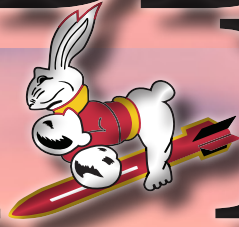


# RABBIT TALES



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP



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SEPTEMBER 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: Tech. Sgt. Leland Knight, Master Sgt. Diana Dubose, Senior Airman Jet Foreman, Capt. Greg Hodson and 2nd Lt. Eric Haley with the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, work with 10th Air Force to create an AWACS mission video to be included in the 10th Air Force mission video Sept. 1, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Christopher Vasquez)*

# Commander's Commentary

Col. James Matthey, 513th Air Control Group commander

Warriors,

I am writing this note as we close out another turbulent fiscal year and prepping for yet another. September holds various milestones for me, chiefly remembering the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001, the start of our two-year mobilization, and particularly this year, as this is my 30th anniversary in the Air Force. To say it's still an honor and a privilege to serve with you is an understatement. I have met and continue to serve with some of the most dedicated Americans around.

Like many of you, I joined the Air Force for different reasons. I think the main reason I enlisted 30 years ago was my family's influence. I was an Air Force brat and grew up in a family dedicated to serving. I continue to serve because of the warrior ethos instilled in me early in my enlisted career. I also get to work with you to defend this nation and our constitution. I'm fortunate to have been born in a country where we can work hard and be part of a fantastic team that makes a difference day after day. The freedom we provide isn't easy, but the Airmen of the 513th make it look smooth, and the American people owe you a debt of gratitude.

This week I attended NATO's senior leader policy course, met over 60 of our finest NATO alliance partners, and participated in many strategic and policy-related discussions. It's genuinely fantastic to learn about NATO, our missions, and the new strategic concept and participate in meaningful, intense conversations about the significant threats facing democratic countries worldwide. Of course, the 30 NATO nations, soon to be 32, don't see eye to eye on every issue, like most families. But we know that through continuous open communication and compromise, we increase overall cooperation through engaging in civilized dialogue and understanding. This is how we make America great, through protecting the rule of law and security worldwide, because democracy is a pretty damn good thing, and YOU are a significant part of protecting it.

Every day I get to "suit up" is fantastic, and the work and dedication I see in our Airmen motivate me to work harder for you. So again, I thank you for being so dedicated and be sure to extend my gratitude to your families, who continue to make sacrifices with you. You are making a difference.

As always, let's push it up.

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

### 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY SPIRIT STEAK SUPPER

Friday December 2, 2022

American Legion/VFW Post - 5000 SE 24<sup>th</sup> 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



# Never Forgotten: Team Tinker's Annual 9/11 & POW MIA Memorial Run & Ruck



Team Tinker's held their Annual 9/11 & POW MIA Memorial Run & Ruck Sept. 9, drawing a huge crowd of participants including some of our military working dogs and their handlers.

Before the "Never Forgotten" themed race kicked off, 72nd Air Base Wing Vice Commander Col. Tom Giles offered a few words of reflection on his experience with events of September 11 and shared some of

his favorite inspirational song lyrics inspired by 9/11. Other pre-race highlights included 72nd Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Sipos posting the POW flag, the honor guard, singing of the national anthem and the Chaplain's prayer. Col. Giles and Chief Sipos lead the racers through the arch to officially begin the course.



# Commissioning packages due Oct. 3; board to be held Oct. 15

By 507th Force Support Squadron

The 2022 Non-Extended Active Duty Airmen Commissioning Board is tentatively scheduled to convene Oct. 15 in the 507th ARW at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. A list of available positions will be included in the convening notice.

**Packages are due no later than Oct. 3.**

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, the 513th Air Control Group logo features a red eagle with wings spread, perched on a yellow banner that reads "513th AIR CONTROL GROUP". Below the logo, the text "DOWNLOAD AF CONNECT" is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath this, a white box contains the text "KEEP UPDATED ON ALL THINGS RELATED TO 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP". At the bottom left, there are two buttons: "ANDROID APP ON Google play" and "Download on the App Store". At the bottom center, the text "Click icons to download" is displayed. On the right, a smartphone screen shows the app's interface. The top of the screen displays the time "4:15", a search bar, and the 513th Air Control Group logo. Below the logo is a grid of icons for various features: COVID-19, Notifications, Video/Photos/Tapes, UTA Schedule, Fitness, Groups, Directory, Emergency, Links, News, and Guidebook. At the bottom of the screen is a navigation bar with icons for HOME, CAC, PFT CALC, CONTACT, and FAVORITES.

# Booster Club News



## 513 ACG Booster Club Calendar of Events 2022



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

### 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.

#### Chili Cook-Off

### September

Got what it takes to win? Bring your best chili entries, come down to the 513th Air Control Group Chili Cook-Off. The winner who takes the trophy home will be announced on September 11, 2022.

**Canceled**

#### 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 held at the 513th Air Control Group. The 513 ACG will have a booth. Families are welcome to attend. Updated info above

**Updated info above**

### November

#### Thunder Game

Info Try **Potentially moved to February 2023**

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



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](mailto:513thboosterclub@gmail.com)



**CURRENT  
FUNDS  
BALANCE:  
\$5,169.84**

## Deadline to order swag Sept. 11



Scan the QR code with your phone and fill out a pre-order form



Scan the QR code with your phone and fill out a pre-order form



Click here to pay with Square



Square

# 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](mailto: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



# 10th Air Force films AWACS mission video at Tinker

10th Air Force stopped by to film our mission for the 10 AF mission video Sept. 1, 2022, at Tinker Air Force Base. Thank you to MX and 970th AACS for making it happen!





## Enlisted Promotions

# September PROMOTIONS



JEREMY EDDY, 513 MXS



BOBBI KEARNS, 513 MXS  
PAUL WILMOTH, 513 AMXS



BRAYDEN SMITH, 513 MXS



JOHN BABUSCHAK, 513 AMXS



GRADY HICKS, 970 AACs

## 513th Holiday Party to be held at Petroleum Club

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)

# In the Spotlight

## Tech. Sgt. Dallas Smith

**Job Title:** 513th ACG Maintenance Operations Controller & 513th AMXS Undershirt.

**Place I'd like to visit:** Lambeau Field

**Best Place I've visited:** Goose Island, Alaska.

**Civilian job:** Production Controller / Fantasy Football Commissioner

**Best part of my job:** Getting to work with my friends.

**Pet Peeve:** When my wife asks me questions about a movie while we are both watching the same movie for the first time.

**Little Known Fact:** While other kids would ride their bikes to school, I would take my Pogo stick!

**Favorite memory in the Air Force:** Getting to participate in a pregame flyover at Oklahoma Memorial Stadium.



# 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 hosts 2022 annual KUDOS event



A group of service members' children learn about the E-3 Sentry AWACS aircraft during the Kids Understanding Deployment Operations event on Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, August 27, 2022. KUDOS is a program designed for Airmen's children to experience a simplified version of their parents' deployments.

Children receive their personalized dog tags as part of the Kids Understanding Deployment Operations event on Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, August 27, 2022.

Volunteers lead children in a series of strength exercises during the Kids Understanding Deployment Operations event on Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, August 27, 2022.



## Upcoming Events

### Tinker to host 75th Anniversary Air Force Ball

Event: 75th Anniversary Air Force Ball

Date: 24 Sept 22

Time: 1800

Location: The Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

Dress: Mess Dress (01-09), Semi-Formal (E1-E9), Civilians: Formal Attire  
Rsvp by: 23 Sept 22.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Air Control  
Group Commander  
**Col. Jim Matthey**

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