

# RABBIT TALES



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP  
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## TACTICS OUTREACH TEAM BUILDS KEY RELATIONSHIPS



**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: Lt. Col Curtis Andersen, 2nd Lt. Michael Lopez, Maj. Joseph Payne and 1st Lt. Kevin Raedy stand in front of a PAC2 Patriot Battery at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. (Courtesy photo)*

# Commander's Commentary

Col. James Matthey, 513th Air Control Group commander

## 50 DAYS, DEFAULT AGGRESSIVE

When I took over in 2020, I stated in my inaugural address we would face significant headwinds and turbulence. However, it is only because of the skill and commitment of your leadership team and your tenacity as Airmen that have kept us on course. In addition, the AFR has undergone some significant reforms over the past four years, and we continue to improve the lives of our Airmen.

Now, we are ramping up training and preparations to combat our pacing threat as we look forward. To be very clear, China isn't only a military threat. China is executing "unrestricted warfare." China is conducting information, financial and trade warfare, as well as entirely new forms of war.

There is no domain in which China is not executing offensive patterns. The threat we face is much more significant than just the defense of Taiwan. China threatens global security and sovereignty and threatens our way of life. Our job is to defend Americans and our national interests worldwide.

For the U.S. to counter China's hostility, we must prepare with aggressiveness. Therefore, our training will be challenging but realistic because it is the duty of leaders at every level to develop and implement authentic training. Consequently, we are developing coordinated plans that will push you to excel, learn and grow to be comfortable with being uncomfortable.



The Chief of the Air Force Reserve issued clear and specific orders from Wing Commanders down to every Airman. At the basic level, our tasks are fourfold:

1. AFSC proficiency.
2. Maintain medical readiness.
3. Complete and maintain BAR (Basic Airman Readiness).
4. Maintain a high level of physical fitness and be prepared for combat.

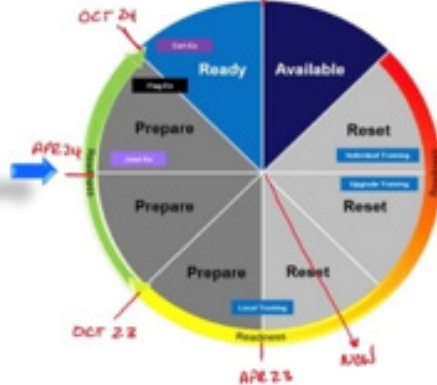
Everything we do must be at speed. I'm asking you to run fast and push yourself and your fellow Airmen. If you feel comfortable and are not sweating, push harder. We will enter our AFFORGEN "available" phase in April 2025. That's only 50 UTA days away. Every time you put on our nation's uniform, every day you are in status, we must execute smartly. We have 50 days. GET READY.

# AFRC AETF Model: Unit Lifecycle



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## AFRC AETF Model: Unit Lifecycle



**Available Phase**

- GFMAP deployed
- PTDO/Alerts
- Emergent crisis
- IRF first option

**Reset Phase**

- Resiliency, Reintegrate, Reconstitute, Recover
- Depot maintenance
- Individual/upgrade training
- Un-utilized force – IRF\*

**Ready Phase**

- Multi-Comp/Joint Ex
- Certification event
- Flag Ex
- IRF second option\*

**Prepare Phase**

- Unit training proficiency
- Single Service training
- Integrate trng w/partners
- Certification Event

25 LTAs REMAINING = 50 DAYS

**IC Force Generation (based on 1:3 M2D)**  
 Four 6-month phases  
 2-year battle rhythm based on 1:3 D2D

**AFRC Force Generation (based on 1:5 M2D)**  
 - Modeled after current 8 RCP construct IAW SecDef M2D guidance  
 - ACS: 6-month Available phase generates 4-year battle rhythm  
 - AVI: 3-month Available phase generates 2-year battle rhythm

\*Scalable Readiness: "Reset" most likely lower → "Ready" highest

**Builds Readiness for Available Phase – Complements Deliberate Planning Exercise (DPEX) plan**

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# Booster Club News




The booster club raised \$200 from Thunder ticket sales that will go toward our annual holiday party. Thank you to all who purchased tickets!

Here is your 2023 Booster Club Executive Council:

- President- MSgt Lauren Kelly
- Vice President- MSgt Liz Staff
- Secretary- MSgt Lisa McLean

Contact MSgt Lauren Kelly for more info.

# 513TH ACG AND TINKER AFB

## *Helping Resources*

**Alcohol/Drug Abuse  
Prevention & Treatment**  
405-582-6605

**Chaplain**  
507 ARW: 405-734-1912  
Tinker: 405-734-2111

**Civilian Employee Assistance  
Program**  
866-580-9078  
[www.afpc.af.mil/eap](http://www.afpc.af.mil/eap)

**Civilian Health Promotion  
Services**  
405-582-6817

**Command Post**  
507 ARW: 405-734-7641  
Tinker/ 552 ACW: 405-734-7313

**Discrimination Hotline**  
1-888-231-4058

**Equal Opportunity**  
507 ARW: 405-734-0367  
Tinker AFB: 405-739-7889

**Family Advocacy**  
405-582-6604

**Family Child Care**  
405-734-7190

**First Sergeant**  
513 AMXS: 405-734-2965  
513 MXS: 405-734-5415  
513 ACG/970 AACs/513 OSS:  
405-734-0873

**IG Inquires & Investigations:**  
405-734-4259

**Mental Health**  
405-582-6603

**Military and Family Readiness**  
507 ARW: 405-734-6278  
Tinker AFB: 405-739-2747

**Military OneSource**  
800-342-9647  
[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

**Security Forces Emergency  
Control Center**  
405-734-3737

\*If calling from the base, inform  
operator you are on base to be  
connected with Tinker 911.

**Sexual Assault  
Prevention & Response**  
24 Hour Hotline: 405-734-7272

**Sexual Harrassment Hotline**  
24 Hour Hotline: 405-256-2825

**Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**  
Call or Text 988

**Visitors Center**  
405-734-5191

# 10th AF vice commander visits Tinker reserve units



Tenth Air Force Vice Commander, Col. Allen Duckworth, takes a tour of the 35th Combat Communications Squadron and the 513th ACG at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, Jan. 7, 2023. Duckworth visited for an immersion tour to learn about the missions of the 10th AF Reserve units at Tinker Jan. 6-7, 2023. (U.S. Air Force photo by Chief Master Sgt. Alphonzo Glover)



## 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!

# Tactics outreach program builds key relationships

*Maj. Joseph Payne, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron Chief of Tactics*

The tactics outreach program is a combined effort of the 513th Operations Support Squadron/OSK Tactics and 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron Tactics offices generating joint training opportunities within the traditional 970th AACS sortie arc that provides small-scale unit-level training in preparation for large forces exercises and combat employment.

Here's a look at some of our recent events: In the fall of 2022, we traveled to Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Texas, to brief 10th Air Force on our initiative to place Battle Management Teams on Mobility Air Force assets. We also coordinated with the 457th Fighter Squadron to receive an in-depth tour and exhibit of their F-16 Block 30s. This was a great opportunity for our younger Air Battle Managers such as 2nd Lt. Eric Haley and Capt. Caleb Wanzer to gather valuable perspective from the fighter community. Each member observed the full mission planning process, and hands on instruction in the cockpit. The 457th FS AFE shop gave a great briefing on survival equipment. Lessons were collected on both sides as the fighters received a detailed demo from our E-3 Primary AWACS Display Desktop trainer from Lt. Col. Curtis Andersen showcasing the controller's aspect and abilities from our system of record.

Previously, our ABMs had the opportunity to visit the 31st Air Defense Artillery Patriot Unit at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. The Phased Array Tracking Radar to Intercept of Target (PATRIOT) SAM system protects ground forces and critical assets at all echelons from advanced aircraft, cruise missiles and tactical ballistic missiles. The purpose of this visit was to discuss joint training opportunities between AWACS and ADA assets based on comprehension of capabilities and Techniques Tactics and Procedures.

During our visit, Lt. Col. Andersen, 1st Lt. Kevin Raedy and 2nd Lt. Michael Lopez and I provided a software demonstration of our PAD and a Q&A session to

key attendees and several soldiers within the 31st ADA Battalion about our capabilities and our recent expeditionary role in Southwest Asia. There, the 31st ADA led the 970th AACS personnel on a tour of their simulation room and gave a demonstration of the PATRIOT weapons system scope while answering questions about coordinating with command and control during real-world employment.

In addition, there was detailed discussion about how the integrated kill chain works as well as mission operations from initialization to missile launch. Our ABMs were also given the opportunity to tour the 31st ADA Fire Control Station where they were conducting live pre-deployment spin-up training. The 970th AACS airmen were able to speak with an experienced ADAFCOs (Air Defense Artillery Fire Control Officer) about war time and exercise operations while touring their control station.

Lastly, the 970th AACS officers were able to view the radar, control station, Patriot Advanced Capability missile launchers and communications node in action. Overall, it was an informative experience and we hope to continue to build rapport with the 31st ADA with the intent of gaining interest from additional Army agencies within Ft. Sill in order to facilitate a greater understanding of joint operations between Patriot missile defense systems and C2.

Past visits have extended as far as Ft Riley, Kansas to review capabilities with AH-64 Apache helicopters, Fam flights and tours of the KC-46 Pegasus at McConnell AFB, Kansas, and Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, along with tours of the MC-12W assigned to the 137th Special Operations Wing, Will Rogers Air National Guard Base, Oklahoma. As we continue to pursue more opportunities in the near future, please feel free to contact or swing by Tactics for more information.



# DAF releases Military Parental Leave Program policy

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Department of the Air Force announced the expansion of the Military Parental Leave Program for Airmen and Guardians via guidance memorandum, which mirrors the Department of Defense's Directive-type Memorandum 23-001 – "Expansion of the Military Parental Leave Program."

Effective Dec. 27, 2022, the updated policy authorizes birth parents 12 weeks of parental leave following a provider-recommended period of convalescent leave and non-birth parents 12 weeks of leave following the birth of their child. The policy also grants adoptive parents and eligible foster parents 12 weeks of parental leave.

Previously, birth parents received six weeks of parental leave following their convalescent leave, and non-birth parents received 21 days.

The expansion is in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022. It also builds on the DoD's support of military families and service members by streamlining and enhancing the parental leave benefit for active and reserve component service members (on active duty for 12 months or more) who give birth, adopt a child or provide long-term foster care.

Members who were on maternity convalescent leave or caregiver leave on Dec. 27, 2022, before the new policy went into effect, will also receive the expanded benefit.

Both the birth and non-birth parents can take the leave administered in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in the DAFGM. The expansion of the MPLP, which applies to all eligible service members as of Dec. 27, 2022, takes precedence over previous DoD issuances and service regulations.

The DAFGM is located [here](#). Additional FAQs are located [here](#)

EXAMPLE 1. A service member adopted a child on Dec. 27, 2022. This member is eligible to take up to 12 weeks of non-chargeable leave in accordance with DAFGM2023-01 para 3.2.2.10.2.

EXAMPLE 2. A service member designated as the primary caregiver is granted 6 weeks of maternity convalescent leave following the birth of a child and uses only 3 of the 6 weeks as of Dec. 27, 2022. Since the member will have unused caregiver leave as of Dec. 27, 2022, they would be eligible to transition to the expanded parental

leave policy and take up to 12 weeks of non-chargeable leave after convalescent leave ends in accordance with DAFGM2023-01 para 3.2.2.10.2.

EXAMPLE 3. An Airman adopted a child on Nov. 25, 2022, then started secondary caregiver leave on Dec. 15, 2022. Since the Airman took leave in a consecutive increment from Dec. 15, 2022, to Dec. 26, 2022 (12 days), the remaining caregiver leave days automatically converted to 72 days on Dec. 27, 22 (84 days – 12 = 72 days) and can be taken in multiple increments of 7 days or more. The member must take the remaining 72 days by Nov. 24, 2023, or forfeit the leave.



EXAMPLE 4. A service member designated as a secondary caregiver uses 2 of the 3 weeks of caregiver leave as of Dec. 27, 2022. With the service member having unused caregiver leave as of Dec 27, 2022, they would be eligible to transition to the expanded parental leave policy and take up to 10 weeks of non-chargeable leave, as they previously took 2 weeks.

EXAMPLE 5. A service member designated as the primary caregiver uses 5 of the 6 weeks of caregiver leave as of Dec. 27, 2022. Since the service member has unused caregiver leave as of Dec. 27, 2022, they would be able to take 7 weeks of parental leave, for 5 weeks were previously taken.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



**Black History Month brunch to be held Feb. 9**

**TINKER AFB**

**Tuskegee Airmen Brunch  
&  
Static Display**

Breakfast  
provided  
by the  
Tinker AFB  
Chaplains

**9 February 2023  
Tinker Event Center  
0800 - 1030  
Static Display Dock 2  
1130 - 1330**

**Leadership  
Panel  
Fellowship  
Celebrating  
History**

Artist: SRA Spaulding

# Enlisted Promotions



*February*  
**PROMOTIONS**

 CHRISTIAN PANIAGUA, 513 AMXS

 MICHAEL DUTTON, 970 AACs  
BRENDAN MCMILLAN, 513 AMXS  
TRISHA POPE-COLEY, 513 MXS

 ELYA EVANS, 513 AMXS

 HALEY SHEARER, 513 ACG  
JESSIE MCDOWELL, 970 AACs

## Quarterly award winners



**Congratulations to our**  
**Quarterly Award Winners**  
4th Quarter, 2022

**AIRMAN OF THE QUARTER**  
SENIOR AIRMAN ALEXIS PERRY, 513 MXS

**NCO OF THE QUARTER**  
TECH. SGT. LELAND KNIGHT, 513 OSS

**SENIOR NCO OF THE QUARTER**  
MASTER SGT. REGINALD CURRY, 513 ACG



# Upcoming Events

## Tinker releases air show schedule; volunteers needed



### Air Show Scheduled Performers

US Navy Blue Angels  
Doc B-29  
Red Tail Squadron CAF Air Act  
Blastards Pyro Team  
Vietnam Reinactment  
Ladies For Liberty  
Kent Pietsch, Jelly Belly (Piper Cub)  
Adam Baker, Playful Air Shows (Extra 330)  
USAF Wings of Blue (Parachute Demonstration)  
Various warbirds TBA

### Air Show Volunteer opportunities available

Volunteers have the opportunity to see the show for free from the VIP Area and receive a free Volunteer T-Shirt, lunch, and beverages.

**For more info visit:**  
<https://tinkerairshow.org>

## Department of the Air Force recognizes National Mentoring Month








The Department of the Air Force will promote and cultivate a mentoring culture to show Airmen and Guardians how mentoring can help maximize their full potential in January 2023 following President Biden's proclamation on Dec. 30, 2022. The theme this year is: "Love your mentoring journey."

# 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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		<b>513TH ACG LEADERSHIP</b>
<b>513TH ACG HEADLINES</b>	<b>RABBIT TALES MAGAZINE</b>	
 Department of the Air Force releases policy on Military Parental Leave Program	 Fundraiser auction celebrates 24 years of bringing holiday spirit	<b>Commander Col. Jim Matthey</b>
 Medical technicians administer flu		



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