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AWA & AFW ANNUAL AWARDS

Each spring, the U.S. Air Force Director of Weather announces the winners of the Air Force Weather (AFW) Annual Awards for the previous calendar year. That announcement of the 2009 AFW Awards is in the message below. The Air Weather Association (AWA) also provides special recognition to the individual award winners. These are honored with the AWA John and Barbara Collens Award for being *the best of the best*.

Major General (Ret) John W. Collens III, the 15th Commander of the Air Weather Service, formally founded the AWA in 1987. He and his wife Barbara led the association to many successes including supporting fund raising efforts for individual and group causes (caring for our own), organizing AWA reunions every two years and growing the membership. They accomplished this all in the spirit of "Serving the Present – Remembering the Past – Air Force Weather". General Collens retired from the AWA Board of Directors at the end of 1994. To remember and honor the great unselfish work of both he and his wife, the annual AWA Awards to Outstanding Air Force Weather personnel were named the AWA John and Barbara Collens Awards.

The five AFW Awards to the outstanding airman, NCO, SNCO, company grade officer and civilian were expanded to 15 in 2006 to cover battlefield, staff and operational weather categories. The awards were also expanded over the last few years to include more Air Reserve Component categories as the Air Force Reserves and Air National Guard are increasingly involved in day-to-day operations. Individual awards number 21 for 2009.

The Air Weather Association Board of Directors is sending out congratulatory letters, cash awards and free lifetime AWA memberships as the AWA John and Barbara Collens Awards to the 21 AFW individual award winners. The AWA Board and the near 5,000 AWA members congratulate and thank all CY 2009 AF Weather Award winners (individual and group) for outstanding service – *well above and beyond!*

FROM: HQ USAF/A3O-W

22 April 2010

It is with great honor and privilege that I announce the winners of the CY 2009 Air Force Weather Awards. I am extremely proud of all of our professional Air Force warriors and civilian personnel. The superior accomplishments of our weather personnel have once again led the way both on the home front and on the battlefield.

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AWA 2010 REUNION

Join many other AWA members, their spouses and guests for the next bi-annual Air Weather Association reunion. **It will be held 11-15 August 2010 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.** The reunion hotel will be **The Embassy Suites** at 7290 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Reserve your room by 11 July 2010 to obtain the AWA group discount rate. The Embassy Suites Hotel has set up an AWA personalized group Web page to reserve rooms online at: <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/COSC/CES-AWA-20100811/index.jhtml> Our Group Name is Air Weather Association Reunion 2010 and Group Code: AWA. Hotel reservations can also be made by calling 800-362-2779 or direct to the hotel at 719-599-9100. If anyone is a Hilton Honors member they can get points for the stay.

The AWA special hotel room rate is \$85 single/double, \$95 triple and \$105 quad per night plus tax. This includes a cooked-to-order breakfast daily and a complimentary 2-hour long manager's reception in the late afternoon.

Cancellation deadline for reserved rooms is 72 hours (3 days) prior to your scheduled arrival. Call the hotel to cancel or make changes to your reservation.

Reunion Displays

Reunion attendees are welcome to display memorabilia in the AWA hospitality room. A very special treat this year will be the display of a completely renovated WWII era SCM-1 Mobile Weather Van which actually carried the 2060th Weather Squadron markings. This is made possible by the hard work, attention to detail and dedication of Fred LaPerriere of Sedalia, Colorado who restored the van and volunteered to put it on display at the reunion. The picture below and others of the van are available at: http://6thweathermobile.org/getting_ready.htm



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AWA Locator Database

Please help us keep the AWA database current. If this AWA newsletter did not have your correct mailing address or you are moving, please send us an update to include: your name, last rank held, spouse's name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address. E-mail changes to: steve_walden@msn.com or call Kevin Lavin at 434-296-2832 or send changes via regular mail to: AWA, 1697 Capri Way, Charlottesville VA 22911-3534

Thanks to Jim DeCarufel, the AWA volunteer webmaster, the AWA Web site is being updated often with news, upcoming events, member roster for member's only, and (sadly) a growing list of departures. All members are invited to send news/articles for posting to AirWeaAssn@aol.com. Browse the Web site often at: <http://www.airweaassn.org>

COL. ROBERT L. RUSSELL, Jr. - NEW AFWA COMMANDER

The Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA), Offutt AFB, NE held a change of command ceremony 20 April 2010.

Col. Robert L. Russell, Jr., assumed command from Col. John D. Murphy during a ceremony outside the Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman building, AFWA's new headquarters building. "Thank you very much for this opportunity to command this great unit," Colonel Russell said. "To the men and women of the Air Force Weather Agency ... I will do everything in my power to ensure you have the right tools, training, resources and leadership to accomplish the very diverse mission set that we have to perform each and every day as an organization."

Colonel Russell moves into this position from AFWA's A-staff where he was director of strategic plans and programs since June 2008. "It's been my great pleasure the last year and a half to work with each and every one of you," Colonel Russell said. "It will now be my great honor and privilege to serve as your commander."

Maj. Gen. Marke F. Gibson, the Air Force's director of operations and deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements, presided over the ceremony and officially welcomed Colonel Russell to his new position. "The warfighter focus of AFWA will continue to be crucial to future success which makes Bob Russell the perfect choice to take the stick as AFWA's next leader and commander," General Gibson said. "It's clear his focus has been on supporting our warfighters ... and that's where it needs to remain."

Colonel Russell was commissioned into the Air Force in 1986 and has served in many capacities around the world including stops at the Pentagon and with the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C. He's also commanded the 10th Combat Weather Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla., served as the weather operations officer for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and has been the senior weather officer for both the Air Force and Army Special Operations Commands.

"He brings a wealth of leadership and combat experience from his many assignments," General Gibson said. "His time of running the AFWA's A5/A8 shop gives him a great head start on

running this organization. I'm confident that (he is) up to this new challenge and will deliver."

The new commander said he was impressed to see all the representatives from across Team Offutt, the various state and local officials as well as the many former Air Force weather members that attended the ceremony from across the United States. "It tells me very clearly that we are doing something right ... and that our focus is on the right stuff," Colonel Russell said. "I promise to do my best to keep that focus and I thank you again for this opportunity and I look forward to serving with you."

Colonel Murphy now heads across base to U.S. Strategic Command where he will be the deputy political advisor. He has commanded AFWA since March 2008.

AFWA is comprised of more than 1,400 active-duty members, civil service employees and contractors at 14 operating locations around the world. They provide centralized weather products and services, including climatological and space weather support, to Air Force, Army, special operations, the intelligence community and other Department of Defense activities.

Thanks to Ryan Hansen, 55th Wing Public Affairs, Offutt AFB

For more information about the current leadership of Air Force Weather, fact sheets, public affairs releases and more, see Web site: <http://www.afweather.af.mil>.

AIR FORCE WEATHER PERSONNEL TRAIN IRAQIS -

The first class of Iraqi air force meteorology officers graduated 25 March 2010 from a formal technical training course in Baghdad taught by USAF weather forecasters. The Iraqi Training and Advisory Mission-Air Force have Airmen assigned to teach Iraqi personnel how to create a self sufficient and sustaining military. One such class is the weather forecaster's course, taught by Airmen from the 321st Air Expeditionary Advisory Group Air Operations Center Military Training Team. During this 52-day course, eight Iraqi military students were instructed on everything from basic weather observations to advanced weather forecast models.

"We have advised and helped the Iraq air force develop a system that is similar to the United States National Weather Service, United Kingdom's Meteorology Organization and most of the members of the World Meteorology Organization (WMO)," said Maj. Barry Hunte, 321st Military Training Team weather advisor, deployed from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Despite having degrees such as meteorology or physics, the Iraqi officers have never received any type of formal aviation or military weather forecasting training. During this class the Iraqi officers received technical classroom knowledge and hands-on weather training. "We taught them how to use equipment such as the Tactical Meteorological Observation System," said Master Sgt. Mario Viray, 321st Military Training Team weather advisor. "We taught them weather observing and forecasting to WMO standards. We then helped them tailor their weather documents to fit their own unique aviation missions and base assets."

From the information taught, this inaugural class of Iraqi weather officers are now able to produce observations, terminal airdrome forecasts, daily weather briefings and issue safety-

related weather watches, warnings and advisories. "The officers will gain valuable experience everyday and they will use what we've taught them to train Iraqi officers and enlisted personnel," said Sergeant Viray, deployed from Nellis AFB, Nev.

"This is a dream come true for me," said Col. Salman Kherbat, Iraqi meteorology section director. "The American instructors have given us all their knowledge and helped us grow as an independent meteorology section. I'm very proud of these eight officers as they have sacrificed many things to complete this course." The graduates will now be sent to different locations throughout Iraq for continued on-the-job training. Once the training is complete, some of the new weather officers will become instructors while others will begin their weather mission for the Iraqi military.

Thanks to Senior Airman Jarrod Chavana, U.S. Air Forces Central, Baghdad Media Outreach Team

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CY 2009 Award Winners announced 22 May 2010

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

- (1) AIR FORCE WEATHER FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MAJ CLAYTON M. BASKIN**, 3 WS, Fort Hood, TX (ACC)
- (2) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MAJ PATRICIA A. VOLLMER**, 5 OWF, Shaw AFB, SC (AFRC)
- (3) AIR FORCE WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **CAPT SHAWN P. BESKAR**, Joint Presidential Weather Support Unit, Fort Detrick, MD (HAF)
- (4) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **CAPT ASHLEY N. LOVETT**, HQ AFRC, Robins AFB, GA (AFRC)
- (5) AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MR. HAROLD D. EIFERT (GS 10)**, 618 TACC, Scott AFB, IL (AMC)
- (6) AIR FORCE WEATHER SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MSGT FAMBRO W. KNIGHT**, 100 OSS, Mildenhall RAFB, UK (USAFE)
- (7) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MSGT JASON R. BOWRY**, 5 OWF, Shaw AFB, SC (AFRC)
- (8) AIR FORCE WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **TSGT NICHOLAS A. DITONDO**, 2 CWSS, Hurlburt Field, FL (AFWA)
- (9) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **TSGT MARVIN L. WHITE**, 5 OWF, Shaw AFB, SC (AFRC)
- (10) AIR FORCE WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR – 2009: **A1C CODY B. NICHOLS**, 26 OWS, Barksdale AFB, LA (AFWA)
- (11) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **CAPT JEFFREY A. GIPSON**, 7 WS, Heidelberg, GE (USAFE)
- (12) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT BATTLEFIELD WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **2 LT CASEY J. BROWN**, 208 WF, Saint Paul, MN (ANG)

- (13) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MSGT DAVIE L. LEWIS**, 7 WS, Heidelberg, GE (USAFE)
- (14) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT BATTLEFIELD WEATHER SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MSGT DANIEL K. GARDNER**, 208 WF, Saint Paul, MN (ANG)
- (15) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **SSGT THOMAS B. HOWSER**, 10 CWS, Hurlburt Field, FL (AFSOC)
- (16) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT BATTLEFIELD WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **TSGT KEVIN T. PHIPPS**, 202 WF, Otis ANGB, MA (ANG)
- (17) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR – 2009: **SRA CHRISTOPHER L. WATTS**, OL-A 7 WS Coleman AAF, GE (USAFE)
- (18) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT BATTLEFIELD WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR – 2009: **SRA RYAN KEEFER**, 208 WF, Saint Paul, MN (ANG)
- (19) AIR FORCE WEATHER STAFF OFFICER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MAJ GEOFFREY D. DAWSON**, HQ USAFE/A3WL, Ramstein AB, GE (USAFE)
- (20) AIR FORCE WEATHER STAFF ENLISTED MEMBER OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MSGT DAVID M. MCKINNEY**, HQ AFSOC/A3W, Hurlburt Field, FL (AFSOC)
- (21) AIR FORCE WEATHER STAFF CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR – 2009: **MR. EVAN L. KUCHERA (YS-2)**, 16 WS, Offutt AFB, NE (AFWA)

GROUP AWARDS:

- (1) OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN WEATHER OPERATIONS – 2009: **16 WS**, Offutt AFB, NE (AFWA)
- (2) OUTSTANDING OPERATIONAL WEATHER SQUADRON – 2009: **15 OWS**, Scott AFB, IL (AFWA)
- (3) OUTSTANDING BATTLEFIELD WEATHER SQUADRON – 2009: **607 WS**, Yongsan AIN, ROK (PACAF)
- (4) OUTSTANDING SPECIALIZED WEATHER SUPPORT UNIT – 2009: **2 WS**, Offutt AFB, NE (AFWA)
- (5) OUTSTANDING AIR FORCE WEATHER ORGANIZATION (BELOW SQUADRON LEVEL) - 2009: **DET 3, 18 WS**, Hunter AAF, GA (ACC)
- (6) OUTSTANDING AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER FLIGHT – 2009: **163 OSS/OSW**, March ARB, CA (ANG)

Special congratulations to all the award nominees and to the winners. The superb efforts of all contributed significantly to the accomplishments of the Air Force mission during CY 2009.

FRED P. LEWIS, PhD, SES, USAF
HQ US AIR FORCE DIRECTOR OF WEATHER

CY 2008 AWARD WINNERS are listed here since an AWA Newsletter was not published in 2009. Their AWA and AFW awards were presented in early 2009.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

- (1) AIR FORCE WEATHER FIELD GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **MAJ BRIAN W. KABAT**, DET 4, 18 WS, Fort Campbell AIN, KY (ACC)
- (2) AIR FORCE WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **CAPT WILLIAM R. RYERSON**, 25 OWS, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ (AFWA)
- (3) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **CAPT CHRISTOPHER T. HIGGINS**, 12 OWF, Scott AFB, IL (AFRC)
- (4) AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR 2008: **MR RICHARD D. ZENTZ**, 14 OSS/OSW, Columbus AFB, MS (AETC)
- (5) AIR FORCE WEATHER SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **SMSGT WESLEY G. FILLMORE**, 21 OWS, Sembach AB, GE (USAFE)
- (6) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **SMSGT PAUL F. MONTAS**, HQ ACC/A3W, Langley AFB, VA (AFRC)
- (7) AIR FORCE WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **TSGT JAMES P. BAUMAN**, 2 WS, Offutt AFB, NE (AFWA)
- (8) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **TSGT THOMAS J. MAHAN**, WEATHER READINESS TRAINING CENTER, Camp Blanding, FL (AFRC)
- (9) AIR FORCE WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR 2008: **SRA BRADLEY T. MARTIN**, 28 OWS, Shaw AFB, SC (ACC)
- (10) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER COMPANY GRADE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **CAPT JONATHAN D. SAWTELLE**, DET 5, 10 CWS, Fort Bragg AIN, NC (AFSOC)
- (11) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **MSGT SHANE R. WAGNER**, AVIATION TACTICS EVALUATION GP, Fort Bragg, NC (USSOCOM)
- (12) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT BATTLEFIELD WEATHER SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **MSGT DAVID J. WARD**, 208 WF, Saint Paul, MN (AFRC)
- (13) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **SSGT DANIEL J. MIKE**, DET 5, 7 WS, Illesheim AIN, GE (USAFE)
- (14) AIR RESERVE COMPONENT BATTLEFIELD WEATHER NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **TSGT CHRISTOPHER DRYE**, 209 WF, Camp Mabry, TX (AFRC)
- (15) AIR FORCE BATTLEFIELD WEATHER AIRMAN OF THE YEAR 2008: **SRA JOSHUA S. LEGGITT**, DET 2, 607 WS, Camp Humphreys AIN, KOREA (PACAF)

(16) AIR FORCE WEATHER STAFF OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008: **MAJ ROBERT A. STENGER**, 2 WXG, Offutt AFB, NE (AFWA)

(17) AIR FORCE WEATHER STAFF ENLISTED MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2008: **SMSGT STEPHEN W. DOMBEK**, HQ PACAF/A3OA, Hickam AFB, HI (PACAF)

(18) AIR FORCE WEATHER STAFF CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR 2008: **MR RONALD S. KOMMER**, HQ ACC/A3W, Langley AFB, VA (ACC)

GROUP AWARDS:

- (1) OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN WEATHER OPERATIONS 2008: DET 4, 18 WS, **CAPT DAVID J. KING**, **MSGT KURT R. ROHL**, **SSGT RYAN ADKINSON**, **SSGT JENNIFER WILLIAMSON**, Fort Campbell, KY (ACC)
- (2) OUTSTANDING OPERATIONAL WEATHER SQUADRON 2008: **21 OWS**, Sembach AB, GE (USAFE)
- (3) OUTSTANDING BATTLEFIELD WEATHER SQUADRON 2008: **18 WS**, Pope AFB, NC, (ACC)
- (4) OUTSTANDING SPECIALIZED WEATHER SUPPORT UNIT 2008: **45 WS**, Patrick AFB, FL (AFSPC)
- (5) OUTSTANDING AIR FORCE WEATHER ORGANIZATION (BELOW SQUADRON LEVEL) 2008: **100 OSS/OSW**, Mildenhall RAFB, UK (USAFE)
- (6) OUTSTANDING AIR RESERVE COMPONENT WEATHER FLIGHT 2008: **5 OWF/28 OWS**, Shaw AFB, SC (AFRC)

INVITATION TO JOIN AN E-MAIL LIST GROUP

All AWA members are invited to join the "ROWF" *Retired Old Weather Farts* e-mail list. This list is used to provide news via e-mail about weather people, events, and items of interest. To view the list of 600+ people already signed up, see the ROWF Web page at <http://rowf.info/>. To get on the ROWF list, send a message to AWA member Dave Pace at davidpace@yahoo.com.

AWA MEMBERSHIP

AWA lifetime membership is still only \$9.00 and we've been averaging about 100 new members per year for a total now of over 5,300 (present and past). Membership is open to civilian and military personnel who serve, or have served, in a USAF/USAAF weather support unit (including aerial reconnaissance), or a weather training unit, regardless of AFSC/MOS, and to the surviving spouse. Membership is Lifetime. No annual dues. Please help recruit new members. The applications can be copied from the AWA Web site at <http://www.airweaassn.org> or contact your volunteer board of directors at AirWeaAssn@aol.com or 434-296-2832 and we'll send you applications. The AWA Board also needs help in finding lost members. The list is posted on the AWA Web site. If you hear of any members not receiving this newsletter, please notify us.

◀ IN MEMORIAM ▶

These deceased members have been reported to the Board of Directors since January 2008.

2008	Col	Eugene T. Blanton
2008	Col	Wayne C. Bogard
2008	Lt Col	Richard C. Burris
2008	Lt Col	George S. Butler
2008	Lt Col	James F. Church
2008	Mrs	Phyllis Dalton
2008	Lt Col	Arthur C. Eldridge
2008	Col	Dale J. Flinders
2008	Lt Col	Carl F. Foster
2008	SSgt	William Fuhrmann
2008	Col	Ronald L. Godbey
2008	Lt Col	Jack M. Graham
2008	Lt Col	Ben H. Houston
2008	Mrs	Elsie "Dee" Hull
2008	Lt Col	Roy E. Jacobsen
2008	MSgt	Vincent G. James
2008	Mrs	Betty Jo Kalish
2008	TSgt	Jack Kalish
2008	Lt Col	Erwin Kauper
2008	Maj	Gordon A. Kitzman
2008	Mrs	Peggy Lancaster
2008	Lt Col	Norman R. Lucia
2008	CWO 4	George E. Lyons
2008	SSgt	Donald G. Masterson
2008	Maj	Morris H. McCutchan
2008	Lt Col	Clay C. Merrick
2008	Mrs	Virginia Miller
2008	Col	Hal Montague
2008	Mrs	Monnie Moseley
2008	Lt Col	Calvin Naegelin
2008	Lt Col	Roger H. Olson
2008	MSgt	Tony Pearson
2008	Lt Col	Clark S. Pinder
2008	SMSgt	James A. "Al" Polston
2008	SMSgt	Billy D. "Rich" Richardson
2008	Lt Col	Ronald L. Rodney
2008	Lt Col	William E. Scarbrough Jr.
2008	Col	Gordon W. Schmal
2008	Lt Col	Douglass D. Shaffner
2008	Sgt	Robert M. Simpson
2008	MSgt	Rufus A. Sinclair
2008	Lt Col	Ralph K. Steely
2008	Lt Col	Paul A. Steves
2008	Mrs	Irene Taylor
2008	Col	Jay T. Treat
2008	Lt Col	Robert Vasek
2008	A1C	Donald R. Whitman
2008	Lt Col	William E. Zimmermann
2008	Mrs	Olive Zimmermann

2009	Mrs	Ginny Aldrich
2009	Mrs	Garthel Brett
2009	Mrs	Charlotte Bundgaard
2009	CWO	Lucien V. Campeau
2009	1st Sgt	Robert C. Cervak
2009	Lt Col	William P. Cramer
2009	Mrs	Charlotte Decker
2009	Lt Col	Fred W. Decker
2009	Lt Col	Duane R. "Bob" Goodman
2009	MSgt	Karl F. Grumbach
2009	Mrs	Barbara Hadeen
2009	Lt Col	Sherwin W. Jamison
2009	Mrs	Shirley Johnston
2009	MSgt	Clifford T. Jones
2009	Col	Walter A. Keils
2009	Col	C. John Loisel
2009	MSgt	Walter Melnik
2009	Capt	Carl Nelson
2009	Col	Steven Puskar Jr.
2009	Mrs	Ellen Risher
2009	Lt Gen	William Oscar Senter
2009	Lt Col	Gary L. Sickler
2009	Capt	David M. Smith
2009	CWO 4	Freeman R. Smith
2009	CMSgt	John R. "Rick" Tasetano
2009	Lt Col	Aubrey D. Taylor
2009	Lt Col	Baldwin L. Troutman
2009	MSgt	Edward C. Wilson Jr.
2010	Mrs	Betty Canning
2010	Col	James P. Conday
2010	Mrs	Emilie Haddad
2010	Lt Col	Emory A. Mikell
2010	SSgt	Charles J. Shipp
2010	BGen	Kenneth C. Spengler
2010	Lt Col	Roy A. Wegener

Please report departures to the AWA Locator, Steve Walden, at e-mail: steve_walden@msn.com or call Kevin Lavin at (434) 296-2832. They will be posted in the Roster as it is updated on the AWA Web site (www.airweaassn.org). Obituaries sent in will be posted in the Departures section of the Web site.

Other AF Weather Reunions

The **Air Weather Reconnaissance Association (AWRA)** will hold its next annual reunion in Portland, Oregon from 29 September to 2 October 2010. See Web site www.awra.us/ or write to Bernie Barris, AWRA Membership Chairman, 11019 Oaktree Park, San Antonio, TX 78249-4440.

The **6th Weather Squadron Mobile Alumni Association** is planning its next reunion for June 2011. See Web site 6thweathermobile.org/ or write to 6th Weather Squadron Alumni Association, P.O. Box 7642, Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642.

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The reunion hotel will be **The Embassy Suites** at 7290 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

It is a full-service hotel with restaurant, bar, pool and fitness center. It provides registered guests a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast in the West Atrium daily (Mon-Fri 6:30-9:30 and Sat-Sun 7:00-10:00) and a complimentary manager's reception nightly from 5:30 to 7:30.

AWA reunion attendees not staying at the hotel can enjoy the breakfast and reception for a \$10 fee any day(s) they wish.

The hotel's official check-in time is 3:00pm; check-out is at 12 noon. The hotel does not provide shuttle service to/from the airport. A city shuttle and taxi services are available. More information on those will be given to registered attendees.

Please reserve your room with the Hotel as soon as possible and register for the reunion by 11 July 2010.

Schedule of reunion activities planned thus far –

During the reunion period, all attendees are most welcome to enjoy the hotel amenities and the AWA hospitality room, tour the local area by themselves and choose the optional planned tours they wish to. Visitor's maps will be available at the AWA information desk as will local area members with suggestions.

Wednesday, 11 August 2010 - Primarily early arrival day.

The AWA reunion registration/information desk opens at 1:00pm in the Cripple Creek Room of The Embassy Suites Hotel. [NOTE: The AWA registration/information desk will be open each day in the Cripple Creek Room. All reunion attendees staying at the hotel or commuting need to check-in at the AWA desk as soon as possible to confirm their registration and receive their nametags and welcome packet. A bulletin board will be nearby to post messages, activity changes and general information.]

Thursday, 12 August 2010:



8:30am Carpools will depart the Embassy Suites Hotel for those registered for the **Golf Outing** at the US Air Force Academy. The fees listed on the registration form include golf carts. Rates by rank are for active duty and retired members and their spouses. Civilian rate is for all others. Golf club

sets are available to rent onsite at \$15 regular and \$25 premier. Lunch on your own; snack bar is available. Tee times begin at 9:33am and teams should complete the course by 3:30pm. Tee times have been reserved for an anticipated 28 players.

10:00am – 3:30pm Bus Tour of Colorado Springs and shopping in Old Colorado City, originally the capitol of the Territory of Colorado. Lunch at Guiseppe's Depot is included.

5:30pm – 11:30pm Bus Tour to Cripple Creek, Colorado for "Gambling for the Gold" at Bronco Billy's Casino; dinner on your own at the Casino. [30 person minimum required.]

Evening – separate Unit/Squadron Association dinners at hotel, Cripple Creek or local restaurants; contact your unit chairperson.

Friday, 13 August 2010:

No staying in bed for Friday the 13th!

Primary tour -- 9:00am – 3:00pm Bus Tour of Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods w/guide; lunch at AF Academy Club [hope most will take this tour on this day]

Secondary tour -- 10:00am – 2:30pm Bus to/from Cog Railway Train to Pikes Peak; includes bus and train fare. Snacks available to purchase on train and at Pikes Peak.

Evening: As part of the basic reunion package –

5:30pm – 7:30pm Manager's Complimentary Reception in the Embassy Suites Atrium.

7:30pm – 10:00pm Casual Buffet Banquet Dinner in the Embassy Suites Ballroom. This is a great time to reminisce with old friends and meet new ones.

Saturday, 14 August 2010:

8:15am - 9:30am In the Embassy Suites Hotel, **Dr. Fred P. Lewis SES, USAF Director of Weather** will brief all interested attendees on current/future AF Weather programs. AWA Board members will brief on future plans.

Primary tour 10:00am – 2:30pm Bus to/from Cog Railway Train to Pikes Peak; includes bus and train fare. Snacks available to purchase on train and at Pikes Peak.

9:30am – 3:30pm Bus Tour of Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods w/guide; lunch at AF Academy Club

10:00am – 3:30pm Bus Tour of Colorado Springs and shopping in Old Colorado City. Lunch is included.

Evening: As part of the basic reunion package –

6:00pm – Busses will transport attendees from the Embassy Suites Hotel to The Club at Peterson AFB.

6:30pm – 7:30pm Social hour (cash bar) at The Club at Peterson AFB.

7:30pm – 10:00pm AWA 2010 Reunion Banquet. Dinner entrée choices are on the reunion registration form. Busses will return attendees to the hotel after the banquet.

Sunday, 15 August 2010:

Since the Embassy Suites Hotel has a complimentary breakfast, a separate reunion breakfast buffet was not scheduled. Reunion attendees can meet for breakfast and discuss future reunion plans and bid adieu.

11:00am The AWA 2010 Reunion adjourns.

The reunion registration form is attached. Please complete both sides of the form and mail it to AWA Board member and reunion organizer, Don Farrington, with a check for payment of fees as soon as possible, but not later than 11 July 2010. His address is on the form.

If you need more information or want to discuss attendance at particular functions, please call Kevin Lavin at 434-296-2832 or e-mail AirWeaAssn@aol.com.

And, as usual, the AWA reunions are great opportunities for members to meet and enjoy the great camaraderie shared in Air Force Weather. If you are in the local Colorado Springs area, please stop by the reunion hotel even if you can't attend the scheduled events. **If you wish to attend the reunion, but cannot attend all the scheduled dinners on the basic reunion package, please call or e-mail Don or Kevin and special accommodations will be worked out.**

**** AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION 2010 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM ****

11 - 15 August 2010 in Colorado Springs, Colorado

Reunion Headquarters: **The Embassy Suites Hotel**, 7290 Commerce Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Name of AWA Member: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Telephone No.: _____

ALL MEMBERS WANTING TO ATTEND MUST MAIL IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT POSTMARKED BEFORE *11 JULY 2010.* Please complete the 2 pages of this form, fill out your check or money order made payable to "AWA Reunion" covering all fees, and mail all by 11 July to:

Air Weather Association Reunion, Don Farrington, 3201 Lenox Road NE Apt 7, Atlanta GA 30324-2648

AWA 2010 REUNION PROGRAM

BASIC REUNION PACKAGE: (HOW MANY x \$\$\$ = \$TOTAL)

11 - 15 August 2010: **EVERY ATTENDEE HAS TO SELECT THIS PORTION OF THE PROGRAM**

Hospitality Room (daily) + Registration fee + Friday and Saturday evening dinners _____ x **\$90.00** = \$ _____

On Friday evening, a (casual) buffet dinner with many choices will be provided at the reunion hotel.

On Saturday evening, a seated banquet will be provided at Peterson AFB O'Club - **please make your selections** (enter # of each)

___ Sliced London Broil Au Jus, ___ Roasted Stuffed Chicken Breast, ___ Baked Cod Filet, ___ Vegetarian Meal

SCHEDULE & OPTIONS TO ADD TO BASIC REUNION PACKAGE (please see more detailed information in the AWA Newsletter and in your unit/squadron association newsletters as applicable): (HOW MANY x \$\$\$ = \$TOTAL)

Wednesday, 11 August 2010 -- mainly an early arrival day --

1:00pm AWA Hospitality room - Cripple Creek Room -- in Embassy Suites opens for check-in and meeting old and new friends.

5:30pm - 7:30pm Complimentary Manager's Reception every evening in reunion hotel Atrium for hotel guests; commuters can pay \$10/day onsite which covers both full breakfast (6:30-9:30am Mon-Fri; 7:00-10:00am Sat-Sun) and the 2-hour reception.

AWA registration/information desk will open in Cripple Creek Room at 8:00am daily Thursday through Saturday; close by 11:00pm.

Thursday, 12 August 2010

8:30am - 3:00pm Golf Outing at Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Club - Captain's Choice - Rental clubs available

Rates include cart (enter # of each) E1-E4 _____ x \$30; E-5 and above _____ x \$40; Civilian _____ x \$75 Total cost: \$ _____

Spouse price same as member. Member handicap _____; Spouse or Guest handicap(s) _____

10:00am - 3:30pm Bus Tour of Colorado Springs, shopping in Old Colorado City; lunch included _____ x \$47.50 = \$ _____

5:30pm - 11:30pm Bus Tour to Cripple Creek, CO "Gambling for the Gold" at Bronco Billy's Casino _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Evening - separate Unit/Squadron Association dinners at hotel, Cripple Creek or local restaurants (Contact Your Unit Chairperson)

Friday, 13 August 2010

9:00am - 3:00pm Bus Tour of Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods w/lunch at Academy Club _____ x \$52.50 = \$ _____

10:00am - 2:30pm Bus to/from Cog Railway Train to Pikes Peak (includes bus and train fare) _____ x \$55.00 = \$ _____

5:30pm Hotel Manager's Social in Hotel Atrium; 7:30pm Buffet Dinner (casual) - Hotel Ballroom - part of Basic Reunion Package

Saturday, 14 August 2010

8:15am - 9:30am Briefings and discussion by USAF Director of Weather and AWA Board in AWA hospitality room - open to all.

9:30am - 3:30pm Bus Tour of Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods w/lunch at Academy Club _____ x \$52.50 = \$ _____

10:00am - 2:30pm Bus to/from Cog Railway Train to Pikes Peak (includes bus and train fare) _____ x \$55.00 = \$ _____

10:00am - 3:30pm Bus Tour of Colorado Springs, shopping in Old Colorado City; lunch included _____ x \$47.50 = \$ _____

6:30pm Social hour at Peterson AFB O'Club & 7:30pm AWA 2010 Reunion Banquet - part of Basic Reunion Package

(Transportation to Peterson AFB on your own or by reunion buses leaving reunion hotel at 6:00pm; returning at 10:00pm)

Sunday, 15 August 2010

7:00am - 10:00am Complimentary Breakfast in the Embassy Suites Hotel is available for registered guests. Reunion attendees can meet during and after breakfast to discuss future reunions. Scheduled AWA 2010 Reunion activities adjourn thereafter.

Sub Total Cost of Golf Outing and Tours selected = \$ _____

Commemorative AWA Caps and Shirts: If you completed an order on the 2nd page of this form, please list cost here: \$ _____

ENCLOSE CHECK or MONEY ORDER payable to "AWA Reunion" for GRAND TOTAL of: \$ _____

Money Order or check number: _____

Please complete this 2nd page of the Registration Form and make yourself a copy of both pages for your continued reference.

Print names below as you would like them shown on your reunion NAME BADGES:

Member _____ Spouse _____

Guest _____ Guest _____

If you wish, please choose tablemates at or before the reunion for Friday evening buffet and Saturday evening banquet. If you wish to be seated with a specific unit/group, please place a check mark on the choices below or write-in a unit or person's name.

Open Seating Singles 15 & 20 WS 17 WS 18 WS RECON (AWRA) WRITE-IN

Will you be staying at the Embassy Suites Reunion Hotel? (Check): Yes _____ No _____.

Reserve your room with the Hotel by 11 July 2010. See page 1 of Newsletter for room reservation procedures.

To help the reunion committee plan ahead for your arrival, please indicate your travel plans here.

Anticipated arrival date/time at hotel to check in/register at AWA reunion desk _____.

For the following questions, please check appropriate spaces:

Arriving via Air at Colorado Springs airport _____ then, rental car _____ or taxi/commercial shuttle _____ to hotel or other location.

Arriving via RV/Motor home _____; Bus/Train _____; or Car _____.

Local area resident commuting by car _____. Staying with local friends and commuting by car _____.

Do you have special transportation and/or housing requirements (please also inform the hotel when making your reservation)?

Yes ____ Requirements are: _____

AWA REUNION REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS ARE FULLY REFUNDABLE IF NOTICE IS RECEIVED BY 1 August 2010. Send cancellation notices to Don Farrington by phone at (404) 816-0872 or e-mail: cdcfcsf@aol.com. Cancellations received after 1 August, but 72 hours before any reunion activity for which you hold a reservation, will be honored **IF** the space can be sold to a member on the space available list. The reunion committee will not broker the sale of cancellations nor accept add-on/exchanges of optional tours at the reunion. However, the committee will refund the total costs of the AWA dining function(s) if cancellation notice is received by the committee at the hotel not later than 72 hours prior to the function. **FOR REUNION CANCELLATION NOTICES AFTER 1 August 2010**, please telephone Kevin Lavin at (434) 989-2174 (cell phone) or e-mail: AirWeaAssn@aol.com.

*****DISCLAIMER*****

The Air Weather Association, its directors and committee members are not liable for any damages, injuries or inconvenience incurred to reunion attendees. The AWA volunteer directors & committee members have arranged the reunion and events solely for the enjoyment of AWA members and their spouses and guests. When you submit this form for registration you agree to be held personally responsible for damages and injuries resulting from your, your spouse or guest's actions.

IF YOU OR YOUR GUEST(S) HAVE ANY DISABILITY OR DIETARY NEEDS THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION? Please inform us on a separate piece of paper and submit it with this form.

COMMEMORATIVE AWA CAPS AND SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Caps and short-sleeve golf shirts will have a special logo embroidered on them showing "Air Weather Association".

How many caps ____ x \$10 = \$ _____ Cap is low-profile golf style, white, one size fits all.

How many white shirts ____ x \$20 = \$ _____. List # per size: Sm (34-36) ____; Med (38-40) ____; Lge (42-44) ____; Xtra Lge (46-48) ____; XX Lge (50-52) ____

How many royal blue shirts ____ x \$20 = \$ _____. List # per size: Sm (34-36) ____; Med (38-40) ____; Lge (42-44) ____; Xtra Lge (46-48) ____; XX Lge (50-52) ____

Total cost of caps & shirts: \$ _____ (Enter cost on bottom of 1st page of this form to add into GRAND TOTAL.)

For further information, please contact Don Farrington at (404) 816-0872 or e-mail: cdcfcsf@aol.com or Kevin Lavin at (434) 296-2832 (home) or (434) 989-2174 (cell) or e-mail: AirWeaAssn@aol.com

Local Committee Contact is Gene Pfeffer at gjpandcp@msn.com