

RABBIT TALES



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 513TH AIR CONTROL GROUP
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**TEAM TINKER STARS AT OKC DODGERS
SALUTE TO ARMED FORCES GAME**

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: Col. Jim Matthey, 513th Air Control Group commander, pilots the AWACS golf cart at the OKC Dodgers Salute to Armed Forces game June 2, 2023, at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City. (US Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Lauren Kelly)

Team Tinker stars at the OKC Dodgers Salute to Armed Forces game

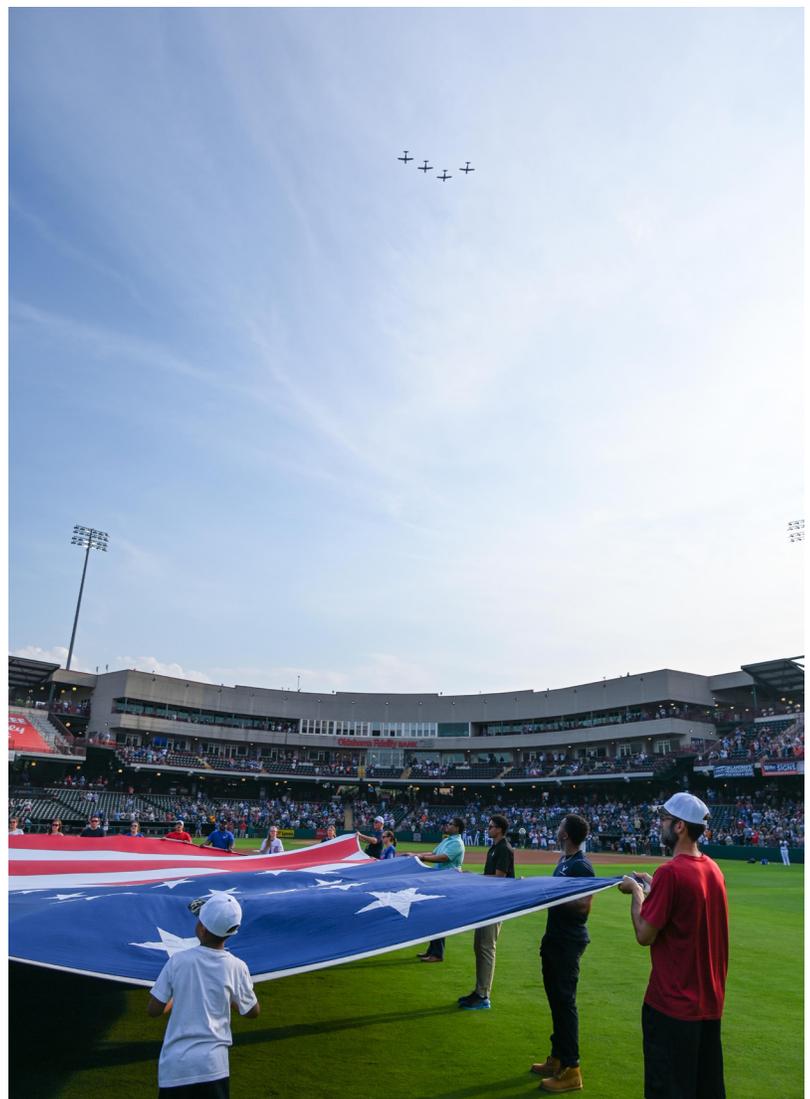


Current and former local military personnel and their families celebrated during the Salute to Armed Forces Night at the Oklahoma City Dodgers' home series against the Reno Aces at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.

Col. Tom Giles, 72nd Air Base Wing vice commander, threw out the first pitch and addressed the crowd, 513th ACG commander Col. Jim Matthey drove the E-3 Sentry golf cart and Col. Michael Parks, 507 ARW commander, drove the KC-135 Stratocart before the game began.



Team Tinker stars at OKC Dodgers (continued)

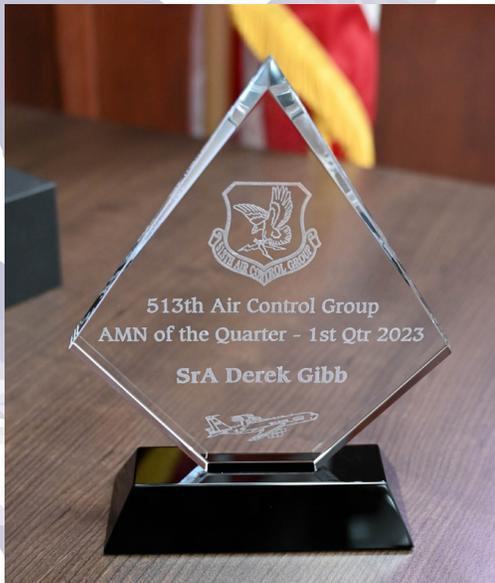


ACG 1st Quarterly Award winners announced

Congratulations to our first quarter award winners, announced May 6, 2023, at Fannin Hall and presented by Col. Jim Matthey, 513th ACG commander. The 513th ACG's awards program recognizes individuals who excelled in performance and exemplified the qualities that best achieve mission success in the following areas: Executing the Mission, Leading People, Managing Resources, and Improving the Unit.

Airman of the Quarter

SENIOR AIRMAN DEREK GIBB



NCO of the Quarter

TECH. SGT. CHRISTINA GRAHAM



SNCO of the Quarter

MASTER SGT. TRICIA TOLLIVER



Congratulations to our winners!

Star Performers



Master Sgt. Robert Bell, 513th MXS



Tech. Sgt. Jorge Garza, 513th AMXS



Senior Airman Dylan Harmon, 513th MXS
Senior Airman Julian Marcoviche, 513th MXS

Congratulations to Lt. Col. James Chevalier, 513th Deputy Commander for Maintenance, on being awarded the Legion of Merit for his outstanding performance.



Master Sgt. Lauren Kelly, 513 ACG
Senior Master Sgt. Dan Gibb, 513th OSS
Senior Airman Derek Gibb, 970th AACs

Fourth divested AWACS heads to the Boneyard



An E-3 Sentry aircraft, #76-1606, departs Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, June 8, 2023, prior to departing for the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. This is the fourth of 13 Sentry aircraft that are planned to be divested this year. (U.S. Air Force courtesy photo)



“While some may see the divestment as the end of an era, the retirement of this aircraft marks the beginning of modernization for the 552nd,” said Col. Keven Coyle, 552nd ACW commander. “Despite a fleet reduction the mission will remain the same, providing world-wide management as well as command and control operations as required.”



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 AT FAMILY DAY

Thank you to all for 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!

OSS Chief of Integration, Plans and Programs retires after more than 35 years of service

Congratulations to Lt. Col. William “Dell” Robertson, on his retirement after more than 35 years of reserve and active-duty service. Since 2019, Robertson served as the Chief of Integration, Plans and Programs, 513th Operations

Support Squadron. Across his career, he amassed more than 5,000 flight hours as a master air battle manager on both the E-3 B/C/G and E-737 aircraft. Thank you for your service Lt. Col Robertson. You will be missed!



All-Star Family Day 2023 a success



The 507th Air Refueling Wing and the 513th Air Control Group joined forces this year to bring both Reserve units together for an All-Star Family Day May 6, 2023, in Hangar 1030.

Each year, the 507th ARW hosts Family Day and invites families and friends out to the wing to enjoy a half-day of fun, family activities and static aircraft and vehicle displays, as well as helping agency information.

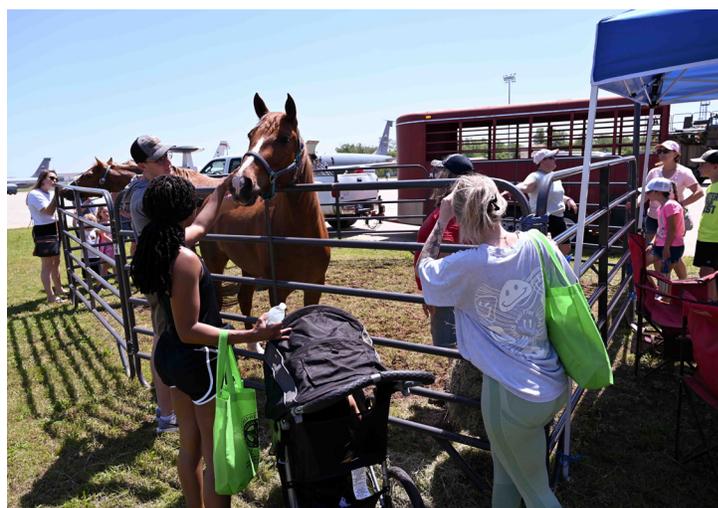


All-Star Family Day 2023 (continued)

The 513th ACG Booster Club raised over \$1,300 at the Family Day event, thanks to the help from the following members:

Senior Airman Derek Gibb
Senior Master Sgt. Dan Gibb
Master Sgt. Lauren Kelly
Tech. Sgt. Brooks Keesee
Staff Sgt. Alexis Perry
Staff Sgt. Ashleigh Bashor
Tech. Sgt. Jorge Garza
Master Sgt. Renee Witten
Capt. Ty Farrell
Capt. Sarrah Williams
Senior Airman Blade Tolley

Thank you all for your support of the 513 ACG Booster Club! We are looking forward to planning next year's event!



Free attraction tickets given to blood donors June 11

Life is Better
with blood donors



507th ARW & 513 ACG Blood Drive

Sunday, June 11

8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Look for the Bloodmobile!

For more information, contact
Andrea Williams at
andrea.williams.3@us.af.mil.

To make an appointment:

- ◆ scan QR code
- ◆ enter sponsor code **MD12**
- ◆ enter drive date
- ◆ click the search button.



Each donor receives a vintage
Life is Better T-shirt* and their
choice of free entry to **Science
Museum Oklahoma, Frontier City
or Hurricane Harbor!**



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While supplies last. Photo ID required.

Enlisted Promotions



June PROMOTIONS



RILEY MANNING, 513 AMXS



BROOKS KEESEE, 513 OSS
NICHOLAS LUCAS, 970 AACs



TORRENCE POE, 513 MXS

Upcoming Events

Diversity and Inclusion training to be held June 11

Sunday June 11
@1000
Hill Conference Center

ACG Holiday Party to be held Dec. 2

Our annual holiday party will be held at the Downtown Sheraton OKC Conference Center, tickets will go on sale July drill!



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

Registration now open for the Joint Women's Leadership Symposium June 29- July 1

See gov. email for more info

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.

TAFB Juneteenth Celebration to be held June 15 at Golf Course; Free event for all



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)



513th Air Control Group



LEADERSHIP



Commander
Col. Jim Matta



513TH ACG HEADLINES



513th ACG June Enlisted Promotions

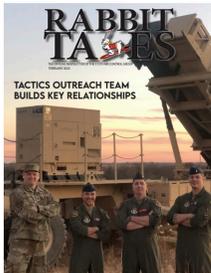


513th Air Control Group May Enlisted Promotions



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

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