

# RABBIT TALES



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP  
MAY 2023



**AWACS PILOT  
TAKES FINAL  
FLIGHT ON E-3**

**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: Maj. Dennis Schmidt, evaluator pilot with the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, takes his final flight April 3, 2023 at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma (US. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Lauren Kelly)*



# Vice Commander's Commentary

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

## Make Every Minute Count!

Welcome back Team 513 th ! Thank you for being here and for your continued commitment to our unit and our mission. We have a packed weekend ahead of us full of training, exercise preparation, camaraderie, and family fun, so let's make every minute count!

Saturday morning, we will kick off the weekend with a coffee & donut social and Key Spouse Program information session for ALL spouses, significant others, and loved ones interested in learning more about this important program and role. Please invite your spouses to join us from 8:30-9:15 in the Heritage Room on Saturday morning. Following the social, at 0930 is Commander's Call in Fannin Hall.

Please join us in acknowledging some of our recent 513 th star performers and quarterly award winners. This year's Family Day is combined with our partners at the 507 th Air Refueling Wing. Our 513 th AirControl Group team of volunteers led by SrA Derek Gibb have helped plan an incredible event with static displays, a car show, food trucks, hamburgers & hot dogs, bounce houses, and a live band. The booster clubs also have fundraising events where you can send your favorite comrade to "Jail," throw a few balls at Col Matthey in the dunk tank or nominate Chief Glover to sing karaoke. The event is Saturday from 1100-1500 in the 507 th Hangar and all 513 th members and their families are invited to attend. Our

flight and simulator training this month is focused on Red Flag-Alaska exercise preparation. Our crews, maintainers, and support personnel are working hard to spin-up for the scenario and complete the PACAF reporting requirements. Thank you to the team of lead planners: Lt Col Adam Williams, Maj

Joseph Payne, Capt Josh Culver, Capt Andy Cole and MSgt Fillmore for their flexibility and dedication the past couple of months—I know there have been A LOT of changes!

As a group, we will focus our training and attention to the SECAF and HQ AFRC-directed review and assessment of Department of Defense Information Security procedures. Recently, a member of the Massachusetts Air National Guard was arrested in connection with the leaking of highly classified military documents. SECAF has directed training on DoD Security Standards and the assessment and validation of our unit's security processes. Please ensure compliance with this directive before you depart this weekend. More information will be provided at the 513 ACG Commander's Call and from your squadron leadership.

I am exhausted thinking about everything we have ahead of us this weekend, but I can't wait to see you, your families, significant others, and loved ones on Saturday at Family Day. I look forward to the training and camaraderie we have planned over these short two days – make every minute count!

## Around the group

Celebrating career milestones! Congratulations to the new Chiefs in the 513 ACG: Chief Hoskins, Chief Powell, and Chief Warner (not pictured.) Thank you and your family for your continued service and sacrifices in defense of our nation, our families, and our way of life!



Congrats to our newest 970th AACS Basic Airborne Mission Systems Operator and Distinguished Honor-graduate with a 99% Average, Senior Airman Kathleen Button!! Senior Master Sgt. Victor Zavala, a fellow 1A3 from the 970th AACS participated in the graduation ceremony. Well done!

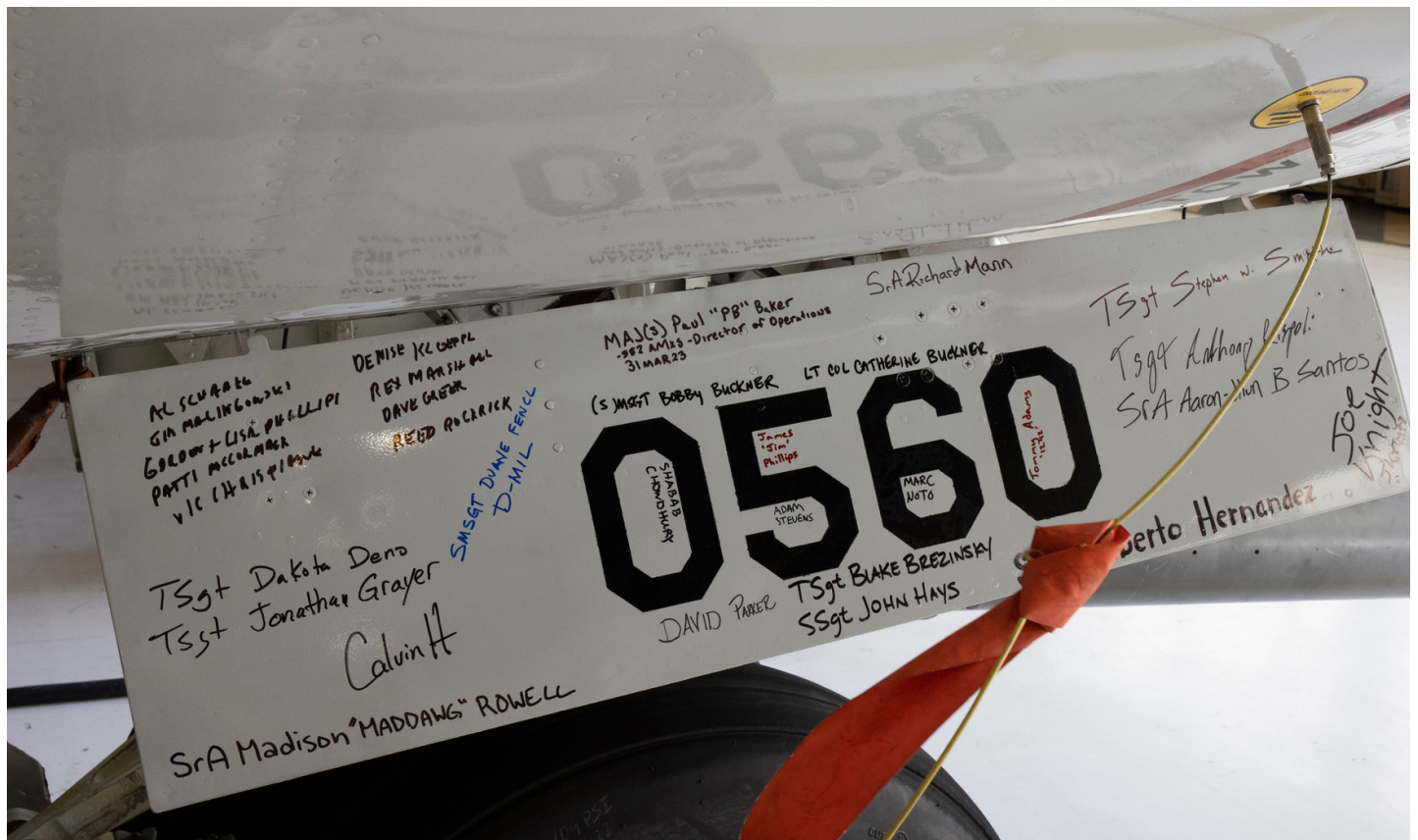




# First divested AWACS heads to the Boneyard



An E-3 Sentry aircraft, #75-0560, pauses in front of Base Operations at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, April 6, 2023, prior to departing for the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. This is the first of 13 Sentry aircraft that are planned to be divested this year. (U.S. Air Force photo by Paul Shirk)



The right side nose landing gear door of E-3 Sentry #75-0560 bears the names of current and former 552nd Air Control Wing members after a divestment signing event at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, March 31, 2023. This E-3 Sentry is the first aircraft to be divested. (U.S. Air Force photo by Paul Shirk)

# Key spouse volunteers needed

The 513th ACG is looking for a few spouses, family members or friends to volunteer to be a part of the 513 ACG Key Spouse Program!

## Why is The Key Spouse Program Important?

- . Promotes individual, family, and unit readiness
- . Establishes continuous contact with spouses/families
- . Encourages peer-to-peer wingman support
- . Provides family links to leadership
- . Strengthens the leadership support team
- . Vital to building strong AF communities



## Duties include:

- . Initial training with Military Family Resource Center
- . Meets with CC to establish expectations
- . Creates KSP implementation strategy according to CC program goals
- . Completes and signs a Department of Defense (DD) Form 2793
- . Recruits and encourages new unit spouses to attend Heart Link
- . Attends continuing education trainings to remain current on resources and installation trends

Contact your First Sergeant or SEL know if you have someone interested, and we can get them on board.

POC: MSgt Lindsay Newton, 513th OSS First Sgt.

## Booster Club News



### SILENT AUCTION COMING!

#### GARAGE SALE:

Please consider donating items to our garage sale. All proceeds will go toward our annual holiday party.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FAMILY DAY MAY 6:

Please consider volunteering for a shift to sell booster club refreshments and swag at the 507 ARW/513 All-Star Family Day!

2023 Booster Club POC:

MSgt Lauren Kelly

**SAVE THE DATE!**

ACG HOLIDAY PARTY

SAT., DEC. 2

SHERATON DOWNTOWN OKC  
TICKETS ON SALE SOON!



## E-3 Sentry evaluator pilot takes final flight



Congratulations to Maj. Dennis Schmidt, E-3 evaluator pilot with the 970th Airborne Air Control Squadron, on his final flight April 2, 2023, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.



## All-Star Family Day info

JOIN US  
FOR THE  
507 ARW & 513 ACG



LIVE MUSIC - STATICS- FOOD TRUCKS  
HELPING AGENCIES - GAMES  
FAMILY FUN



MAY 6, 2023  
BEGINS AT 11 AM - HANGAR 1030



# Event Map, Food Trucks and Vendors



## FOOD TRUCKS

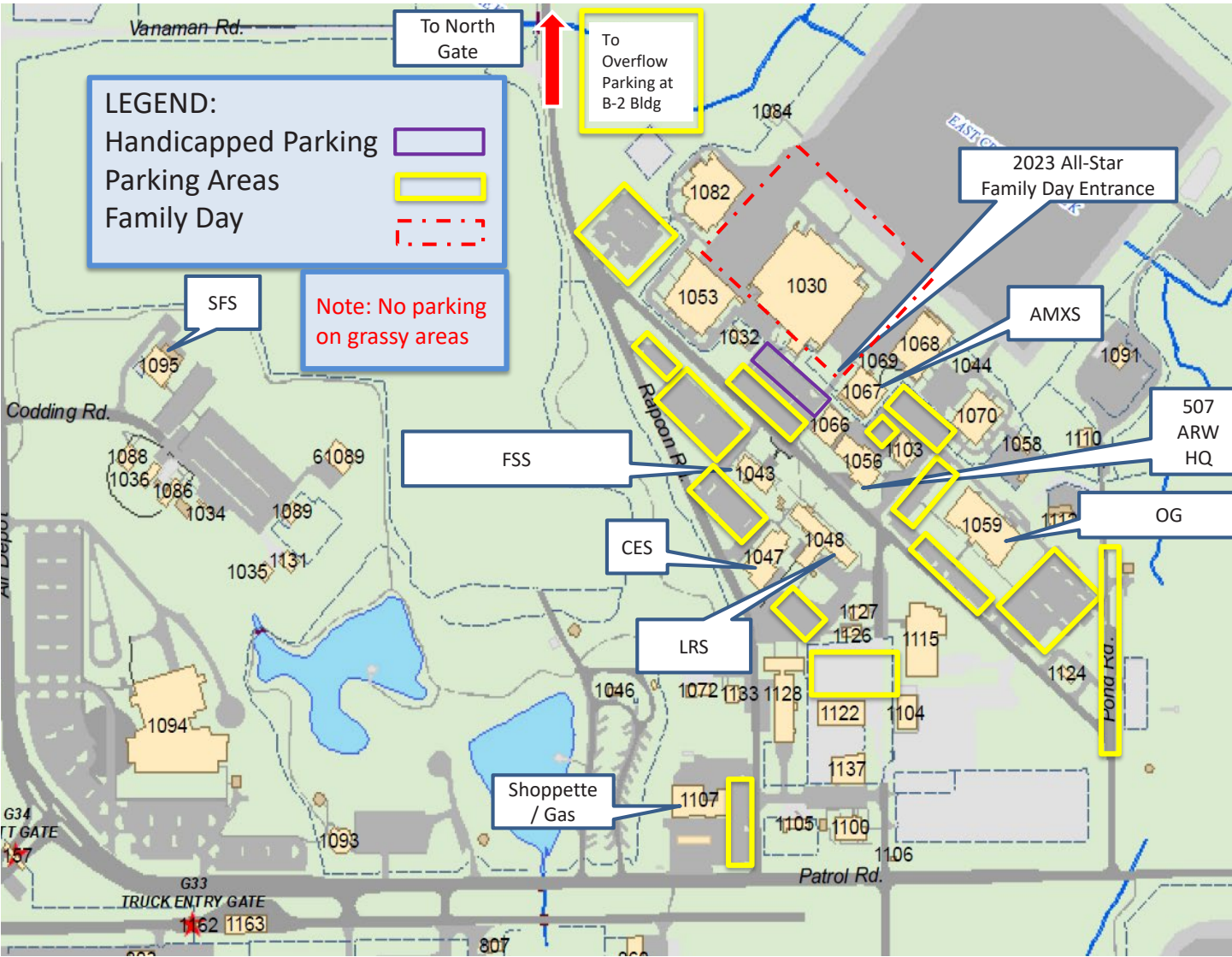
1. Smokey Ray's BBQ
2. Psycho Taco (Tacos, Street corn and Queso)
3. Don's Wing Wagon (Fried wings and Fries)
4. That Lunch Truck (Quesadillas, Fried Pickles)
5. Willie Mae's (Catfish, porkchops, greens/beans)
6. Some Like it Tot (Shrimp etouffee, pork, on tots)
7. Afonso's (BBQ, Nachos, Fried Bologna)

## HELPING AGENCIES AND VENDORS

- |                                    |                                   |                               |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Exceptional Family Member Prog. | 6. Helping Agencies/Mental Health | 11. Darby Perrin Aviation Art | 16. EAP                     |
| 2. SARC                            | 7. IPRO                           | 12. Chief's Group             | 17. MFLC                    |
| 3. Health Promotion                | 8. 1st Command Financial Services | 13. Rising 6 - Door Prizes    | 18. Tinker School Liaison   |
| 4. Military One Source             | 9. DDR                            | 14. Top 3                     | 19. Cohen Veterans Network  |
| 5. DEIA                            | 10. US Marines Recruiting         | 15. Key Spouses               | 20. Comm. Child Care Coord. |



# Parking Map





# Family Day Fun

## Family Day Fun



**507th Security Forces will  
'arrest' your suspect, and take  
them to the jail cell in the  
middle of Hangar 1030**

**1\$ per minute (Maximum of 5 mins)**

**Suspects can buy out their remaining  
sentence for 1\$ per minute**

**Visit the Security Forces table by the jail  
cell to purchase your arrest warrant.**

**Venmo / Cash Accepted**



### DUNK TANK



**1\$ Per Ball or 7 Balls for 5\$  
Venmo / Cash Accepted**

#### Line Up

1200 - Col Matthey - 513 ACG/CC  
1220 Col Schorr - 513 ACG/CV  
1240 - CMSgt Glover - 513 ACG/CCC  
1300 - CMSgt Wiseman - 507 ARW/CCC  
1320 Col Ghormley - 507 ARW/CV  
1340 - Col Parks - 507 ARW/CC

### KARAOKE SHOW-DOWN

**Vote for anyone to sing to the  
entire hangar.**

**3 Lucky Contestants**

**YOU CHOOSE WHO & WHAT SONG**



**Vote / Pay Via the Links Below  
1\$ Per Vote**

**Vote**

**Pay**



## Enlisted Promotions



# SUNDAY FAMILY FUNDAY!

**When: 5/7/2023 1130-1600**

**Where: General Hill Conference  
Center**

**ACTIVITIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR ADULTS &  
CHILDREN AFTER CHECK OUT FROM YOUR  
HOTEL!**



## Upcoming Events (continued)

# July 1-2, 2023

Featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels

**For more info visit:**

<https://tinkerairshow.org>



### 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

### 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](mailto: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.

## 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)

13th Air Control Group (ACC)  
513th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
513th Maintenance Squadron  
513th Operations Support Squadron  
970th Airborne Air Control Squadron



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