

# RABBIT TALES



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP  
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## RESERVIST AIR BATTLE MANAGER PROVIDES E-3 EXPERTISE TO CHILEAN AIR FORCE



**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: Members of the Chilean Air Force, in Spanish "Fuerza Aérea de Chile (FACH)" stand for a photo with Maj. Andy Deramus, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron air battle manager in July 2023. (US. Air Force courtesy photo)*



# Deputy Commander's Commentary

*Col. Ali Schorr, 513th Air Control Group deputy commander*

## Welcome back Team 513 ACG!

I know August is a quick turn from July UTA, but we have a very busy couple of days ahead with lots of events happening here at Tinker and down at 10th Air Force. Brig. Gen. Regina Sabric took command of 10th Air Force Aug. 4 and Col. Matt Ghormley assumed command of the 507th Air Refueling Wing Aug 5.

The winds of change are at work not just with our leadership but across the Air Force enterprise at large.

Last month, our unit hosted the AFRC/A58 Site Activation Task Force to discuss the way ahead for 513th manpower amid the E-3 divestiture.

Many of you had an opportunity to discuss options for career movements and vectors, and I encourage you to work within your chain of command or utilize the Commander's "Ask Me Anything" if you have additional questions or concerns as we navigate the future of the E-3.

As service members, we are trained to deal with a lot of unknowns. In order to weather those unknowns, we must be as ready as possible to respond to our nation's call to action.

This is the first UTA in two months we are synchronized with the 507 ARW; as a result, a lot of our readiness requirements are lagging—in par-

ticular medical. Take advantage of any white space you have this weekend to get after your Individual Medical Requirements (IMR). If you are showing "yellow" or "red" for any IMRs, find time to knock these items out.

Taking care of our in-garrison medical requirements sets us up for success as we prepare for our first participation in Exercise Agile Thunder 23-2. Team 513 has a contingent of operations, maintenance, and support personnel participating.

This is our unit's first Phase I/Phase II exercise in several years, and these airmen are laying the foundation for our readiness exercise participation in FY24.

Thank you to those that are volunteering to hone their warfighting skills and train the way we fight. We will look to harnessing your expertise in the months and years ahead!

In closing, I am so proud to serve as a leader in this incredible group. Your mission focus despite obstacles, your ability to problem-solve and bring new ideas to the table, are unmatched.

Continue to look out for one another and nurture this 513th family despite the challenges. Thank you for being here and for your tireless dedication to our getting after it. Make every minute count!



# Reservist ABM provides E-3 expertise to Chilean Air Force

970th Airborne Air Control Squadron air battle manager Maj. Andy Deramus traveled to Chile for a week in July 2023 to work with the US. Embassy to provide subject-matter expertise to the Chilean Ministry of Defense on their recently acquired E-3D aircraft.

Deramus has extensive expertise on the E-3 Sentry AWACS as a former initial qualification training flight instructor for the E-3B/C models. The E-3D is equivalent to the models he instructed on, making his knowledge of the hardware and software ideal for training the Chilean MoD on their weapon system.

Deramus performed valuable ground training with the crew while in country and the Chileans expressed their appreciation for Deramus' efforts and expertise.



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# ACG members fly eighth divested AWACS to Boneyard

79-0003 “TRES HUEVOS”







Number eight of 13 aircraft that have authorized for retirement this fiscal year departed Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, Aug. 3, 2023. Two Reservists with the 513th Air Control Group, Maj. Bradley Keen, pilot, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron and Airborne Radio Operator, Senior Master Sgt. Joe Brown, 513th Operations Support Squadron flew E-3 Sentry aircraft 79-0003, (also known as the “Vomit Comet”, due to a light oscillating motion experienced in flight that was known to induce air sickness in some crew members) to its new home at the 309th AMARG at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo by Rob Stephens)



U.S. AIR FORCE

## Spectrum of Resilience

Supporting Airmen and their Families to help them thrive

SELF	FAMILY & FRIENDS	PEER/SOCIAL CONNECTIONS	SUPPORT ENTITIES	CLINICAL MEDICAL HEALTH
Stress Management Physical Fitness Mental Fitness Spiritual Fitness Financial Services Wellness	Spouses Partners Friends Virtual Friends Other Family Members Mentors	Religious Groups Morale, Welfare, & Recreation Shared Hobbies Professional Organizations Sports Teams Clubs Co-Workers	Chaplains Military & Family Readiness Center Military Family Life Consultant Operational Support Team Victim Advocates Victims Counsel Employee Assistance Program Unit Leaders First Sergeants Military OneSource	TRICARE Mental Health Clinic Behavioral Health Counseling ADAPT
				

Visit <https://www.resilience.af.mil/> for more info on resources available to you and your family.

# Thousands gather for return of 2023 Tinker Air Show

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. --

Summer heat did not stop an estimated 301,000 people from attending the 2023 Tinker Air Show and STEM City Expo, held here July 1 and 2, 2023.

The Tinker Air Show returned after COVID-19 precautions forced the cancellation of the 2021 air show.

Families from across Oklahoma and beyond spent their Fourth of July holiday weekend with eyes to the sky, ready to witness United States military air capabilities in action and meet the service members who fly and maintain the equipment.

"I am thrilled with this year's turnout," said Lt. Col. Kyle Moats, commander of the 72nd Operations Support Squadron and the air show's director. "It is great to see Oklahomans back on the flight line after four long years enjoying the air power offered by the United States Air Force."

The aerial performers lineup included the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the Blue Angels' Fat Albert C-130J support aircraft, the Air Force's F-35A Demo Team, C-17 Globemaster III, E-3 Sentry AWACS, KC-135 Stratotanker, Wings of Blue sky-diving team, Tora Tora Tora World War II reenactment, Red Tail P-51, Kent Pietsch's Jelly Belly Interstate Cadet, F-35A & F-5 heritage flight, KC-135 Low-Level Refueling Demonstration, Matt Younkin's Twin Beech 18, Adam Baker's Extra 330, and Greg Colyer's T-33A Shooting Star.

In addition to performances, dozens of aircraft stood parked on the flight line for attendees to get an up-close and personal look.

Static ground displays included the F-35A Lightning II, F-22A Raptor, U.S. Navy E-6B Mercury, B-1B Lancer, B-2 Spirit, B-52H Stratofortress, KC-46A Pegasus, KC-135 Stratotanker, MC-12W Liberty, T-38 Talon and the XQ-58A Valkyrie unmanned aerial vehicle.

"Air power doesn't care where you grew up, the color of your skin, or who you love," said Col. Hall Sebren, Tinker Installation commander. "Air power cares about who can produce it. Anybody can! That is why we want to reach out and talk to the youngest kids who might be thinking about air power like I did when I was a kid and went to my first air show."

The theme of the 2023 Tinker Air Show was "STEM Takes Flight." A wide variety of exhibits were available in the STEM CITY hangar at the northwestern end of the air show grounds, filled with dozens of fun activities for all ages.

Visitors explored robotics, drone technology and learned about the technology that Tinker employs on a daily basis to deliver air power for America.

Recruiters, including those from the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, were on hand to speak to the public

about careers with the United States Air Force. Qualified candidates were offered preliminary job offers on site.

"Maybe you have a job right now that you enjoy but you are looking for a higher calling," said Sebren. "There are options out there if you want to be associated with airplanes and air power. We can take you, from 5-years-old to 95-years-old."

The public did not have to physically attend the Tinker Air Show to get in on the action. For the second time, the Tinker Air Show was streamed live on the internet via the Defense Visual Information Distribution Service and Facebook. At its peak, the Facebook Live stream allowed thousands to watch in real time.

The live broadcast was courtesy of the 2nd Audiovisual Squadron of Hill Air Force Base in Salt Lake City and the 3rd Audiovisual Squadron of Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas.

Plans are already underway to bring a bigger and better air show to Tinker for 2025.

Like Tinker Air Force Base on Facebook or follow @Team-Tinker on Twitter for all the latest information and air show updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/TinkerAirForceBase>



*"Tink," a Texas Horned Lizard, gives high fives to crowds during the Tinker Air Show at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, July 2, 2023. "Tink" both represents the maintainers at Tinker who deliver air power for America, as well as the Texas Horned Lizard, an endangered species that calls the base home. Tinker AFB works with the Oklahoma City Zoo in its conservation efforts for the lizard. (Royal Canadian Air Force photo by Master Cpl. Tjanni Rutty)*



# Airman Action Safety Program empowers airmen

In the early days of military aviation, knowledge and experiences were shared either in the hangar or at the bar. Today we operate in a much more complex environment where we must leverage technology to capture those unintentional errors, hazardous situations, and high-risk activities that may not be identified through traditional safety reporting channels.

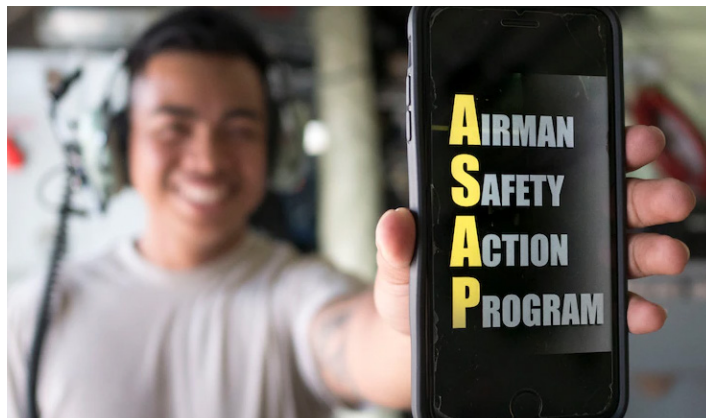
The Airman Safety Action Program is specifically designed to fulfill that need by empowering every Airmen to identify hazards and offer risk mitigating solutions – anytime, anywhere using the Airman Safety App.

While the program was originally created to raise safety standards in the aviation community, it has been redesigned to capture work safety issues in the occupational, space, and weapons disciplines as well.

Within minutes of identifying a potential hazard, such as a hole in the ground or an improperly de-

signed aircraft part, a mobile report can be initiated on-site and submitted directly to the Air Force Safety Automated System. From here, all data is passed to the appropriate major command and down to the installation, where practices can be improved and resources can be allocated to resolve issues.

This is the cutting edge of mishap prevention. Welcome to ASAP!

A large image of an aircraft cockpit with two pilots. Overlaid on the image is the 'Report it! ASAP' logo, the program name, website, and three circular call-to-action buttons.

**Report it!**  
**ASAP**

**AIRMAN SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM**  
[www.safety.af.mil/home/asap](http://www.safety.af.mil/home/asap)

- Volunteer an ASAP
- Boost Awareness
- Promote voluntary reporting

# Booster Club News



The year is flying by and have many events coming up!

## SILENT AUCTION ENDS AUG 7- BID TODAY!

Please click here to bid! <https://www.32auctions.com/boosterclub2023>

## GARAGE SALE Aug 10-12

Please consider donating items to our garage sale. All proceeds will go toward our annual holiday party. See Dan Gibb and Lauren Kelly to donate.

## HOLIDAY PARTY EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL SEPT. 11

Early bird ticket sales are underway now! See flyer for details.

Please contact Booster Club President MSgt Lauren Kelly with questions.  
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR BOOSTER CLUB!

# SILENT AUCTION IS LIVE!

Please check out the link below to our silent auction which runs from July 14-Aug. 6!

We have many great items to bid on from the 513 ACG and 507 ARW!

SCAN HERE  
TO VIEW  
AND BID





# Booster Club Garage Sale to be held Aug 10-12

*DONATIONS WANTED  
FOR THE BOOSTER CLUB*



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING UNWANTED ITEMS TO THE  
BOOSTER CLUB GARAGE SALE.

*WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS JULY AND AUGUST UNTIL  
AND THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.*

CONTACT DAN GIBB OR LAUREN KELLY TO DONATE!

Text Lauren or Dan for address of sale. Sale will take place Thurs.-Sat. Aug. 10-12, please let us know if you want to donate or volunteer!



# Holiday Party Early Bird tickets on sale!

Please join us for this year's holiday party at the Sheraton OKC Downtown!

Tickets will increase after Sept. 11, so get your discounted tickets today and support the booster club!

*SCAN CODE  
FOR TICKETS*



SNCO / OFFICER / GS-9  
AND ABOVE  
\$50



NCO / GS-7 AND BELOW  
\$40



AIRMEN  
\$20

*You are invited  
to the*



*513th  
Air Control  
Group's*

*Holiday Party 2023*

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2  
6:00 PM

*Sheraton OKC Downtown*

1 NORTH BROADWAY AVENUE  
OKC, OK 73102

*Join us for Dinner,  
dancing, prizes  
and fun!*





# Southside Shoppette III newly renovate and now open on UTA week- ends

NOW OPEN ON RESERVE WEEKENDS  
FROM 0600-1700

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two new Quick Serve Programs  
Hunt Brothers Pizza  
Eddie Pepper's Tacos 2 Go
- Phone line for placing orders for pick-up and POTENTIAL delivery
- New Coffee Bar with Brand New Equipment
- New large 80' drink coolers with expanded assortment
- Expanded merchandise selection, snacks and refreshments.



# Resilience Training Assistants course to be held Sept. 11-13

Here is an opportunity to make an impact!

The 507th Air Refueling Wing First Sgt and Airman and Family Readiness are requesting two representatives from each squadron for a three-day course to be held Sept 11-13 off base at the Tinker Industrial Park to become Resilience Training Assistants

RTAs tailor Resilience, violence prevention and the total fitness of airmen.

This three-day class provides a certification that will help build foundational life skills for every airman to allow them to thrive personally and professionally.

With your supervisors' approval, reach out to Sharon Lochman or Senior Master Sgt. Jeremy Scoles to sign up for the course.

Here are the units who have reps signed up to date:

- (1) 513 MXS
- (1) 507 MSG
- (2) 507 FSS
- (2) 507 LRS
- (2) 507 AMXS

Contact SMSgt Scoles with questions.  
First Sergeant/Resilience Integrator  
Comm: 405-582-4327  
DSN: 852-4327

*In the U.S. Air Force, the four pillars of resilience are mental, physical, social, and spiritual wellbeing. These four pillars are the foundation of the Air Force Resilience Training Program used by Resilience Training Assistants and Master Resilience Trainers to help Airmen overcome challenges in their everyday lives.*



# Group recognizes SNCO on his retirement

Farewell to Senior Master Sgt. Matthew D. Stark, 513th Air Control Group Inspections Specialist.  
Thank you for your service!



Maj. Lily Baker, 513th Air Control Group executive officer, presides over the ceremony where Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Stark retires from the Air Force Reserve.



Maj. Lily Baker, 513th Air Control Group executive officer, presents the Meritorious Service Medal to Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Stark. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Lauren Kelly)



Col. James Matthey, 513th Air Control Group commander, presents the traditional cowbell farewell gift to Senior Master Sgt. Stark July 15, 2023, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



Master Sgt. Lindsay Newton, 513th OSS First Sgt. and Christopher Clark, 970th AACS First Sgt., present a shadowbox to Senior Master Sgt. Stark July 15, 2023, at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma on the occasion of his retirement.



## Enlisted Promotions

# August PROMOTIONS



NICHOLAS ENDSLEY, 513 MXS  
RIKKI DURWARD, 513 MXS



BRYAN ALLEN, 513 AMXS

## Upcoming Events and Announcements

### ACG Holiday Party to be held Dec. 2

Our annual holiday party will be held at the Sheraton OKC Downtown. GET YOUR EARLY BIRD TICKETS TODAY!

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)

### Mandatory quarterly training meeting Aug 6

513 ACG/HQ Auditorium

2:00 p.m

Send a rep from each workcenter for this mandatory quarterly training meeting for CY23 3rd quarter. POC: MSgt Nicole Tubbs

# Upcoming Events (continued)

## Rising 6 Kickball Tournament to be held Sept. 9

WHEN: Sept. 9, 2023 @ 1630  
WHERE: Tinker Softball Fields

Choose your own teams of 8-10 players & sign up to play or come support your fellow members!

Pizza & water will be provided to all, while it lasts!

Sign up now! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CACA82CA4F8C61-507th>

POC: Senior Airman Jaimesha Alexander, 507 LRS

## 507th FSS hiring for SEL position: deadline to apply Aug. 10

A high-demand, rewarding, Senior Enlisted Leader position with Team Okie:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/739805400>

## Enlisted? Want to commission?

If you are an enlisted member who has been considering commissioning now is your chance!

The 507 ARW Non-EAD ACP Board (formerly Deserving Airmen) will convene 15 October 2023. Interested candidates must submit a complete package using the attached snowflake (as one PDF document) to [carlos.rodri@us.af.mil](mailto:carlos.rodri@us.af.mil) and Courtesy Copy [507.fss.workflow@us.af.mil](mailto:507.fss.workflow@us.af.mil) with a standard subject line for 507 ARW Non-EAD ACP – Member's Last Name. SrA Rodri will review all packages and prepare them for the board. Packages are due NLT 1600 on 3 October 2023.

POC:  
507th Force Support Squadron  
DSN: 339-4463  
COMM: 405-739-4463

## Tinker Top 3 seeking volunteers for SNCO induction ceremony

WHEN: Sept. 15, 2023  
WHERE: Rose State College Student Union

Tinker Top 3 needs 10 SNCOs to be part of the Sabre Team. Contact MSgt McClendon at 405-736-4765 to sign up.




## Q and A with the commander


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




**Have you visited our website?** (click the photo for link)




Team Tinker stars at OKC Dodgers Salute to Armed Forces game




513th ACG June Enlisted Promotions



513th Air Control Group May Enlisted Promotions




All Reserve, All-Star Family Day to be held May 6




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Justice Department reinforces federal protections for servicemembers and their spouses in letter to state officials




AF Week in Photos



Deputy Commander  
**Col. Alison Schorr**



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