



AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION

****Serving the Present – Remembering the Past – Air Force Weather****

✦ TO THOSE CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION ✦

The Air Weather Association (AWA) was formally chartered in 1987 for men and women whose military or government-civilian careers were at anytime with USAAF, USAF, USAFR or ANG weather units — past and present, and surviving spouses. The founder and first chairman was Major General John W. Collens III, Commander of the USAF Air Weather Service (1974-1975). **THIS IS YOUR ASSOCIATION**, the only one of its kind, whether you are on active duty, in the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve, or a veteran of service at anytime with a USAAF or USAF weather unit including aerial weather reconnaissance units and weather training units.

Nostalgia binds us together and "we take care of our own." Camaraderie is our goal for all who identify with Air Force Weather, now or in prior years. The AWA maintains a central locator, an Internet website (www.airweaassn.org), organizes biennial reunions and publishes an annual newsletter. The last AWA reunion was held in Colorado Springs, 1-5 August 2018. The reunion expected to be held in 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic restrictions. The AWA Board of Directors will happily accept all suggestions for the next reunion and whether it should be in 2022 or back on the even numbered year schedule. Reunion news and photos from past reunions are posted on the AWA website.

OUR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP COST IS UNIQUE - JUST \$20 FOR YOU, and your surviving spouse continues as a member without cost during her/his lifetime. No other organization known to us will provide that and the following items for that small sum: a distinctive membership lapel/tie tack pin; an informational Internet website, a central locator, biennial reunions, and as funds permit, an annual newsletter. The membership roster is now on the website for members only.

The AWA does not have a paid staff. Volunteers are elected to serve on the Board of Directors and conduct our programs so that all funds go to providing services to members. Furthermore, we are an IRS-recognized not-for-profit association enjoying federal tax-exempt status. This has allowed us to establish an Outstanding AF Weather Airmen of the Year trust fund wherein we honor those selected by the Air Force. Every year, we present the HQ USAF Outstanding Air Force Weather individuals with the AWA John and Barbara Collens Award consisting of a congratulatory letter, a cash award and free lifetime AWA membership. Contributions to the Fund are always accepted by the AWA chairman. Please also consider volunteering your time and talents as a member of the Board of Directors, webmaster, reunion committee member, publication editor or as a writer of articles for the newsletter and website.

"Take Care Of Our Own" became more than a motto when we sponsored a Memorial Fund for the surviving families of those weathermen who perished enroute to the Gulf War in 1990. Our members and the Association treasury contributed \$30,000 to that worthwhile cause.

Join now by completing the application on the reverse side and mail it in. You will receive a welcome letter and the membership lapel pin. You will also have your name added to the roster joining over 4,600 members already listed. Join Air Weather Association on Facebook also!

Please provide this to a prospective member or reproduce it and provide to many.

AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is open to civilian and military personnel who serve, or formerly served, in a USAF/USAAF or USAFR/ANG weather support unit (including air weather reconnaissance), or a weather training unit, regardless of AFSC/MOS, and to the surviving spouse.

Membership is Lifetime. No annual dues.

Member No. _____ (Assn. Use) Release _____ (Assn. Use)

***Your NAME** _____ **NICKNAME** _____

IF APPLICABLE, ENTER CURRENT SPOUSE'S

NAME _____ NICKNAME _____

FULL MAILING ADDRESS (including ZIP + 4)

HOME PHONE NO. () _____ **OR OFFICE PHONE** () _____

(If you have two addresses [for example, winter & summer], please enter both with phone numbers and the usual dates that you are at each location. Use the bottom or reverse side of the form if you need more space to include all information.)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Service Dates _____ Current or Last Weather Unit _____

Current or Highest Military Rank Held _____ Current or Highest Civilian Grade Held _____

(CHECK ONE) Active Duty/ANG/RESERVE _____ Retired Military _____ Prior Military Service _____

Civilian _____ Retired Civilian _____

War Veteran - circle duty during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, OEF, OIF, other _____?

Do you belong to other AF weather alumni/association groups (check all that apply): 6 WS (Mobile) _____, Air Weather Reconnaissance Association _____, other _____

***SURVIVING SPOUSE OF WEATHER ALUMNI JOINING:** Please enter the deceased spouse's name, last rank held and year of death: _____

In a membership roster distributed only to AWA members, do you approve release of your name (yes___no___); mailing address (yes___no___); phone numbers (Home - yes___no___) (Work - yes___no___); e-mail (yes___no___).

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

ENCLOSE A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$20.00 PAYABLE TO "AWA". A USAF Weather lapel pin will accompany your welcome letter.

**MAIL form and payment to: AIR WEATHER ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN
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For additional information or to change data at anytime, AWA website is at <http://www.airweaassn.org>.
