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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP



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new commander**

**Tinker celebrates 80th
anniversary**

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European Theater
in support of Allies**

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On the cover: Col. James Matthey, 513th Air Control Group commander, hands the 513th Operations Support Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Cody Chitwood Feb. 5, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Chitwood took command of the 513th OSS from Lt. Col Ann Ridlon. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Chad Dixon)

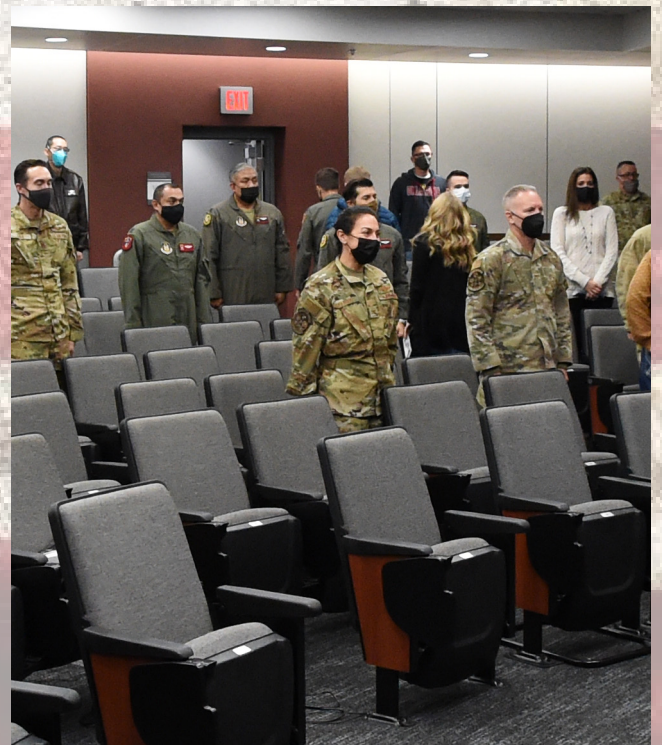
OSS welcomes new commander

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

Lt. Col. Cody Chitwood took command of the 513th Operations Support Squadron here Feb. 5.

Lt. Col. Anne Ridlon relinquished command to Chitwood.

Col. James Matthey, commander of the 513th Air Control Group bid farewell to Ridlon and handed the command guidon to Chitwood.



STAR PERFORMERS FEBRUARY UTA



513 ACG: TSgt Haley Shearer and SrA Jalea Martin



513 OSS Top Shop: The SARM Team



513 AMXS: "The Snow Brigade" - SMSgt Bob Begay, MSgt Christopher Hartsox, SSgt Jorge Garza, SSgt Fernando Jacobo, SSgt Cody Steinke and SSgt Marcus Parker



970 AACs: Capt Colby Alexander



513 MXS: GTX Conversion MXS Team: SrA Ashleigh Bashor, SrA Jacob Houck, SrA Trevor Brooks

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!

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.

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KEEP UPDATED ON ALL THINGS RELATED TO
513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP

Click icons to download

Tinker at 80: Base a great investment for Oklahoma

What started as a seemingly small investment has turned into a gold mine for both Oklahoma and the U.S. Air Force.

Thanks to the vision of a dozen Oklahoma City businessmen and the gift of 960 acres of land to the government, what is now known as Tinker Air Force Base has grown and thrived for 80 years.

It all started in October 1940, when those businessmen formed the Oklahoma Industries Foundation in an effort to attract a bomber base, an aircraft plant or an air repair depot to the Oklahoma City area. The group acquired the land and offered it to the government at no cost. While holding the option on another 480 acres, they promised to provide necessary utilities, roads and a rail spur to the airfield. Their hard work and long hours paid off. On April 8, 1941, the order was officially signed awarding the depot to Oklahoma City.

On January 15, 1942, Lt. Col. William R. Turnbull issued General Order No. 1 marking the establishment of the Midwest Air Depot. Because the installation was far from complete, operations began in downtown Oklahoma City, first in the Commerce Exchange Building and later in the Bass Building.



A KC-135, B-47 and B-52 sit on the ramp at Tinker Air Force Base, circa late 1950s.

As February began, Colonel Turnbull announced that the new air repair center would be known as the Oklahoma City Air Depot. On March 1, 1942, the War Department officially activated the airfield. Hiring new workers accelerated as the depot competed with the Douglas Aircraft Plant going up east of the runway.

During the war years, thousands of Oklahomans and military personnel from across the United States laid the foundation of Tinker's reputation for excellence in depot repair and maintenance. At the employment high point in late 1943, 13,500 people worked at the air depot, while another 23,000 worked for Douglas Aircraft. Nearly half of all the Tinker and Douglas workers were women who exemplified the famed "Rosie the Riveter."

[Click here to read the full story on Tinker's website](#)



Bldg. 3001, the Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area headquarters, in the late 1940s. (Photo courtesy of the Tinker History Office)

Leadership commentary

Avoid going through life like a pinball

Lt. Col. Cody Chitwood, 513th Operations Support Squadron commander

When I transitioned from active duty and joined the 513th as a Reservist in 2010, I was not sure what to expect. I was hesitant because I was worried that my time in the 513th would be the same as the time I had spent on active duty for nine years. I was completely wrong. Not only did we fly the same jets and do the same mission as our active duty counterparts, we had fun doing it. People actually seemed like they wanted to be here. It was awesome.

One of the most important things I have learned in my career is to be deliberate and not reactive. I cannot say that my decision to join the Reserve was part of my original goal, but since then I have tried to make sure all of my career decisions were part of deliberate plan.

I once had a mentor who told me to not go through life like a pinball. A pinball just bounces from one bumper to another with no internal influence of its own, it only reacts to external forces. Instead, when it comes to career plans or just life choices in general, have a plan, be deliberate, and take the initiative to set yourself up for success.

My experience in the 513th has been very rewarding. I appreciate the diversity we have among our members. Some live across the United States and some even live overseas, with a wide variety of civilian careers within traditional reservist's ranks. We have teachers, lawyers, medical professionals, small business owners among others, which makes our group an outstanding organi-

zation due to the cross-section of society that we embody.

It continually amazes me that we have people that are willing to give their time, away from their family and civilian lives to serve as Reservists. I know everyone has their own motivations for serving, but to me it doesn't matter. If someone is willing to give their time in service for their country, they should be commended.

Everyone defines success differently. We have had numerous success stories in the 513th, in both the military and civilian sectors. I believe that one of the main strengths of the Air Force Reserve is

that it provides opportunities to excel in a military AND a civilian career. As a squadron commander, one of my top priorities is to ensure everyone has the tools and opportunity to succeed, however they define

success. If it is a military or civilian goal, it doesn't matter, leadership wants to help everyone be successful.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunities the Air Force Reserve offers. A good place to start would be <https://myvector.us.af.mil/myvector>. My Vector is a great tool to find various resources for career development and mentoring. Also, look within the unit, we have really smart people with diverse backgrounds. If you have questions don't be afraid to ask. Bottom line: Have a plan, don't be a pinball.



Booster Club News



The 2022 Booster Club survey is (still) here! Your inputs will help us improve planning for fundraising and morale events. Scan the QR code to access the survey.



Scan here to take the Survey and for a chance to win!

CURRENT FUNDS BALANCE: \$2,220.13

Upcoming events:



March



\$5 Pancake Breakfast

March 5th at sign in until 0830 Heritage Rm

March 5th at sign in until 0800 in the Reserve Ready Rm

Booster Club Quarterly Meeting

March 5 at 1330 in bldg. 461 main conference room

Voting on location, theme and photo booth

Booster Club Survey

The survey is still available if you were unable to take it in February



Scan me with your phone

Congrats to our survey winners

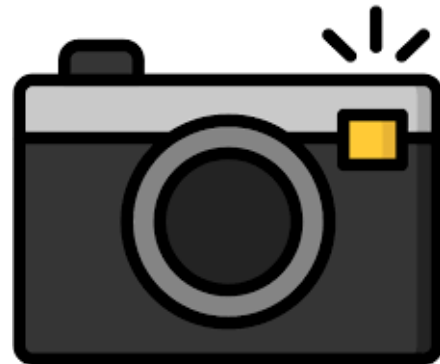
TSgt Aaron Raatz

SSgt Cameron Schaffer

TSgt Jennifer Waters

SrA Alexis Perry

SrA Jacob Houck



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

myFSS login required for access to new evaluations

By Maj. Robin Simons,
507th Force Support Squadron commander

The DAF-wide transition from vPC to myEval is here, and it's time to log in to discover the full capabilities of the new system! As a reminder, all Feedback conducted 4 Feb or later and all Evaluations closing 31 May or later, will utilize the new system.

Your first step (if you have not already done so,) is to ensure that you have logged into myFSS and activated your account, so you can access the MyEval Tile (accessible at <https://myfss.us.af.mil/>). This could take 24 hours to activate... You should have received a second message prior to 4 Feb that outlined help options and training guides regarding full myEval capabilities and responsibilities. Your CSS can assist you with access and training options.

To learn more 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/kw/myeval/p/9

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

March 5th @ 1000-1100

[Financial Management](#)

Presented by: Lt Moore

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



Senior NCO cross-trains into new career field

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Renee Witten (fourth from left) as she graduates from the Basic Airborne Mission Systems operator course Feb. 10, 2022, at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Witten cross-trained into her new career field after performing administration for 16 years in the 513th Air Control Group and will begin her AWACS aircrew career upon completion of initial and mission qualification training at Tinker Air Force Base. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



In the Spotlight

Col Allison Schorr

Job Title: 513th Air Control Group Deputy Commander

Place I'd like to visit: Iceland

Best Place I've visited: Ferrara, Italy

Civilian job: CINC-House

Best part of my job: Mentoring Airmen

Pet Peeve: When people don't clean up after themselves—specifically, my teenage boys!

Little Known Fact: I started taking piano lessons again after a 27-yr hiatus; it's never too late to learn something new!

Favorite memory in the Air Force: Pretty much any deployment/TDY with an E-3...you need to be able to laugh in the face of adversity!



Mandi Meyer

Job Title: 513th ACG Resource Advisor

Place I'd like to visit: Anywhere really, I'm not picky just like to find new adventures and see new things.

Best Place I've visited: Japan. It was incredible to be part of their culture and be involved with the community. Their scenery, food, arts, local parks, and traditions were amazing.

Civilian job: Full time civilian RA with many additional duties.

Best part of my job: I love interacting and helping people solve issues.

Pet Peeve: Pens that don't work!

Little Known Fact: I love numbers, pens/office supplies, building things/remodeling and fast cars.

Favorite memory at the 513th: When I met Capt. Sarrah Williams.



Officer static closeout dates change

By Air Force Personnel Center

Why is the Air Force transitioning to Officer SCOD?

- (1) To synchronize performance assessment
- (2) To provide more clarity of performance assessment knowing every officer has the same reporting period creating greater transparency in the evaluation
- (3) To provide predictability allowing all officers to clearly know when their evaluation will close out
- (4) To provide consistency with transformative improvements to promotion and evaluations in both officer and enlisted Officer

Lieutenant Colonels and Majors on 31 May 23, and Captain on 31 Aug 23.

- It eliminates the need for CRO evaluations. (CRO will be eliminated in phases)
- It eliminates the need to maintain legacy evaluation product like education and training reports (TRs) and letters of evaluations (LOEs). (Instead myEval will include a feature, "Education & Training Input" that will be used to document academic and training accomplishments on the SCOD OPR)

Transition Plan:

Similar to Enlisted transition to SCODs,








OFFICER SCOD TRANSITION PLAN

SYNCHRONIZATION • TRANSPARENCY • PREDICTABILITY • CONSISTENCY

The U.S. Air Force will transition officer performance reports (OPR) to static closeout dates (SCOD) by grade beginning in CY22 and ending in CY23. This change will apply to all Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard officers.

Key Points

- ✓ For each grade, everything happens as normal according to the rules displayed on the right
- ✓ RegAF Promotion Selects follow projected grade plan, and ARC Promotion Selects follow current grade plan
- ✓ Some officers will have a SCOD Transition OPR to ensure all OPRs on first SCOD cover at least six months
- ✓ No evaluations will closeout between the SCOD Transition OPR and the first SCOD
except Training Reports, Deployed CC Letters of Evaluation, and Directed by CC Reports
- ✓ Everyone will have an OPR closeout on their first SCOD!

USAF Officer Rank	STEP 1 Continue Pre-SCOD Closeout Dates	STEP 2 Determine Next OPR	STEP 3 Next OPR Closeout Date	STEP 4 First SCOD OPR
	30 Apr 22 or earlier	As of the day after Step 1 date, now ask: "When did your last eval closeout?"	Continue all OPRs already projected to closeout on below dates	All officers in this grade will have an OPR closeout on first SCOD
		If 30 Jun 21 or earlier... → Yes, your SCOD Transition OPR will close 30 Apr 22	If 1 Jul 21 – 30 Apr 22... → No SCOD Transition OPR; closeout extends to first SCOD	 31 OCT 22 <small>3 Jul Accounting Date</small>
	28 Feb 23 or earlier	If 30 Apr 22 or earlier... → Yes, your SCOD Transition OPR will close 28 Feb 23	If 1 May 22 – 28 Feb 23... → No SCOD Transition OPR; closeout extends to first SCOD	 31 AUG 23 <small>3 May Accounting Date</small>
		If 31 Jan 22 or earlier... → Yes, your SCOD Transition OPR will close 30 Nov 22	If 1 Feb 22 – 30 Nov 22... → No SCOD Transition OPR; closeout extends to first SCOD	 31 MAY 23 <small>3 Feb Accounting Date</small>
	31 Aug 22 or earlier	If 31 Oct 21 or earlier... → Yes, your SCOD Transition OPR will close 31 Aug 22	If 1 Nov 21 – 31 Aug 22... → No SCOD Transition OPR; closeout extends to first SCOD	 28 FEB 23 <small>3 Nov Accounting Date</small>

*LAST EVALUATION = OPR or TRAINING REPORT (20 WEEKS MORE)

For more information, visit [myPers](#)

SCOD OPRs Implementation:

--We will use accounting dates to establish the officer's assigned unit and the rating chain responsible for processing and signing the evaluation on the SCOD. Accounting dates will be approximately 120 days before SCOD and established as third day of the month.

-- It will occur in phases – the first SCOD will begin with 2d and 1st Lieutenants on 31 Oct 22 followed by Colonels on 28 Feb 23,

Officers will have a transition plan that provides accelerated and equitable steps to begin the first SCOD for each grade. The transition plan ensures no officer's first SCOD OPF is less than six-month reporting period or exceeds a 16-month reporting period.

For more info:

<https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2938294/air-force-announces-officer-performance-report-static-closeout-dates-beginning/>

Far from Home: Global Vikings deploy to European Theater in support of Allies

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AIR RESERVE STATION, Minn. -- Aircrew and maintainers of the 934th Airlift Wing deployed to the EUCOM area of responsibility on Feb. 16, 2022.

The Airmen were mobilized to satisfy a short-notice deployment as part of prudent steps the United States is taking to heighten the readiness of its forces at home and abroad so they are prepared to respond to a range of contingencies.

Because the wing is currently outside of its normal deployment cycle, upon notification, the wing sought volunteers to fill this current tasking.

"I'm so proud of our Airmen," said Col. Chris Lay, 934th Airlift Wing commander. "Each one of our Airmen who just departed, volunteered for this mobilization."

As a lethal, combat-ready force, the Air Force Reserve plays an integral role in global and national security, providing critical capabilities both at home

and abroad demonstrated many times in current and past operations.

airlift and combat support," Lay said. Maj. Erik Anderson, 934th Maintenance Squadron commander, sent a notification out to his maintainers asking for volunteers again and according to Anderson, the response was quite overwhelming.



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"As an 'Organize-Train-and Equip' Airlift Wing, our ability to project combat power largely depends on the individual readiness of each Reserve Citizen Airman; and all of our volunteers just proved that although we are a Reserve force, we stand ready to execute our mission and provide worldwide tactical

"I know everyone is extremely excited to be here. This is a complete volunteer effort. Especially after Saturday, the number of people that raised their hand was absolutely impressive. When we got the number of people that came back after we were turned off on Friday, it brought tears to my eyes. I was extremely proud," said Anderson.

Although many of our Airmen have deployment experience, for Senior Airman Walter Cornelius, 934th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment technician, this is his first deployment.

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"Everyone here has been on several deployments. It's been nice learning from them," said Cornelius.

Regardless of the short notice, Cornelius said the process was well organized and all their training was completed within three days.

"Everyone here has been really helpful with keeping me up to standard with how everything works."

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE

Reporting Options for Adult Victims of Sexual Assault

Restricted Report

- Confidential report to the SAPR office by the Victim
- Available to military members, dependents (18+), and DoD AF Civilian Employees
- The sexual assault is NOT reported to OSI or Command
- May convert report to Unrestricted at any time
- Victim may receive medical care (including SAFE kit), advocacy, counseling, and Special Victim's Counsel (SVC)
- Victim may anonymously enter subject information into CATCH

Unrestricted Report

- Confidential report to the SAPR Office by the Victim
- Available to military members, dependents (18+), and DoD USAF Civilian Employees
- The sexual assault is reported to OSI & Command
- Victim may receive medical care (including SAFE kit), advocacy, counseling, (SVC) Special Victim's Counsel, and Command support
- Victim may request an Expedited Transfer (military/dependents 18+ only) & Military and/or Civilian Protective Orders
- Victim may anonymously enter subject information into CATCH if OSI is unaware of subject's identity

Disclosure to CoC & Independent Reports

- Supervisors, First Sergeants, Chiefs, Commanders and law enforcement are mandatory reporters
- The SARC, OSI & Commander (or equivalent) must be notified when mandatory reporters are informed by the victim or by someone other than the victim (independent report) of a sexual assault
- Victim has the option to make an unrestricted or a restricted report (if the victim did not directly report the incident to law enforcement or OSI)
- Victim has the option to participate or decline participation in an investigation

CATCH a Serial Offender Program

The CATCH A Serial Offender Program gives people making a sexual assault report, where the name of the suspect is not known by law enforcement, an opportunity to anonymously submit suspect information to help the Department of Defense identify serial offenders. If there is a match the victim will be contacted by their SARC. For more information, contact your local Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office.



Reporting Retaliation for Adult Victims of Sexual Assault

Eligibility

Individuals who experience retaliation related to a sexual assault incident may report the retaliation. This includes:

- Adult victim who previously made an Unrestricted Report
- Victim's adult family member (e.g., spouse, son, daughter)
- Witnesses or Bystanders associated with a report
- Responder
- Support Personnel including SARCs, Advocates, or SVCs

Who Can I Report to

- Local Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office
- Local Inspector Generals (IG) Office:
11 Wing : 202-284-4444 / AFDW: 240-612-6474
- DoD IG for Whistleblower Reprisal Complaints
Hotline: 800-424-9098 Website: <https://www.dodig.mil/>



To locate a local MST coordinator visit:
www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/mstcoordinators.asp

513 ACG RESOURCES

Tinker AFB SARC office
24 Hour Hotline 405-734-7272

513 ACG SARC- Capt Lily Baker
(405)-777-3335



Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community
safehelpline.org | 877-995-5247

OSS commander takes final flight with the ACG



Congratulations and best of luck on your next assignment!



513th Operations Support Squadron commander, Lt. Col Anne Ridlon, takes her final flight with the group Feb. 6, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Chad Dixon)

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