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RESERVISTS DELIVER DIVESTED AWACS TO
TO ARIZONA

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: Senior Master Sgt. Kim Robertson signs E-3 Sentry Aircraft 78-0576 July 13, 2023, after delivering the divested aircraft to the Boneyard at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. (US Air Force courtesy photo)

Tinker Air Show held July 1-2



Tinker AFB held its first air show in 4 years July 1-2, 2023. The Tinker Air Show is open to the public and admission is free. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels headlined the show this year. The Tinker Air Show is back after four years giving Oklahomans another reason to celebrate ahead of the Fourth of July holiday. The show was so popular after only a few hours after opening the gates the Air Force Base announced they were at capacity. Although gates closed earlier than expected, that did not stop people from enjoying the fun. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

U.S. Navy F/A-18 Hornets with U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, fly in formation during a practice for the Tinker Air Show at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. on June 30, 2023. The Blue Angels showcase the teamwork and professionalism of the United States Navy and Marine Corps. (U.S. Air Force photo by William R. Lewis)



A young air show spectator enjoys the E-3 Sentry static display aircraft during the Tinker Air Show Tinker Air Show at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma on July 2, 2023. The theme for this year's show is "STEM Takes Flight," highlighting the science, technology, engineering and mathematics that make human flight possible. (U.S. Air Force photo by William R. Lewis)

Site Activation Task Force visit July 14-15

The Site Activation Task Force visits the group July 14-15 at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, to assist with the recent changes to the unit's manning levels. Due to the divestiture of AWACS aircraft, personnel manning must be adjusted.

Subject matter experts are on hand to answer questions about how these upcoming changes will affect our Reservists.

Representatives from 10th Air Force, AFRC, 507th Force Support Squadron and recruiting are available to discuss future plans and options for furthering careers for our Reservists.



Thomas Elmore, 10th AF/A5, Maj. James Walters, 10th AF executive officer, Al Tolbert, AFRC/A1 civilian personnel/SATAF program manager and Brian Cardinali, AFRC/A8W, take a tour of the 513 ACG campus July 14, 2023, led by Maj. Dicky Guerrero.



Maintainers celebrate Father's Day with Veterans in Norman

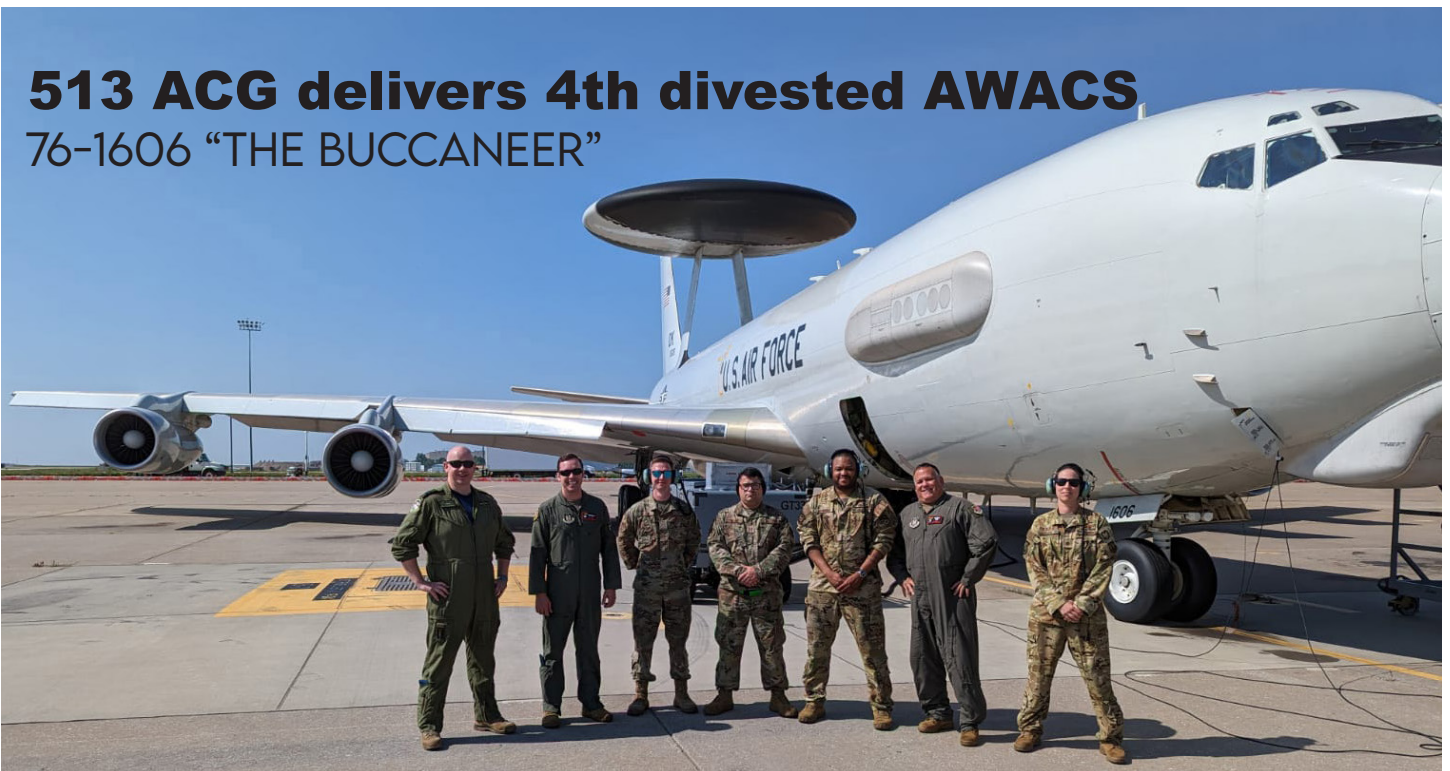
A group of 513th Maintenance Squadron Airmen spent time with Veterans at the Norman Veterans Center for a Father's Day cookout June 16, 2023. Everyone enjoyed great food, lots of stories and laughs, but most importantly families were able to make wonderful memories of celebrating with their veteran!



Check out the Norman Veteran's Center Facebook page to get involved in volunteer opportunities: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068441133207>

513 ACG delivers 4th divested AWACS

76-1606 “THE BUCCANEER”



Farewell 1606! Officially retired June 8, 2023, the team snaps a photo with the aircraft at the Boneyard in Arizona. 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Ryan Green, piloted the aircraft 76-1606 and delivered her to her new home.



An E-3 Sentry aircraft, #76-1606, “The Buccaneer”, departs Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, June 8, 2023, headed for the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. This is the fourth AWACS planned to be divested this year. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)

Fifth divested AWACS departs for Boneyard

71-1408 “ARGENTINE PESO”

Farewell, number 5!

The fifth AWACS selected for divestment, tail number 71-1408, departs Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, June 16, 2023.

Aircraft 1408 was the oldest flying E-3 up until her retirement and was dubbed “Argentine Peso.” (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo by Luke Weigel)



Sixth divested AWACS heads to AMARG

75-0559 “RAINMAKER”

The sixth AWACS selected for divestment, tail number 75-0559, departs July 6, 2023, from Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, bound for the AMARG at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. The aircraft was nicknamed “Rainmaker” and marks the halfway point for the planned E-3 Sentry divestments in FY23.



Two members of the 513th Air Control Group flew the jet to the Boneyard, Lt. Col. Stephen Williams, pilot with the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron and Tech. Sgt. Karlton Wamble, 970th AACS Airborne Radio Operator at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photos by Luke Weigel)

Seventh aircraft divested and sent to AMARG

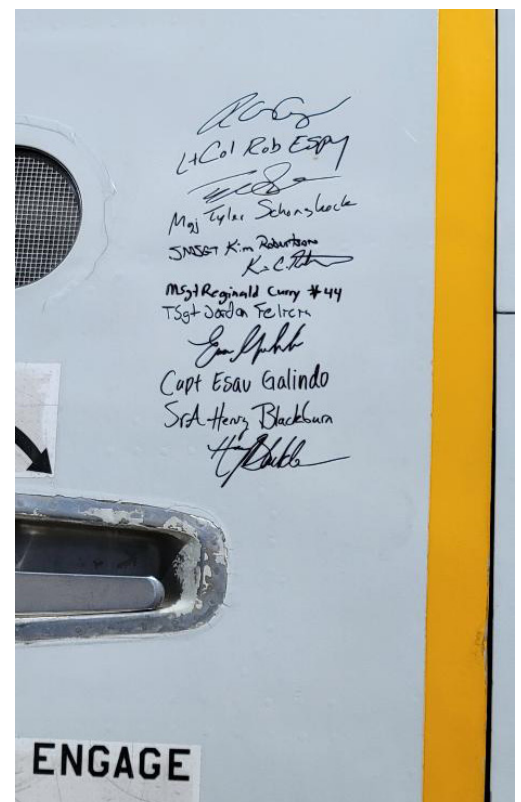
78-0576 “FATBOY”



Aircraft 78-0576 “Fat Boy” departs Tinker July 13, 2023, and heads to the boneyard for divestment from the fleet. This marks the seventh aircraft of 13 that will be divested from the fleet in FY23. Twelve E-3 Sentry aircraft will rest at the AMARG at Davis Monthan AFB, AZ, and one will remain on base as a static display. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo by Rob Stephens)



Three members of the 513th Air Control Group flew the bird to her final destination: Lt. Col. Robert Espy, 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron pilot, Flight Engineer, Senior Master Sgt. Kim Robertson 513th Air Control Group and Airborne Radio Operator, Master Sgt. Reginald Curry, 513th Air Control Group.



A group of signatures on the crew entry door.
(U.S. Air Force courtesy photos)

1st Sgt. applicants wanted; suspense Aug. 5

Please get the word out that we are holding First Sergeant interviews in September, for potential openings this year. Requirements and the application are in the email from Master Sgt. Lindsay Newton, suspense is 5 August 2023. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your First Sergeant!

Why apply to be a 1st Sgt?

Looking for an exciting opportunity, new challenge, ready to step out of your comfort zone? The 507th ARW is looking for highly motivated leaders that are ready to take their career to the next level. First Sergeants are placed in squadrons across the wing, outside their career fields, work directly with Command staff and at the tip of the spear supporting our airmen. If you are up for the challenge, fill out the application package and we'll see you in September for your interview!



Requirements at a glance:

4 week in residence course Maxwell AFB (1 year from selection to attend)
48 month retainability to attend Academy
MSgt or TSgt immediately eligible for Master Sergeant or with 3 years TIG
See your immediate First Sergeant for more details or questions

Reach out to SMSgt Scoles for help or 513th POC MSgt Lindsay Newton, 513th OSS First Sgt.

Booster Club News



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

SILENT AUCTION July 14- Aug 7

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!

Booster Club Garage Sale donations needed; Silent Auction link goes live

*DONATIONS WANTED
FOR THE BOOSTER CLUB*



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

*WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS JULY AND AUGUST UTA's
AND THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.*

CONTACT DAN GIBB OR LAUREN KELLY TO DONATE!

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



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!*



CCAF is open for business

Air University and the Community College of the Air Force have regained the ability to review degree progress and graduate students, launching the new AU Student Information System, June 20, 2023.

The system will enable CCAF to dramatically improve operations and response times for graduating students; however, the SIS is not yet completely automated and currently requires a manual process to ensure 100% accuracy.

“In July, we expect automated processes to assess and graduate students and plans are in place to quickly eliminate the backlog of student records and requests for documentation,” Lt. Gen. Andrea Tullos, AU commander and president said.



“The pending enhancements will enable CCAF to dramatically improve academic operations and reduce response times to graduate students and provide transcripts.”

Additionally, installation education offices have regained the ability to review student records to provide advice and will receive continuous training and additional support to gain competence and confidence in the new system.

As the AU SIS comes online, students should start to see their updated degree program report and be able to apply for graduation. Updated transcripts will become available as information begins to flow from the Military Personnel Data System.

“It may take a few weeks for MilPDS information to update,” Col. Anthony Babcock, Barnes Center for Enlisted Education commander, said. “A lot of students have been waiting to graduate, and a lot of records need updating.”

The migration of CCAF data to the AU SIS began on Sept. 28, 2022. More than 260,000 active student records transferred to the new system.

Students can access the new system at <https://aueems.cce.af.mil/sap/bc/ui2/flp/#Shell-home>

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.

ACG says farewell to Deputy Commander for Maintenance

Farewell to Lt. Col. James “Chevy” Chevalier, 513th ACG Deputy Commander for Maintenance.
You will be missed!



Col. Jim Matthey, 513th Air Control Group commander, says a few words about Lt. Col. James “Chevy” Chevalier June 10, 2023, during a farewell party for the DCM.



Col. Jim Matthey, 513th Air Control Group commander, presents Lt. Col. James “Chevy” Chevalier with a farewell gift June 10, 2023 at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



Lt. Col. Carol Stanley, 513th Maintenance Squadron commander and Chief Master Sgt. Robert Harding, 513th AMXS SEL present “Chevy” with a farewell gift June 10, 2023.

Enlisted Promotions

July PROMOTIONS



NICHOLAS PETERSEN, 970 AACs



DALLAS SMITH, 513 AMXS



Upcoming Events and Announcements

Commanders call to be held July 16

Join us for the ACG CC call with Col. Jim Matthey at 1500 in Fannin Hall.

ACG Holiday Party to be held Dec. 2

Our annual holiday party will be held at the Sheraton OKC Downtown. Early bird tickets on sale now!

Resiliency resources available to all Airmen

Visit <https://www.resilience.af.mil> for a variety of helpful tools to ensure Airmen, Guardians and families reach their full potential.

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

Citizen Airman Magazine available online

Visit [https://www.afrc.af.mil.citizen-air-man/](https://www.afrc.af.mil.citizen-airman/) to check out the latest issue of AFRC's magazine.

Enlisted Development application window open; **Deadline July 17**

The AY24 Air Force Reserve Enlisted Developmental Education Board (EDEB) will convene 5-8 September 2023 at the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Buckley Space Force Base, CO. As of 0800 MT, 31 March 2023, the Invitation to Apply, Applicant How to Guide, and Developmental Education FAQs are available in MyVector and the Air Reserve Personnel Center's Force Development page.

Applicants must submit a nomination package by the applicant deadline 17 July 2023. Applicants are urged to check with their units for local deadlines. For more information or questions please email the ARPC/ DPAF EDEB org box at arpc.dpaf.edeb@us.af.mil. If you encounter problems while coordinating the application, please submit a MyVector Support Ticket using the 'Help' tab in the upper right –hand corner.

The invitation is on the SNCO channel under the 513 ACG All Team on Teams.

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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Col. [Name]



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