

RABBIT TALES



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP



ACG Senior enlisted leader retires

GONSALVES

OCTOBER 2022

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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On the Cover: Chief Master Sgt. Steven Gonsalves retires from the Air Force Sept. 10, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Chad Dixon)

Commander's Commentary

Col. James Matthey, 513th Air Control Group commander

Airmen of the 513th,

Welcome to October 2022 UTA! Fall is upon us again. The smell of football and cooler breezes are in the air. Thank you for the privilege of spending time with us this weekend. We're at the beginning of a new fiscal year, another turbulent beginning but one we're fighting to ensure a safe and level fight.

We want to officially welcome back CMSgt Alphonso Glover as our group command chief. This UTA is his first as group chief, and it is a much-anticipated return of one of the best Airmen I've had the honor to serve alongside.

Your command team has worked hard since our last drill to develop financial plans and an execution strategy to ensure that we are getting after our new AFRC Commander and Chief of Air Force Reserve focus areas: 1) ready now, and 2) transform for the future. Operating during a continuing resolution (CR) is not new for us at the 513th. Fortunately, AFRC's recent reforms at APRC, FGC, SG, and FM provide commanders at all levels greater flexibility in executing the mission than ever before. This is coming not a minute too soon.

The United States and the world is at an inflection point, one we have not witnessed in our lifetime and certainly not in my 30-year career. We are seeing nationalism, strategic competitors, rouge nations, and more violent extremist groups abroad and at home than throughout histo-

ry. China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran all pose direct, indirect, and all-domain threats to the United States, our interests, and all Americans and our allies.

I am proud to serve alongside you as we continue to live up to our sworn oath to protect the constitution against all enemies. We continue to look to the future and hone our skills while adapting and providing new capabilities to safeguard this nation, protect Americans at home and abroad, and deter aggression. At the same time, being prepared to win our nation's wars if required.

Ladies and gentlemen, we do not take our obligation lightly. We will face more stringent planning and execution of our mission, starting with how we plan and prepare for combat. Our future training won't be easy; you will see and participate in increasingly stressful scenarios. For some, this "stress inoculation" will be the first time you may have encountered these stressors. As we ramp up our annual battle rhythm, we need you to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. Lean into your training, and push yourself and your team. Our determination and hard work now will increase our combat capabilities and serve to "convince potential adversaries the cost of their hostile activities far outweigh any possible benefits." (Secretary of Defense, Lloyd J. Austin III)

Again, thank you and your families for your time and sacrifices. I'm proud to be part of this fantastic team of professionals and to uphold the honor and traditions of the 513th Air Control Group. Push it up!!

Annual Operation Holiday Spirit Steak Supper to be held Dec. 2

23rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY SPIRIT STEAK SUPPER

Friday December 2, 2022

American Legion/VFW Post - 5000 SE 24th Street - Del City, OK

Time: 6:00 to 10:00 PM

Price \$45.00 * * LIMITED TO 350 TICKETS/SEATS * *

Menu: Your choice of: A Ribeye Steak from Wheeler's Meat Market,
Grilled Chicken, or Veggie Lasagna.
Each option served with baked potato, veggies, salad, roll and cheesecake.
Beverages: Cash bar provided (no outside beverages)

TICKETS:

Visit <http://www.holidayspirit.org> for more information and to purchase tickets online



Booster Club News



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
513TH ACG'S ANNUAL
“JINGLE IN THE NEW
YEAR”
HOLIDAY PARTY
DEC. 3, 2022, 6 PM-11PM
PETROLEUM CLUB OKLAHOMA CITY
CLICK HERE TO GET YOUR TICKETS:
[HTTPS://513TH-BOOSTER-CLUB.SQUARE.SITE](https://513th-booster-club.square.site)

To join the Booster Club, contact one of the Executive Council or send an email to us at our org box email: 513thboosterclub@gmail.com

CURRENT FUNDS BALANCE: \$5,169.84

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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513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP

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552 ACW to host Halloween Boo Bash Oct. 28

THE 552 ACW PRESENTS

Boo Bash

Free Event!

28 October 2022
1600-1800

Bring the family for trunk or treat, decorated squadron walkthroughs and lots of spooky fun!



Start at Fannin Hall to get an event map and start your spooky adventure!



Participating Units:
513 ACG, 552 ACNS, 552 MXG, 552 OSS,
552 TRG, 552 TRSS, 960 AACs, 963 AACs,
964 AACs, 965 AACs, 966 AACs

All 513 ACG Members and Families are invited to the Boo Bash October 28, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Events will start at Fannin Hall. Here are some ways to help with the Boo Bash:

Seeking volunteers to work/coordinate the trunk or treat. If interested, please email 513thboosterclub@gmail.com

If able, please bring bags of candy NLT October 27, 2022 for the volunteers to hand out during the Boo Bash. Donation bucket is in the main lobby of Bldg. 461.



2022 BOO BASH MAP



BOO BASH SPONSORED GAMES WILL BE LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT BETWEEN FANNIN HALL AND BUILDING 248



In the Spotlight

Chaplain (Maj.) Ed Sanders

Job Title: 507th Air Refueling Wing Chaplain

Place I'd like to visit: Perth, Australia

Best Place I've visited: English River, Ontario

Civilian job: Theology Professor, Dallas Christian College

Pet Peeve: Driving slow in the fast lane

Little Known Fact: I have caught numerous baseballs at major league baseball games.

Favorite memory in the Air Force: When an entire squadron showed up at midnight to memorialize a fallen airman.

To contact the Chaplain office, call 405-734-1912.



Congratulations to our

513th Air Control Group Quarterly Award Winners!

Third Quarter, 2022

Airman of the Quarter

Staff Sgt. Guadalupe Corpus, 513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

NCO of the Quarter

Tech. Sgt. Kelly Higgins, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron

SNCO of the Quarter

Master Sgt. Lindsay Newton, 513th Operations Support Squadron

CGO of the Quarter

1st Lt. Michael Lopez, Jr., 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron



Tinker Company Grade Officer Council learns about the Reserve



Company grade officers of the Tinker CGO Council visit the 507th Air Refueling Wing to learn about the Air Force Reserve, the KC-135 Stratotanker and wing's aerial refueling mission October 4, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Begy)

Enlisted Promotions

OCTOBER PROMOTIONS

TYLER KAMM, 970 AACS
JACK SNEDDEN, 513 MXS

JACKIE YOUNG, 970 AACS

KELLY HIGGINS, 513 OSS
CHRISTOPHER RITTER, 513 MXS (STEP II)
JOEL STORTS, 513 MXS

Upcoming Events

Tinker to host Air Show

Event: Tinker Air Show

Date: July 1-2, 2023

Location: Tinker Air Force Base

For more information, visit www.tinker.af.mil

Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program Upcoming Events

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a congressionally mandated program that is intended to provide military reservists and their families a forum to gather information on the resources and benefits available to them before and after deploying.

Orlando, FL Dec. 17-18, 2022

For more information, contact the 507th ARW and 513th ACG's interim yellow ribbon rep, SMSgt Franco Russo at franco.russo.1@us.af.mil or at DSN: 346-1715 or cell: 330-609-1715

Professional development classes move to UTA Sundays

WHERE: 507th ARW Wing Auditorium,
Bldg.1056

October 16 @ 1000-1100

Nutrition Training

Presented by: Victor Foster

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.

Top 3 Meeting

Oct. 16 @ 1100-1200

Vanwey Dining Facility

Nominations accepted for council, voting to occur Nov UTA. December UTA the council will turn over and in January new council takes over. For more info contact SMSgt Harold Strawderman at Harold.Strawderman.1@us.af.mil

CGOC Meeting

Nov. 6 @ 1000-1100

Location TBD

POC: 1st Lt. Justin Cockroft

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 ACG
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513th Air Control
Group Commander
Col. Jim Matthey

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RABBIT TALES MAGAZINE



Under Secretary of the Air
Force visits Tinker AFB



513th ACG June Enlisted
Promotions



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