each service and how our operations can better support one another in a peer-to-peer, contested environment," said Schorr.

513th ACG Air battle managers, Maj. Levi Limas and 2nd Lt. Stephanie Pihl-Jacks, provided support to the Marines and Kansas ANG in the exercise as the AWACS liaison officers to both the 970th and 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron.

"My role is to plan the mission for the AWACS," Limas said. "We weren't able to bring the whole Air Control Group here to the exercise, so I'm here to see what the exercise planners need so I can call back to Tinker Air Force Base to tell them what we are going to provide to the fight," said Limas.



Gunslinger 22 (continued)



Schorr said the joint exercise with more than 1,300 military personnel from more than 11 training centers across the country provided great understanding and knowledge for the 513th ACG.

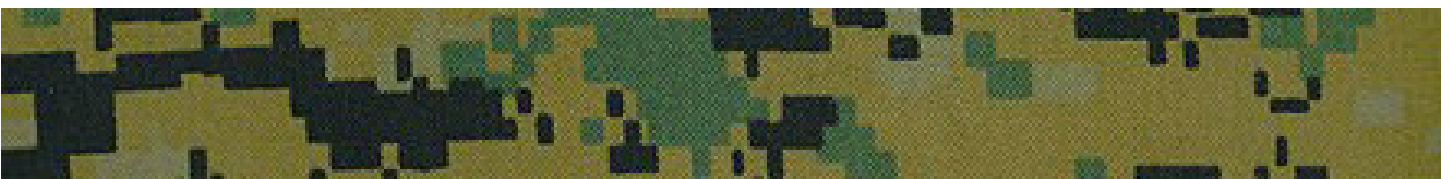
“It’s not often an E-3 Sentry AWACS airman has the opportunity to witness the joint fight up close, and it was a great experience for me, Maj Limas, and 2nd Lt. Pihl-Jacks,” said Schorr. “As the USAF adopts agile combat employment, or ACE, as doctrine, the concept of lighter, more agile C2 nodes become a necessity. And who better to learn to combat agility from than Marines? Hooah!”

According to lead exercise planner, Lt. Cmdr. Constance Ramsburg, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing Aeromedical Safety Officer, military members performed a broad range of operations including fixed wing and helicopter operations along with aviation ground support.

“This exercise enables every participant to apply the skills they’ve sharpened during Gunslinger 22 in a large-scale, complex and dynamic scenario,” said Ramsburg. “By integrating joint training objectives and leveraging each service’s strengths, we enhance the lethality and survivability of our personnel while ensuring we remain ready, relevant and responsive in any operating environment.”

Gunslinger concluded training June 24, 2022 with a combat search and rescue mission focusing on rescuing two pilots from a simulated combat environment.

“By sending our 513th operators to train alongside Marines in their Tactical Air Coordination Center, we gain a better understanding of how best to communicate and coordinate in an all-domain fight,” Schorr said. “Hopefully, we can build upon this training and bolster our integration in future iterations of the exercise.”



970th AACS change of command

By Senior Airman Chad Dixon

Lt. Col. Ryan Green took command of the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron June 5, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



Professional development classes move to UTA Sundays

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

August 7th @ 1000-1100
Effective Communication
Presented by: TSgt Grable

September 18th @ 1000-1100
Nutrition Training
Presented by: Elizabeth Burgess

Virtual Option: If you can't attend in person, call 301-909-7357 (From office phone, dial 98, then 1, then the number) Access code: 247310745

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.

Rained out: AWACS ACG photo postponed to October

Due to the unpredictable nature of Oklahoma's weather, the ACG group photo is scheduled to be taken during the October UTA.



Lt. Col. Andrew "Snow" Krebs retires

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



Lt. Col. Andrew "Snow" Krebs retires from the Air Force Reserve June 3, 2022 at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, with wingmen and family in attendance. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Lauren Kelly)

Air Force hosts service chiefs to discuss JADC2

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Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Reemphasizing a critical joint partnership in all-domain warfare, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr. met with his fellow service chiefs from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Space Force June 24 to share advancements and discuss the way forward as the services work together to continue cultivating common ground on Joint All-Domain Command and Control.

The meeting focused on the Defense Department's progress and projections for JADC2 in order to identify opportunities for the services to align their developmental efforts and to identify the obstacles that may frustrate moving forward to achieve the objectives of JADC2 in support of the joint force.

The senior leaders shared their views on areas of common agreement as well as areas where divergence in individual service efforts is appropriate. In this discussion, each of the services identified several areas on which they must focus in order to realize the intent behind JADC2 – to create and maintain a persistent connection in order to share data across the joint force.

Additionally, after a year of baseline activities in support of the JADC2 Strategy and Implementation Plan, the chiefs discussed the need for a more developed Concept of Operations, or CONOPS, for a future joint fight against a peer competitor, which is currently fraught with challenges when forces become disconnected from global communications networks. The creation of a CONOPS for command and control of the joint force is an essential step forward in creating decision advantage.

“As the Air Force develops (Advanced Battle Management System) in our effort to achieve information and decision advantage by delivering relevant data, information and capabilities to warfighters at all echelons, we must work together with our sister services and the DoD to ensure we connect our sensors and platforms and share our data as part of a joint force,” Brown said. “Meetings like the one we held today are important to ensure we continue to stay aligned when it comes to JADC2 – where we are collectively and where we are going.”

Space is not only an all-domain warfare enabler, but also an increasingly active warfighting domain. In today's talks, Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. “Jay” Raymond outlined the Space Force's his

Guardians' most recent contributions to the JADC2 effort to sense, make sense and act in space and throughout the joint battlespace.

“Our ability to sense from the space domain, transport and make sense of data, and then get that data into the hands of our joint warfighting partners on land, in the air and at sea, is what the Space Force delivers to JADC2,” Raymond said. “Space capabilities underpin modern warfare.”

Emphasizing the importance of JADC2 in the Marine Corps' Stand-In Forces concept, Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. David H. Berger added, “JADC2 means the ability to move data and information in support of the joint force. It means we will improve decision-making processes toward a faster, more effective kill chain and ensure our Marines can best support the joint force to win in all domains.”

As Army Futures Command prepares for the third iteration of Project Convergence, their annual JADC2 experimentation and demonstration event, Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville expressed his thoughts on the way ahead for sensor-to-shooter technologies to his fellow service chiefs:

“In large-scale combat operations, overmatch belongs to the side with decision dominance. Project Convergence is helping us figure out how to connect the right lethal system, the right shooter, the right arrow to get the lethal effects that we need in seconds rather than minutes or in some cases even hours. Having the joint force, allies, and partners involved helps us see ourselves – helps us remember that we never fight alone. That's why we're developing JADC2 as a joint force, and I always add a “C” for CJADC2, because we don't just fight as a joint force, we fight alongside our allies and partners.”

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike M. Gilday also highlighted the importance of all the services being on the same page when it comes to all-domain battle management and command and control.

“Project Overmatch is the Navy's contribution to JADC2, so as we develop the networks, infrastructure, data architecture, tools and analytics to enable sustained maritime dominance, it's critical the Navy remains in sync with our joint teammates,” Gilday said. “Opportunities like this – to sit in the same room and hash things out with my fellow service chiefs – are indispensable to the progress of such high-priority initiatives.”

Juneteenth Message from Department of the Air Force leaders



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON DC 20330-1000

Airmen and Guardians,

Juneteenth, the newest of our Nation's federal holidays, is a day of profound weight and power to recognize both the moral stain of slavery as well as remind us of our incredible capacity to persevere, heal, and progress.

While this is only the second year Juneteenth has been celebrated as a federal holiday, its historical significance and celebrations date back over 150 years. We encourage all of you to reflect on the magnitude of this holiday by learning about its origin in 1865 along with its long journey to federal recognition.

This holiday represents an opportunity to celebrate centuries of hope and courage. We appreciate the crucial conversations occurring across the Department and recognize there is more work required to ensure justice, equality, and inclusion.

As always, we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Thank you for all you do to keep us safe and to allow our Nation to continue improving.

One Team, One Fight!

Handwritten signature of Frank Kendall in black ink.

Frank Kendall
Secretary of the Air Force

Handwritten signature of Gina Ortiz Jones in black ink.

Gina Ortiz Jones
Under Secretary of the Air Force

Handwritten signature of John W. Raymond in black ink.

John W. Raymond
General, USSF
Chief of Space Operations

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Charles Q. Brown, Jr.
General, USAF
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

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Roger A. Towberman
Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force

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JoAnne S. Bass
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

Commissioning board to be held in October

By 507th Force Support Squadron

The 2022 Non-Extended Active Duty Airmen Commissioning Board is tentatively scheduled to convene during the October 2022 UTA (Oct. 15-16) in the 507th ARW at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. We will send out the official convening notice once the details are confirmed. A list of available positions will be included in the convening notice.

Please be advised this year's board may be canceled if there are no available positions. If canceled, a notification will be sent via proper channels.

Please ensure this message is given widest possible dissemination; applications must comply with the instructions outlined in 507 MPF Non-Extended Active Duty Airmen Commissioning Program (Non-EAD ACP) Process Guide (attached).

For questions relating to the Non-EAD ACP process, please contact 507 FSS/FSPD, Career Development Section at 507.fss.workflow@us.af.mil or 405-739-4522/DSN 339-4522.



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

The "groups" feature allows you to create groups based on the needs of your unit and gives your team the ability to communicate in one place. Download it today!

Once you have the app installed, just add 513th Air Control Group to your favorites, and get connected with the 513 ACG.

Booster Club News



August

Garage Sale

Have stuff around the house you need to get rid of? Donate your unwanted stuff for the Booster Club Garage Sale. Another great part of your donation is that won't have to sell it. The collection location for items is the Heritage Room bldg. 461 or for larger items contact Capt Sarrah Williams (405) 812-9542 for drop off.

September

Chili Cook-Off

Got what it takes to say you have the best chili in the 513 ACG? Either to cook or try the amazing entries, come down to the 513 ACG Heritage Room, bldg. 461 at 1100 on Sunday, September 11, 2022 to see who takes the trophy! \$5 to try all the amazing chili's! Winner will receive a trophy and bragging rights!

Pre-Order AWACS Hawaiian Shirts/AWACS Mugs & Steins Deadline

Use the QR code or visit <https://513th-booster-club.square.site/> to make your pre-order.

Pre-order deadline September 11, 2022!



October

Boo Bash

This event will be on Friday, October 28, 2022 1500 – 1700. Location TBD.
The 513 ACG will have a booth at the event. All 513 ACG members and their families are welcome to attend.
More information will be provided closer to the event.

November

Thunder Game

Info will be sent out when the NBA game schedule has been finalized.
Trying to schedule this event for the Saturday of the November UTA.

December

Jingle in the New Year Holiday Party

This years party will be at the Petroleum Club. \$5 discounted tickets until July 31, 2022.
To purchase tickets, use the QR code or visit <https://513th-booster-club.square.site/>

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



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July PROMOTIONS

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 SEBASTIAN CHANTHAVONG, 970 AACs

 JESSE PENTECOST, 513 MXS

513th Holiday Party to be held at Petroleum Club



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In the Spotlight

Senior Master Sgt. Jay Harris

Job Title: 1st. Sgt., 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

Place I'd like to visit: Italy

Best place I've visited: Amsterdam, Netherlands

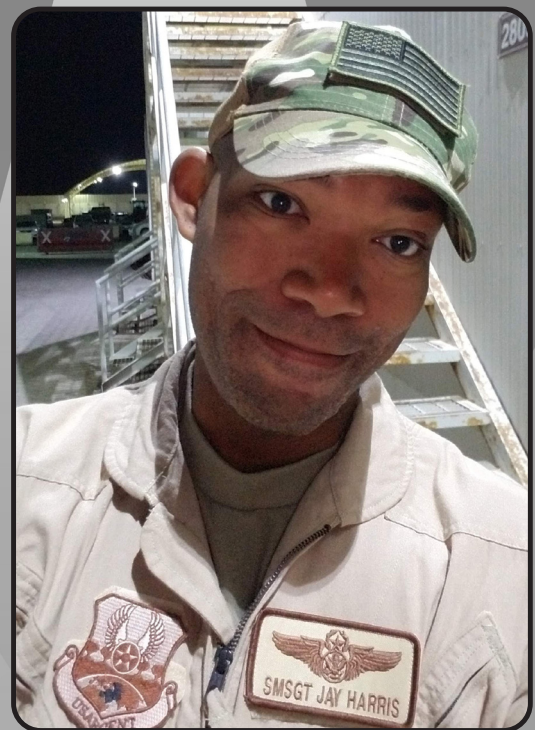
Civilian Job: I am a full time AGR.

Best part of my job: I love the people I work with.

Pet peeve: Lunch time meetings.

Little known Fact: I have degrees in Drama, Bartending, and my CCAF in Aerospace Technology.

Favorite Air Force memory: By far, its BALTOPS for 3 weeks. I love Europe.



Tinker to hold Operation K.U.D.O.S. Aug. 27

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE



AUGUST 27

9 AM - 3 PM

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Air Force Reserve Command

July 2022

Safety Note

FIREWORK SAFETY



Fireworks are a great way to amplify the joy of celebrating. Whether you are at a public display conducted by professionals or lighting the fireworks yourself. If you decide to use the fireworks at home, follow the manufacture instructions and keep safety in mind. Every year thousands of people are treated in emergency rooms after firework-related incidents. Lighting fireworks can be done safely and still be enjoyable. First step is to ensure fireworks are legal in your area. Then follow basic safety rules:

- Read the cautionary labels and performance description before igniting
- Don't drink alcohol while lighting fireworks
- Do not point fireworks at another person
- A responsible adult should supervise activities
- Only light one device at a time
- Never relight malfunctioned fireworks

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

Safe work practices (SWP) help control hazards and manage risk associated with nonroutine tasks. SWPs are developed from job hazard analysis, Job Safety Training Outlines (JSTOs), safety investigations, inspections, safety briefings, safety talks, etc. JSTOs rings a bell? JSTOs are used to implement safe work practices. As a worker you should be aware of hazards prior to starting work. This could be useful in you avoiding accidents.

Respirator Protection

Millions of workers are required to wear respirators in various workplaces. Using the right respirator, wearing it properly, and performing required inspections can save your life. Respirators protect you against hazards from the environment, harmful dusts, fogs, smokes, mists, gases, vapors, infectious diseases, and sprays. These hazards may cause cancer, lung impairment, or death. Compliance with the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard could avert hundreds of deaths and thousands of illnesses annually.



COGNITIVE DISTRACTIONS

A cognitive distraction is **anything that takes your mind off of performing any given task.** Any thought, daydream or recollection that distracts you mentally could result in disaster. The only way to eliminate a cognitive distraction is to **FOCUS** on the task at hand. This prevent errors that could lead to accidents.



Q and A with the commander

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



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513th Air Control
Group Commander
Col. Jim Matthey

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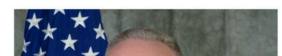
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