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[Thousands gather for return of 2023 Tinker Air Show](#)

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

[Tinker welcomes first Catholic active duty chaplain in nearly a decade](#)

For the first time in nearly a decade, an active duty Catholic priest is serving Tinker Air Force Base civilians and active duty members. Chaplain (Capt.) Roberto Padilla joined the Tinker Chapel July 26. Padilla, originally from Colombia, was ordained 13 years ago at the Catholic Diocese of Trenton

[ALCM summer training program prepares students for career opportunities](#)

More than 20 students learned about the day-to-day challenges Airmen face by working through real-world scenarios during the 2023 Air-Launched Cruise Missile Summer Training Program, held in two June sessions at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

[AFMC Spark Tank open through Aug. 27](#)

Air Force Materiel Command uniformed and civilian Airmen and Guardians are invited to submit their game-changing ideas now to compete in the AFMC Spark Tank: Integrated Capabilities Challenge, with the submission window open through Aug. 27.

[Building the 'Sandcastle': 76 CMXG starts sand casting aluminum parts](#)

The 76th Commodities Maintenance Group and Reverse Engineering and Critical Tooling (REACT) Lab at

Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, have added the capability to sand cast aluminum parts in-house. By 3D printing casting molds from sand, aluminum parts weighing up to 120 pounds can be cast in its

Base Defense Squadron Airmen adapt to change during Exercise AGILE BLIZZARD UNIFIED VISION

Nine 824th Base Defense Squadron (BDS) Airmen from Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, jumped out of a 910th Airlift Wing C-130 Hercules in true representation of Agile Combat Employment (ACE) during Exercise AGILE BLIZZARD-UNIFIED VISION, June 13.

Tinker Reservists support exercise aerial spray mission

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Zachary Walker, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron senior air reserve technician, and Staff Sgt. Brian Reeves, 72nd APS passenger service representative, drive forklifts on the flight line at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, June 21, 2023. The six aerial port members

72nd ABW holds change of command ceremony

The 72nd Air Base Wing held a change of command ceremony July 17, 2023. Col G. Hall Sebren, Jr. relinquished command to Col. Abigail L.W. Ruscetta in a ceremony presided by Lt. Gen. Stacey T. Hawkins, Air Force Sustainment Center commander.

Exercise AGILE BLIZZARD UNIFIED VISION executes Agile Combat Employment

"After decades of near-continuous combat operations, we must align Air Force processes and force presentation to better support readiness, the generation of combat power, and warfighting," said Gen. Charles "CQ" Brown, Air Force Chief of Staff.

EX ABUV brings XCOMM, interoperability to Canada

From June 9-22, 55 Airmen, contractors and civilians, from bases around the world operated out of only two deployment tents in Canada. With a small contingent of Airmen, the 55th Wing set up a main operating base performing communications, logistics and command & control in a semi-austere location

507th ARW August Enlisted Promotions

824th Base Defense Squadron C-130 drop during Exercise AGILE BLIZZARD-UNIFIED VISION

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dakota Lesak, 824th Base Defense Squadron jump safety lead, drops out of a 910th Airlift Wing C-130 Hercules, June 13, 2023, at Clinton Sherman Airport, Oklahoma. Lesak ensured the other eight 824th BDS members dropped safely, then he followed to support in securing the

Team Tinker stars at OKC Dodgers Salute to Armed Forces game

Current and former local military personnel and their families celebrated during the Salute to Armed Forces Night June 2, 2023, 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

IDLC 23: Defender cadre certified on claymores

Senior Airman Brianna Clay, an Integrated Defense Leadership Course cadre member assigned to the 349th Security Forces Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, California, prepares a practice claymore during a training exercise on May 31, 2023, at Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center, Ohio.

Family Day fun for all Reservists

Tinker's Air Force Reserve family, the 507th Air Refueling Wing and the 513th Air Control Group, join forces 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

2022 Annual Award Winners announced May 6

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. -- The 507th Air Refueling Wing here announced the winners of the 2022 507th ARW Annual Awards at the annual awards celebration May 6, 2023.

Exercise AGILE BLIZZARD-UNIFIED VISION kicks off at Tinker AFB

Approximately 150 Airmen from 31 units repositioned to Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma to further develop multiple Air Combat Command's capabilities via Exercise AGILE BLIZZARD-UNIFIED VISION.

UPCOMING EVENTS

507 ARW Assumption of Command to be held Aug 5

Col. Matthew Ghormley will assume command of the wing Aug. 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Hangar 1030.

507 ARW Enlisted All Call to be held Aug 5

All Enlisted should be in place at the **BASE THEATER** Aug. 5 NLT 1415.

507 MSG Assumption of Command to be held Aug 6

Col Kelly Quidley will assume command of the 507th Mission Support Group Aug. 6 at 8 a.m. in Hangar 1030.

Rising 6 Kickball Tournament

Sept 9 – 1630 – Tinker Softball Field

- 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>

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NOTEWORTHY UPDATES

TINKER TRAFFIC ADVISORY!

A portion of Tailfeather Drive will be closed from Aug. 7 to Dec. 2023.

The parking lot at the southwest corner of Bldg. 9201 will be accessible during the construction.

To see other construction projects, visit <https://www.tinker.af.mil/Home/Traffic-Weather-Construction-Info/>

Dress and Appearance Changes!

As of April 1, 2023

- CDCs are No-Salute zones
- Cold weather headbands authorized
- Four operational badges authorized above USAF tape

See <https://www.airandspaceforces.com/air-force-uniform-regulations-purses-beards/> for all AFI 36-2903 changes

Express III Shoppette open on UTA weekends!

0630 to 1730 – Beginning May 13th the Express III Shoppette down the street from 507th ARW HQ will be open for the remaining drill weekends of FY23.

Chapel services available on UTA Sundays

Event: Chapel Service **Date:** Sunday UTA **Time:** 0715-0745, **Location:** Bldg 1094, 72nd MDG, Heritage Hall in the basement

Event: Chapel Service **Date:** Sunday UTA **Time:** 0730-0800 **Location:** 72nd APS Conference Rm.

Event: Bible Study **Date:** Sunday UTA **Time:** 0800 – 0830, **Location:** Bldg 1048, 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Conference Room.

Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

Contact Tech. Sgt. Nicaela Garcia for more information about upcoming events at nicaela.garcia@us.af.mil

If you would like to submit information or photos to the On-final, email us at 507arw.pa2@us.af.mil