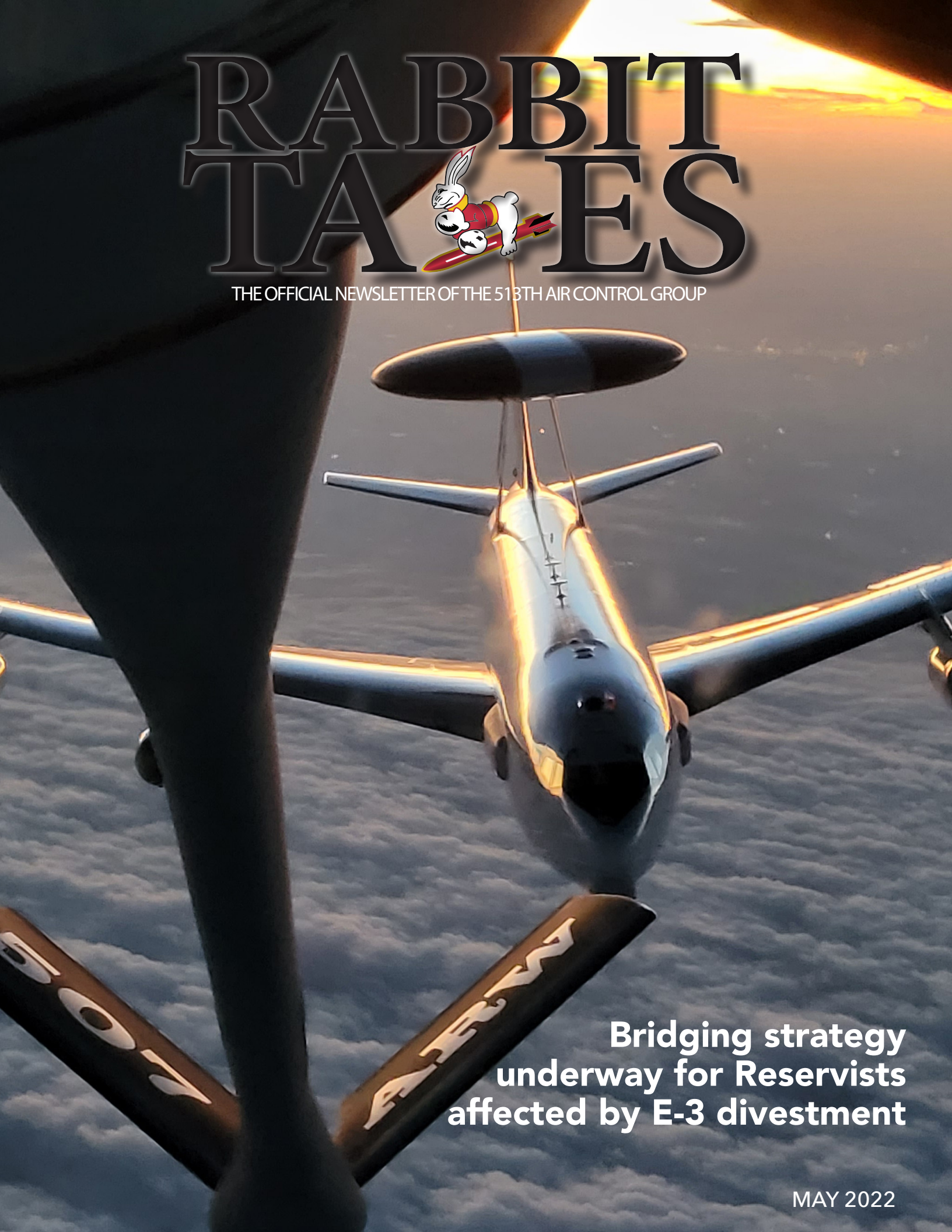


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP



**Bridging strategy  
underway for Reservists  
affected by E-3 divestment**

MAY 2022

**MISSION:** TO PROVIDE COMBAT-READY CITIZEN  
AIRMEN TO GENERATE AND EMPLOY  
AWACS ANYWHERE, ANYTIME



**VISION:** WE TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILY OF  
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*On the cover: An E-3 Sentry AWACS operated by the Reserve-led 513th Air Control Group at Tinker Air Force Base prepares to receive fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 507th Air Refueling Wing November 1, 2021. The E-3 is slated to be removed from Air Force inventory beginning in October 2022 and will be replaced in the future with the E-7 Wedgetail. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kacey Christensen)*

# Commander's Commentary: Bridging strategy underway

Col. James Matthey, 513th Air Control Group commander

My esteemed warfighters of the mighty 513th:

Last month, I visited you to inform you of the Air Force's plan to divest our E-3s. This week, the AF approved the E-7 Wedgetail to replace our AWACS. The FY23 NDAA will authorize the divestment starting in October 2022. Therefore your 513th leadership is creating a "bridging strategy."

We're calling this a "bridging strategy" for two reasons. First, we're partnering with our association counterparts at the 552nd Air Control Wing and Air Combat Command to understand the ramifications of divesting aircraft.

Second, and most importantly, we're working to develop a way forward for you. One of our core tenants in the Reserve is stability and predictability. As you can imagine, we're experiencing new turbulence because there are more questions than answers.

For now, I need you to know that you've got the best team working on these unknowns. And as always, I pledge to provide you with the best of my time and attention.

The following principles underscore our bridging strategy:

1) Transparency. We're committed to being frank and forthcoming with the best information as we receive it. Know this, a lot of the information you hear from leadership or the "grapevine" is pre-pre decisional. Here's what we know:

A) 15 E-3s are slated for divestment starting in Oct 2022.

B) The E-7 will replace the E-3.

C) We don't know the future crew complement.

D) We're working on a new vision and strategy for the future.

E) The 513th will skinny down for a bit.

F) All our decisions and efforts start with you

in mind.

2) Vision. We are committed to providing combat power for America while taking care of our Airmen.

3) Focus on the important stuff. You.

You are a highly trained, highly valued American asset. We divest weapon systems, NOT Airmen. And I know you are our most critical asset, and we must continue to grow our talent. You have so much to offer the Air Force and this nation, and we will benefit from your talent and continued dedication. Though we are retiring our E-3s, our Airmen will continue to make a difference.

I ask you to remember why you joined the military in the first place. Some joined for a better life, some for education benefits, and most joined to be part of something bigger than ourselves; we joined to serve and make a difference. Remember

your why, and live cause-driven.

Many of us have been in the 513th for a long time, mainly because we are family and we value our teammates. We know that when you put in the time and effort to make a difference and put the needs of the many above your

own, you will see it returned to you in new ways.

The next level of your destiny is connected to the Air Force by your commitment to our cause. So I will close with some words of retired U.S. Navy Admiral William McRaven: "Life is not always fair; move forward. Don't be afraid to fail often. Take risks. Step up when times are toughest, face down the bullies, lift up the oppressed, and NEVER GIVE UP!"

Let's crush this UTA!

Push it up.

JM



# Welcome HAF Total Force Integration Team

By Col. Ali "Dinah" Schorr,  
513th ACG Deputy commander

A team from HAF/DSI is conducting a Total Force Association (TFA) Health Assessment of the 552 ACW and 513 ACG Classic Association from April 30 through May 5.

The mission of HAF/DSI is to improve Total Force Integration by driving policy and resourcing decisions, assessing effectiveness, conducting component agnostic analysis, and connecting the enterprise.



The TFA Health Assessment is one of four lines of effort HAF/DSI leads in order to achieve a fully integrated Total Force that leverages the unique strengths of each component to deter, compete, and win

The team, led by Maj Gen Randal K. Efferson, AF/DSI Senior Advisor and Col Robin Bowman, AF/DSI Director, will conduct several focus group interviews with both active and reserve personnel over the period of their visit, culminating with an out-brief on May 5th.

The goal of the TFA Health Assessment is to advise stakeholders by identifying best practices, insights, and lessons learned from the field and MAJCOMs to improve the Total Force Association enterprise.

513th and 552nd leadership are confident in our long-standing total force relationship in maintenance and operations and welcome the insight and recommendations of the HAF/DSI Team!

## Professional development moves 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

May 1 @ 1000-1100

Education Benefits

Presented by: SMSgt Jacobs

June 5th @ 1000-1100

Counseling and Mentoring

Presented by: SMSgt Scoles

August 7th @ 1000-1100

Effective Communication

Presented by: Elizabeth Burgess

September 18th @ 1000-1100

Nutrition Training

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.

# Air Force identifies Boeing E-7 as solution to replace the E-3 capability

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

Based on market research, the Department of the Air Force has decided to replace a portion of the E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System fleet with the E-7 Wedgetail, which is produced by The Boeing Company.

The Boeing E-7 is the only platform capable of meeting the requirements for the Defense Department's tactical battle management, command and control and moving target indication capabilities within the timeframe needed to replace the aging E-3.

A contract award is planned in fiscal year 2023.

The FY23 President's Budget request includes \$227 million in Research, Development, Test and Evaluation funds starting in FY23. These funds

support the acquisition of a rapid prototype aircraft planned to deliver in FY27.

The notional schedule plans for a second rapid prototype aircraft funded in FY24, and a production decision in FY25 to continue fielding aircraft.

The FY23 PB proposes a partial divestment of the E-3 AWACS fleet, 15 of 31 aircraft, and redirects funding to procure and field its replacement.

The E-7 system was developed by Australia for the Australian Defence Forces. The unbreakable U.S. and Australia alliance and interoperability amongst the armed services enabled the Department of the Air Force to leverage this considerable investment and exceptional capability.

## Country singer to perform free concert



Country music singer-songwriter Danielle Bradbery is hosting a concert:

Friday, May 20,  
6:00 P.M. at the  
ALS Soccer Field

This event is free to all  
DoD ID cardholders.

Visit  
<https://www.tinkerliving.com> for more info.

# 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](mailto:507.fss.workflow@us.af.mil) or 405-739-4522/DSN 339-4522.



## 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.

An advertisement for the AF Connect app. On the left is the 513th Air Control Group logo, which features a red eagle with wings spread, perched on a yellow banner that says "513th AIR CONTROL GROUP". In the center, the text "DOWNLOAD AF CONNECT" is written in large, white, bold letters. Below this, a white box contains the text "KEEP UPDATED ON ALL THINGS RELATED TO 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP". At the bottom left are the Google Play and App Store logos. At the bottom center, the text "Click icons to download" is written in white. On the right is a smartphone displaying the app interface. The app shows the 513th Air Control Group logo and name at the top, followed by a grid of icons for COVID-19, Notifications, Video/Photo/Tapes, UTA Schedule, Fitness, Groups, Directory, Emergency, Links, News, and Guidebook. The smartphone screen also shows the time 4:15 and a search bar.

# Booster Club News



## SPRING CLEANING? WE WANT YOUR STUFF!

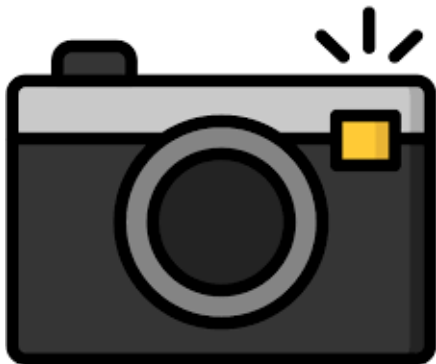
The booster club is now collecting items for the booster club garage sale in August.

Drop off smaller items in the Heritage Room in Bldg. 461 or call Capt. Sarrah Williams to work off a drop off appointment for larger items at (405) 812-9542.

CURRENT FUNDS BALANCE: \$2,585.84

-- SAVE THE DATE --

513TH 2022 HOLIDAY PARTY  
DEC. 3, 2022  
PETROLEUM CLUB OKLAHOMA CITY  
6-11 PM



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

**Please email them from your phone to:**

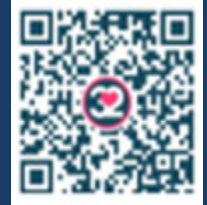
**[513thpublicaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:513thpublicaffairs@gmail.com)**

**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](mailto:513thboosterclub@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 30, 2022-  
Silent Auction Begins;  
Ends July UTA



Sunday, May 1, 2022  
Burger Burn Bldg. 461 at 1100  
\$6 for burger with fixins, drink and chips

Saturday, May 7, 2022-  
DEADLINE TO  
PURCHASE DODGERS  
TICKETS



Tuesday, June 7, 2022-  
513th Night with the OKC Dodgers Baseball  
Game

# Enlisted Promotions

## May Promotions



STEPHEN BAKER, 513 AMXS  
ZANE DARTEZ, 513 AMXS  
BAYLEE MORPHIS, 513 OSS  
MARVELLOUS OBEN, 513 MXS



LAUREN KELLY, 513 ACG



CHRISTINA GRAHAM, 513 MXS



COURTNEY POWELL, 970 AACs

## Black Heritage council seeks volunteers

The Black Heritage Council (BHC) could use your help with their upcoming Juneteenth celebration and other cultural celebrations.

For more information about volunteering or becoming a member, please contact SSgt Robyn Dean at [robyn.jones.3@us.af.mil](mailto:robyn.jones.3@us.af.mil).

Robyn Y. Dean, SSgt, USAF (She/Her/Hers)  
966 AACs Training Manager  
Tinker AFB, OK  
405-734-9902



The Tinker BHC is looking for members who are dedicated to encouraging diversity and inclusion across the base. Please join us at the next meeting as we discuss our plans for this year's Juneteenth Festival!

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# In the Spotlight

## Tech. Sgt. Jesse Pentecost

**Job Title:** 513th Maintenance Group Computer/Electronic Warfare Expeditor

**Place I'd like to visit:** Alaska (again)

**Best Place I've visited:** Hanalei, Kauai

**Civilian job:** B2 simulator electronic technician

**Best part of my job:** Meeting the pilots who fly the B2 bomber

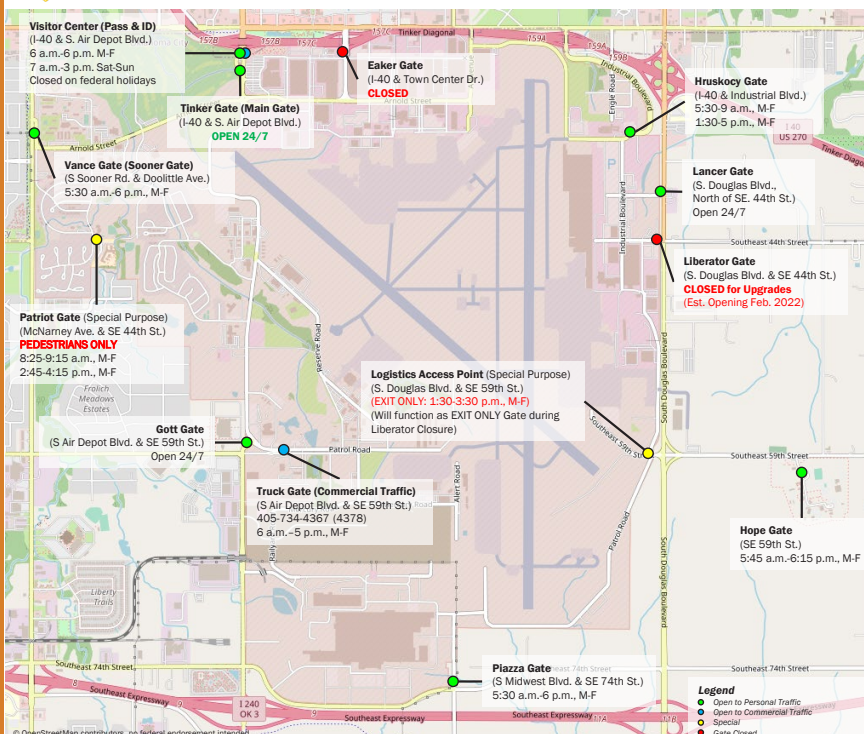
**Pet Peeve:** When people interrupt during conversations.

**Little Known Fact:** I enjoy getting into the nitty gritty of how things work, especially mechanical things.

**Favorite memory in the Air Force:** My two week POTUS support mission to Germany. Good food, good beer, great times with friends!



## Tinker Air Force Base | Gate Map & Hours



### Frequently Dialed Numbers

- Airman & Family Readiness Center: 405-739-2747
- Civilian Personnel: 405-739-3401
- Clinic, Appointments: 405-734-2778
- Commissary: 405-734-5965
- Exchange: 405-734-2641
- Freight Receiving: 405-739-5095
- Housing: 405-610-3637
- MPF (ID Cards): 405-734-8753
- Outdoor Recreation: 405-734-5875
- Pharmacy: 405-582-6315
- Pharmacy Refill Line: 1-800-457-9928
- Public Affairs: 405-739-2026
- Security Forces Emergency Control Center: 405-734-3737
- Truck Gate: 405-734-4367 (4378)
- Visitor Center: 405-734-5191

**Note:** Gate availability is subject to change without prior notice. Follow Tinker AFB on Facebook and Twitter for traffic updates.

# The Blueprint: Roadmap to Enlisted Force Development

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

It is critical to equip Airmen with accessible tools and resources, and to cultivate an environment for deliberate development, so Airmen remain the strongest competitive advantage for the Air Force to outpace emerging threats, according to Air Force leaders.

The Air Force released The Blueprint April 21. It serves as a foundational document to link enlisted development — from entry to departure. This new document is one of 28 Enlisted Force Development Action Plan (EFD-AP) objectives focused on developing tomorrow's enlisted Airmen ... today.

“We need Airmen who understand the com-

ranks and specialties – with representation from across the Total Force – and captures concepts in a visually appealing way. Importantly, it will help Airmen better understand how they fit into the bigger picture and allows them to appreciate what other wingmen bring to the fight.

It falls under the EFD-AP Front-Line Leader Development focus area, which is dedicated to creating deliberate leadership development for Airmen as they take on increased responsibilities supervising others at the tactical edge.

It also serves as a guide for open dialog among supervisors and peers and may be used during feedback sessions, professional develop-



*The Blueprint is a constantly-evolving foundational resource linking all enlisted development from entry to departure. (U.S. Air Force graphic by Travis Burcham)*

plexity of the strategic environment, think critically through challenges, and provide real-time solutions across the air, land, sea, space, cyber and information domains,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass. “The Blueprint consolidates resources otherwise populated in various electronic locations to highlight pathways, resources and opportunities for all Airmen to be successful during their career.”

The 32-page document was created with the assistance of subject matter experts, diverse

ment, goal setting and career planning.

“Front-line supervisors play a crucial part in developing the Airmen that will replace them,” Bass said. “New supervisors deserve proactive coaching, mentorship, and quality resources to support the growth of both them and their people.”

The Blueprint will evolve and be updated when needed; the living document can be found [here](#).

# Company grade officer council to hold meeting May 1; group CC guest speaker

By Capt. Sarrah Williams, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

The May CGOC meeting is on 1 May 2022 from 1000 to 1100 at Bldg 461, located at 4710 Arnold St., Tinker AFB, OK, 73145.

513th ACG Commander, Col James Mattey, will be addressing the CGO Council, discussing the following topics:

**Continued development of the relationship between the 507th and the 513th**

**Force Development**

**Mentorship**

Please come prepared to discuss these topics with Col Mattey as he answers our questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

CGOC Resources:

1. Visit the 507th ARW/513th ACG CGO Council Sharepoint
2. Join the 507th ARW/513th ACG CGO Council GroupMe:



# MX airman earns top honor guard graduate

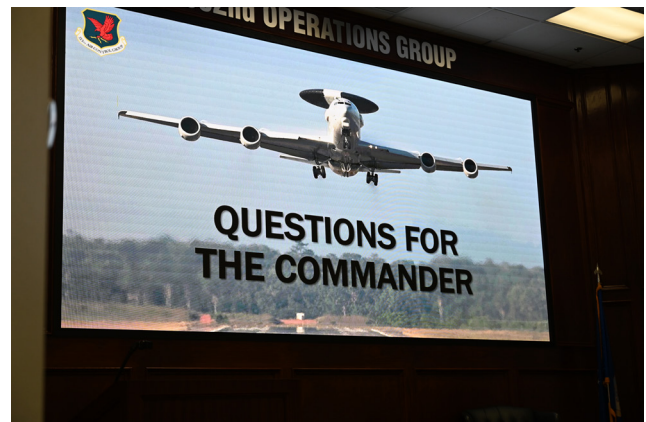
By Tech. Sgt. Damian Conn, Tinker Base Honor Guard Program Manager



Congratulations to Senior Airman Guadalupe Corpus, 513 AMXS, who earned top graduate from the Basic Protocol, Honors and Ceremonies Class April 22, 2022, at Tinker AFB.

Fellow 513th members Capt Tyler Farrell, 970th AACCS (top right) and 1st Lt. Gregory Hodson (bottom right) graduated from the course April 22, 2022. Congratulations to all!

## 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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Would you like to submit a story or news/announcement to the Rabbit Tales? Please email us at: [513thpublicaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:513thpublicaffairs@gmail.com) or [513ACG.PublicAffairs@us.af.mil](mailto:513ACG.PublicAffairs@us.af.mil)