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Col George E. Chapman, Mrs Patricia Grimes and Lt Col Edward Town

## Mrs Grimes gets first coin, helps present readiness award

Award ceremonies are special, solemn occasions.

Sometimes, they are made even more meaningful by the uniqueness of the award, the people being awarded, or the person making the presentation.

When the 1983 Grimes Award was presented to Lt Col Edward Town, Commander Det 75, 7WW, Mrs Patricia Grimes, widow of Col Keith R. Grimes helped make the presentation.

The Grimes Award is bestowed annually to the unit which best exemplifies a dedication to combat readiness. It is named after Col Keith R. Grimes, who spent most of his career in AWS and was killed in an EC-135 aircraft accident in September 1977. Colonel Grimes was recognized within

the Air Force and Army as an expert in special operations and weather support to that unique form of warfare.

During the ceremony, Mrs. Grimes was presented with Special Operations Weather Airborne Coin number one. These brass coins were specially minted and individually numbered. They are available for purchase by those AWS people who are or were associated with special operations weather support.

*(Editor's note: John Fuller, AWS Historian, has published a 351-page oral autobiography of Colonel Grimes, complete with more than 100 photographs. While classified, AWS units wishing a copy should contact Fuller at Autovon 638-5754.)*

## Colonel Sweeney takes command of Seventh Wing

"I think that we fit with the new MAC slogan — 'MAC — the Backbone of Deterrence.' Seventh Wing has been out there. Seventh Wingers' are ready to go. Joyce and I thank you for this honor and for this trust. And we'll do everything we can to preserve the lineage of 7th Weather Wing."

With those words, Col John R. Sweeney accepted command of 7th Weather Wing. The change of command ceremony, held Jan. 31 at the Scott AFB, Ill., Officer's Club, was officiated by the AWS Commander, Col George E. Champan. Colonel Sweeney replaces Col Thomas L. Harris, who was

7WW commander since May 31, 1983. Colonel Harris retired Jan. 31, effective March 31, 1984. The Harris's will reside in Omaha, Neb.

Colonel Sweeney began a varied and successful career in 1960 after commissioning through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Immediately prior to coming to 7WW as vice commander in 1982, Colonel Sweeney served in both Headquarters AWS Operations and Logistics.

Seventh Weather Wing's new vice commander will be Col John J. Kelly, Jr., from the Directorate of Computer Resources, Air Force Comptroller, Washington, D.C.



Col George E. Chapman (back to camera), Col John R. Sweeney and Col Thomas L. Harris

## 7WW—A history of varied support

Absorbing personnel and other resources of the 8th Weather Group, the 7th Weather Wing was organized in October 1965.

From its beginning, the wing provided weather service to a number of USAF commands and services. These included Military Air Transport Service (later Military Airlift Command), Air Force Logistics Command, Air Training Command, Air University, Air Force Communications Service, Air Photographic and Charting Service (and later to the Aerospace Cartographic and Geodetic Service which assumed the APCS function) and Air Rescue Service (later Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, now part of 23AF). To provide support, 7WW initially

had two weather squadrons, the 15th and 24th. It also had a number of directly assigned detachments and operating locations.

### Before AFGWC

Detachment 39, Kansas City, Mo., operated the Severe Weather Forecast Center (later, Military Weather Warning Center) until Jan. 31, 1970. After that, AFGWC took over that function.

Detachment 44 operated a computer flight planning facility at Suitland Hall No. 4, MD, until Aug 1, 1970 when AFGWC absorbed that unit.

Other 7WW detachments, at Kelly AFB, Texas; McClellan AFB, Calif; McGuire AFB, NJ; Robins AFB, Ga; Tinker AFB, Okla; Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and Ellsworth AFB, SD, furnished field (later, intermediate)

maintenance for AWS meteorological equipment in the U.S.

Weather support of the USAF Security Service became the wing's responsibility in 1969. The wing transferred support for the Air Force Communications Service in 1970 and support of ACGS and ARRS in 1971.

### 7WW's third squadron

Seventh Weather Wing added a third squadron, the 17th, on Jan. 15, 1970. The wing then assumed weather support of MAC's 22nd Air Force and other USAF agencies west of the Mississippi River. On July 1, 1971, 7WW gained the 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) at Tinker AFB, Okla. Detachments of 6WS replaced all intermediate maintenance detachments of the wing at that time.

While the 15th, 17th and 24th Weather

Squadrons operated fixed weather facilities with more or less stable missions. 6WS operated mobile meteorological units. These units were capable of observing and sensing surface, atmosphere and space environmental parameters in support of special requirements of the USAF, Department of Defense, and other governmental agencies.

### Inactivated in 1972

Air Weather Service's 1972 reorganization saw the inactivation of both the 7WW and 17WS. The 15WS moved to Scott AFB, Ill, replacing the wing. Fifteenth Weather Squadron

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# Command line "Answers...from the top"



Col. George E. Chapman  
AWS Commander

Through the cooperative resources of MAC's Aerospace Audiovisual Service, I recently had the opportunity to participate in a videotape interview that many of you have already seen or

should have available for viewing in your unit in the near future.

Three AWS personnel were selected to participate in the interview: 2d Lt Cynthia Mendonca, Wing Weather Officer at Griffiss AFB (and one of the top 12 Airmen in the Air Force in 1982 prior to receiving her Commission); MSgt Leonard Czepiel, Station Chief at Norton AFB (and AWS NCO of the Year for 1982); and A1C Gary Mercer, Observer assigned to AFGWC working as a satellite specialist.

The session was unrehearsed — intentionally. The questions posed in the interview came from two sources. Senior NCOs attending the Operations Superintendent Course at HQ AWS in October 1983 developed a series of issues and questions that were put in a usable format by Chief Melson — the interviewers also brought with them some questions, and developed some spontaneously, and that made it a very interesting session.

You see, Chief Melson and I have visited nearly two-thirds of AWS's 300 units and will be visiting many more in 1984, but it's virtually impossible to

make it to all of them. For those units we're not able to visit, we wanted this interview to answer a lot of questions "from the top." For those that we do visit, based on my recent trips, I know it will be a catalyst for many more questions — and that's great.

The end result is a color videocassette about one and a half hours in length, in which we cover a full range of issues: manning (first and foremost), career progression opportunities — now and in the future, some questions and answers on the new equipment we are getting, observing and the Representative Observation Site, Space Command and 4th Weather Wing, Weather-2000, and many other issues.

We enjoyed making the videotape, and I hope some of the questions that are on your mind are answered through this tape. I intend to update it with a shorter 30 minute version late this summer.

Some of the testimony for the great job you are doing and the importance of your efforts was captured in a short article in the January 1984 edition of the "Armed Forces Journal." Check it out in the Base Library.

Look forward to seeing you in 1984. Keep up the great work.

## chief's comments

We often read or hear about the word, "communication." But are *we* communicating with others in our daily activities?

I used to think that the often heard statement, "...lack of communication is the problem," was a caveat. People used this phrase when the real problem could not be found. They would find, "the 10 percent that didn't get the word," and could prove their point.

After a few years of being exposed to the communication process, I soon learned that the 10 percent that didn't get the word was really 50 percent. At times, the figure was probably closer to 80-90 percent. The remaining 10-20 percent are usually aware of a particular situation, but only by reading about it after the fact, or by learning about it from a source outside of their own channel of communications. Often, when the information is obtained out of the normal channel of communication, the facts are distorted and people become confused. Result: good sound decisions are not made. Some of these decisions could affect your career, family, etc. We owe it to others to communicate effectively and factually.

The one part of communication that I want to stress is called, "Two-way communication — up channel and down channel." At the present time, there are proposed legislative bills that, if passed, will affect us as a military member. There are four or five proposed retirement plans, future pay raises, doing away with commissaries, etc., all of which will affect the decisions a military member makes for the future.

## "Two-way communication works"

Closer to home, there are many changes taking place within Air Weather Service. Colonel Chapman has provided an update of AWS activities via a videotape. This should provide some of the answers, but at the same time, it will stimulate more questions. As I mentioned before, we need all of the facts available to make good, sound decisions. This is where two-way communication up channel/down channel works the best. When you have questions concerning the current and future plans within AWS or policies that are not fully understood — ask the question. The Station Chief or Commander may have the answer. If not, seek their help in obtaining the answers. This may be through your Squadron, Wing or here at Headquarters.

There are several folks at your base (non-weather) who can provide you many answers on Air Force policies and current and future programs within the Air Force. One method of obtaining this information is by inviting people from these different agencies to speak at Commander's Calls. The spouses can be invited and should be encouraged to attend certain meetings.

Some of the questions may originate from the Squadron or Wing and the Det may provide the answers. Where the questions originate doesn't make any difference. The difference is when a question is asked and factual answers are provided we have all learned something.

The thing to do is ask the questions. Ask your Supervisor, your Commander, the Wing Senior



CMSgt. Charles T. Melson  
AWS Senior Enlisted Advisor

Enlisted Advisor or give me a call. Keep asking somebody until you are satisfied that you can make your decisions based on sound facts.

The more we communicate, the better we will be able to meet those new challenges.

Col. George E. Chapman  
AWS Commander

SSgt. Michael T. Devine  
Editor

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# A Lesson from history : Breaking "men only" barriers



Sgt Vickiann (Vicki) Esposito, AWS' first woman dropsonde operator.

by John Fuller

An earlier column discussed the first women meteorologists in Air Weather Service during World War II and the immediate post-war years.

Among those pioneers were Maj Jean D. Armstrong, a forecaster who, in 1951, became the first woman to command an AWS detachment. And the respected Alice L. Hill, a black observer who, in 1971, became the first woman in AWS to achieve the rank of chief master sergeant.

The Jean Armstrongs and Alice Hills were exceptional cases. They overcame prejudices women faced in the military from the late 1940s until well into the 1970s.

## Congressional Ceiling

When Congress established the Women's Air Force in 1948, it clamped a ceiling on the number of women (two percent of the Air Force's total regular strength) and on their grades. There could be only one colonel (O-6) and she would serve as the Women's Air Force director. Therefore, the rank of lieutenant colonel was the highest to which a woman could realistically aspire.

Although the 1948 law allowed women to compete with men for promotion (other services had separate promotion lists for women), they fared poorly because they were excluded from some jobs. They could not be rated (be pilots or navigators). They were not permitted to serve in a combat theater (with the exception of nurses). They encountered "men only" signs at the doors of West Point, Annapolis and the senior service schools. (It was 1970 before the first woman entered Air War College.) Under such restrictions, careers for women stagnated.

By 1958, enlisted and officer women were being phased out of job specialties where their representation had been small. Women were no longer permitted to enter such fields as meteorology, and those already trained were encouraged to re-train into other career fields. By 1965, nearly 70 percent of the enlisted women were performing clerical and administrative tasks. Another 23 percent were in medical facilities. More

than 75 percent of the women officers who were not nurses were found in administration, personnel, information (public affairs), or other similar desk jobs.

Not until 1972 did the Air Force (and the other services) reopen all career fields, except those beyond the physical capability of most women and those closed because of combat restrictions. Thus, while some 90 percent of the enlisted women in the military were concentrated in traditional occupations in 1972, that figure dropped to 54 percent by 1980.

## Major Policy Change

More barriers for women in khaki came down in November 1967 when President Johnson made the first major policy change affecting women since 1948. By signing Public Law 90-130, he removed the shackles of strength and grade ceilings. Women could then aspire to flag rank, and in 1971, the Air Force promoted the first woman to brigadier general. More light entered when women were allowed to attend senior service schools and, in 1975, the service academies. A year later, the Air Force accepted women for pilot and navigator training.

Two of the 18 women selected for the Air Force's first women's pilot training test program were from AWS. They were 1st Lt Ann O. Smethurst and 2nd Lt Carol A. Scherer. One of the six women selected for the Air Force's first navigator training test program was 2nd Lt Ramona L. Roybal, an "Aggie" classmate and good friend of Scherer's from meteorology at Texas A&M.

Following graduation from pilot training in September 1977, Scherer was assigned as a WC-130 pilot at Andersen AFB, Guam. She flew with the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron "Typhoon Chasers," where 1st Lt Nancy E. Holtgard had just qualified as an Aerial Weather Reconnaissance Weather Officer. Scherer and Holtgard were both "firsts" for the 54th WRS.

After graduating in October 1977, Roybal was assigned as a WC-135 navigator with the 55th WRS at McClellan AFB, Calif. A classmate of hers, 1st Lt Florence Fowler was assigned as a WC-130 navigator with the 53rd WRS "Hurricane Hunters" at

Keesler AFB, Miss. Roybal and Fowler were the first rated women officers ever assigned to those units.

## "delicate, but gutsy"

Yet when it came to breaking the male barrier, each of the pioneering women already listed had to take a back seat to a delicate, but gutsy Sgt Vickiann (Vicki) Esposito.

Esposito was a 20-year old weather observer when she volunteered for weather recce flying duty in December 1972. While the governing AWS directives specifically precluded women, the AWS Commander, Brig Gen William H. Best, was a progressive who favored a relaxation. Opposed by his own staff and the MAC commander, Best pushed it all the way to the Air Staff and received a go-ahead. Thus, Esposito passed the same rigorous flight physical required of men, and reported to the 53rd WRS in December 1973 as a dropsonde operator.

Upon direct orders of the MAC commander, Esposito's assignment to Keesler AFB was without publicity, even though she was the first woman ever assigned as a regular weather reconnaissance crewmember.

In 1978, following a May 1976 transfer to the 54th WRS, Esposito was awarded the Air Medal (another first) for 15 typhoon penetrations as a crewmember aboard WC-130s.

Despite such gains, women in the military still faced some "men only" signs in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Moreover, they were still paying the price in promotions where, historically, women fared the worst.

In 1978, for example, of the 48 women line O-6s in the four services, only three were in the Women's Air Force. In 1976, no Women's Air Force line officers were selected for O-6; in 1977 there were three; and in 1978 only four.

It helped explain why weather women like Lt Cols Joyce E. Somers and Margaret J. Perry were relegated to

command of detachments or to staff work. In July 1969, Somers was hand-picked by AWS to command its showcase detachment in the Pentagon. Not only did Somers and her charges present briefings daily to high-level Defense Department officials, but they furnished the forecast for the White House Rose Garden wedding of Tricia Nixon on June 12, 1971.

With little hope of promotion, Somers retired as a senior lieutenant colonel in June 1974. By the close of 1974, there were just 12 Women's Air Force officers in AWS. One was Perry, on the staff of HQ AWS, who retired as an O-5 in early 1976.

Things were hardly better for enlisted weather women. Of the 203 enlisted women in AWS in late 1974, four were forecasters, 174 were observers, and only five occupied supervisory positions. One who had broken new ground was Olive M. Folze.

Born in Dallas, Wis., Folze enlisted in January 1944, receiving her initial training as a weather observer at Williams Field, Ariz. After a succession of assignments she came to HQ AWS where she was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant in 1961, making her the ranking, and only, woman E-8 in AWS.

Folze retired in September 1970, passing away two years later. A year after that, a women's dormitory at Scott AFB was dedicated to, and named after, Olive Folze — believed to be the first time a dedication was made in the memory of an enlisted WAF.

"She was a people-related person, especially interested in the younger airmen," remarked Brig Gen Best in his dormitory commemoration speech "Sergeant Folze's philosophy was to not look at life to see what you could get from it, but rather what you could give it."



## MAJOR GENERAL JEANNE M. HOLM — 1921-

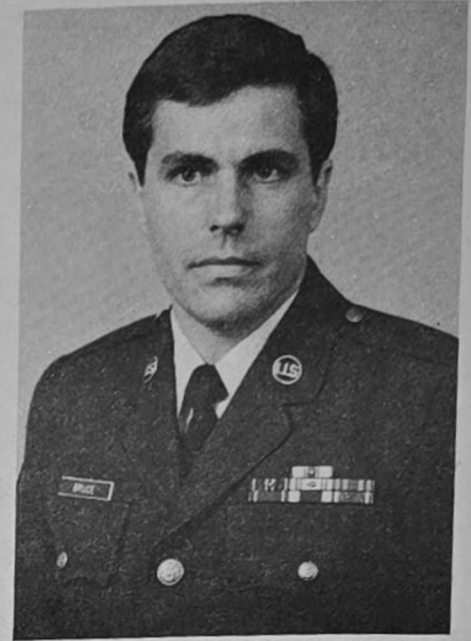
- Enlisted truck driver in World War II Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Earned WAAC "third officer" commission in 1943.
- Appointed director of Women in the Air Force in 1965. Doubled size of WAF, expanding roles and career opportunities for Air Force women.
- Awarded Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service.
- First Air Force woman brigadier general — 1971. Then first woman major general in the U.S. military — 1973.
- Author of "Women in the Military," Presidio Press, 1982.



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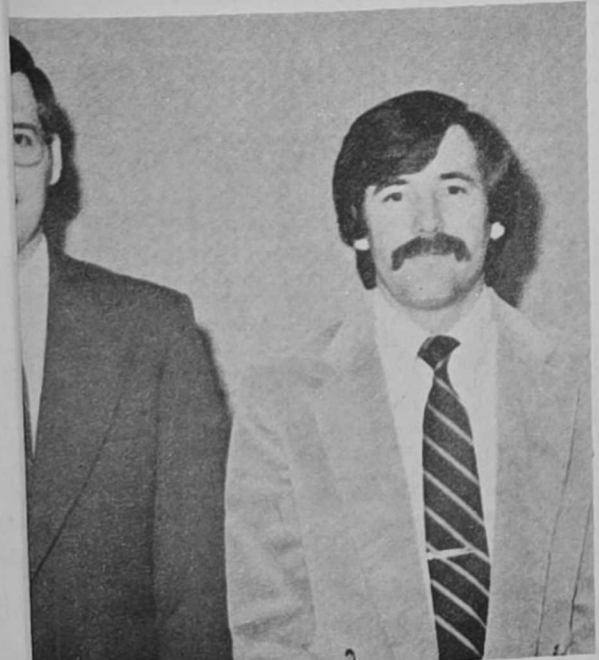
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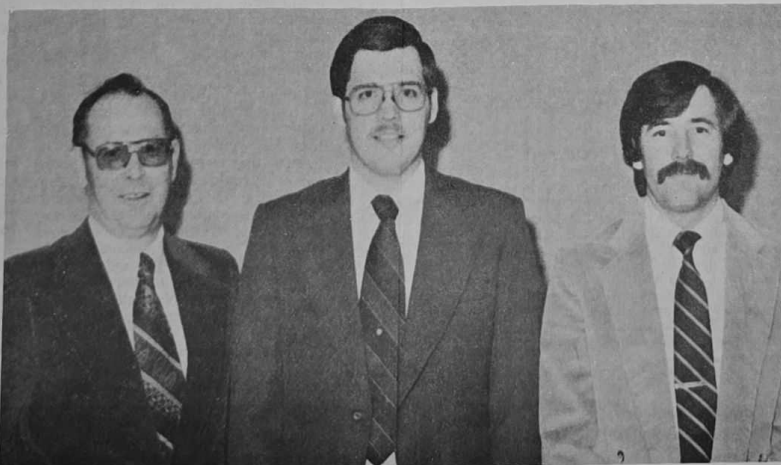
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Col. A.L. Boright (3 OLC), 24WS, Randolph AFB, Texas; SMSgt Arlis C. Kelley, Det 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Capt Jerry R. Thornberry, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Lt Col Don R. Van Leuven (3 OLC), Det 3, 9WS, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Msgrt Curtis Cessna, Det 15, 9WS, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; Lt Col Barry M. Oman (1 OLC), HQ 1WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii;

### Air Force Commendation Medal:

SSgt Susan Reyessauter, Det 9, 7WW, Scott AFB, Ill.; SrA Scott A. Bawek, Det 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; TSgt James D. White (3 OLC), HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; MSgt Ronald L. Simmen (1 OLC), HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SrA Douglas M. Rozych, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; SSgt Raymond A. Brodeur, OL A, Det 21, 5WS, Ft Steward, Ga.; SSgt Robert C. Norman, Det 3, 3WS, Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.; Capt David W. Freeman, Det 4, 28WS, RAF Bentwaters, U.K.; TSgt Anthony R. Ramirez (1 OLC), OL B, 2WW, Neubruecke AIN, Germany; Capt Michael D. Morton (2 OLC), Det 3, 2WW, Athens City, Greece; SSgt Debra R. LaBella (1 OLC), Det 10, 7WS, Giebelstadt AAF, Germany; TSgt Theodore A. Mack (1 OLC), HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; MSgt Thomas E. Harbidge (1 OLC), Det 16, 9WS, Dyess AFB, Texas; Sgt Stephen D. Harford, Det 9, 5WS, Ft Rucker, Ala.;

### Air Medal:

1Lt Mark H. Daybell, Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; Capt Todd J. Leiss (1 OLC), Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; Capt Michael G. Middlebrooke (2 OLC), Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; Capt Terry Laing (3 OLC), Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; Capt Bil I. Greg (2 OLC), Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; Sgt Myles A. Nonaka, Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam;

### Combat Readiness Medal:

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## Det 11 Lieutenant—Patrick's best

1st Lt Joseph R. Pineau, a Special Projects Weather Officer at the Air Force Technical Applications Center, has been named the Patrick AFB, Fla., Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Lieutenant Pineau works directly with the AF Technical Applications Center staff to support DOD taskings. He also conducts technical studies to improve weather support capabilities at the AF

Technical Applications Center.

He is Det 11, 2WS's Unit Security Manager, their representative to the Base Advisory Council and Company Grade Officer Committee. Lieutenant Pineau is extremely active in base and community activities but managed to complete his master's degree in Computer Science through the Florida Institute of Technology.

## Freebies and things to write for

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# New fitness program survival of the fittest

by SSgt Shirlee Taylor  
436th MAW/Public Affairs  
Dover AFB, Del.

of the 180 people picked to test the new fitness program.

Well, I guess that's why they had two people standing by to give cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Thankfully, no one in my group had any problem with the new program. In fact, most of them were running enthusiasts who finished in good time. Actually they were all waiting for me to finish. They applauded when I dragged myself across the finish line.

I was embarrassed. As I was getting back on the bus that would take us back to the gym, I remembered there was more to this test — the sit-ups.

Let's see, how many did they say we had to do? Oh yea — 30 in one minute. Great...well, I might as well go from embarrassed to ashamed.

On my 27th sit'up, they called time and I almost passed out. But I found out that the most anyone did was 44, so I didn't feel too bad.

Well, my efforts weren't wasted. I proved one thing — no one should try this unless they are involved in a vigorous exercise program. Believe me, the next time I run, I'm doing it for the health of it.

How about you? Could you run the mile and a half in the new times allotted? Or would you be a "sore" loser too?

Well, I'm through being a sore loser — I'm joining an exercise class tomorrow — as soon as I buy some liniment.

Well, I flunked. It took me 18 minutes to run a mile and a half.

OK, maybe 'flunked' is too harsh a word — a sore loser would be more appropriate — with the emphasis on "sore."

According to the regs, I made the fourth category, but to be in tip-top condition, I would have had to make it in the third category — just less than 15 minutes.

I tried to argue the point that I'm only two months away from being in the 30-to-34 age group, but I still wouldn't have passed.

I can't understand it. I don't smoke. I'm not overweight. I'm only 29. I have no medical problems.

So why didn't I make it? It's simple — I'm out of shape.

But the crazy part about this whole thing is that I wasn't even picked to run — I volunteered to enter this physical fitness testing program.

Why did I volunteer? I was curious. I knew I was out of shape, but because I had all the other factors going for me, I thought I could do it. Was I wrong.

But if I didn't make it in time, then I feel sorry for the person who is older than 30, smokes, is overweight, and is out of shape.

Imagine if that type of person was one

## 7WW — A history of varied support

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detachments assumed support functions of the MAC Numbered Air Forces. Sixth Weather Squadron, 15WS and 24WS were realigned under 5th Weather Wing.

In an effort to better align weather support with the various missions of the Air Force, AWS reorganized again in 1976. Seventh Weather Wing was reactivated. Fifteenth Weather Squadron moved to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and became subordinate to 7WW as did 6WS at Tinker AFB.

Seventh Weather Wing was reorganized again in 1980 to align the wing's detachments functionally and/or geographically. Fifteenth Weather Squadron was moved to McGuire AFB, NJ. Eight 7WW units east of the Mississippi River plus Det 1, Selfridge

ANGB, Mich., and Det 31, Dobbins AFB, Ga., were placed under 15WS. The 11 7WW detachments west of the Mississippi River plus Det 12, Selfridge ANGB, Colo., were placed under 17WS which was activated at Travis AFB, Calif.

### Geographic alignment

For other bases (AFLC and ANG) the alignment was geographic. Headquarters 7WW retained Det 9, Scott AFB, Ill., as a direct reporting unit in addition to 6WS, 15WS and 17WS.

Currently, the wing supports MAC, Air Force Logistics Command, United States Forces Azores, Air Force Communications Command, Electronic Security Command, the Air Force Military Training Center and Air Force Reserve.

Air Force testing "Enhanced Fitness Program"				
Men's run times				
Age group	Current standard	Category III	Category IV	Category V
29 and under	14:30	13:15	12:00	10:45
30-39	15:00-15:30	14:00	12:30	11:00
40-49	16:00-16:30	15:00	13:00	11:30
50 and above	17:00	15:45	14:30	12:30
Women's run times				
29-under	15:36	15:54	15:54	13:30
30-39	16:05-16:40	16:30	16:30	14:30
40-49	17:10-17:45	17:30	17:30	15:55
50-and above	18:15	18:30	18:15	16:30
Men's sit-ups (repetitions in one minute)				
29-and under		34	42	51
30-39		31	40	49
40-49		26	37	47
50 and above		20	32	44
Women's sit-ups (repetitions in one minute)				
29 and under		30	41	51
30-39		24	33	42
40-49		15	27	38
50 and above		14	26	37

## How the new program works

by SSgt Mike Devine  
AWS/Public Affairs

In less than a year the Enhanced Fitness Program will go into affect. That means starting in October 1984, you'll have to run faster and do sit-ups because Category III (see chart) will become the standard for Air Force fitness.

Under the Enhanced Fitness Program, passing the new physical fitness test will mean running the mile-and-a-half, and doing at least as many sit-ups as listed, by age, in Category III. By meeting Category III standards, you will have passed, but you'll be required to test again in about six months (semi-

annually).

If you only want to test annually, then you'll have to 'exceed the standards' in Category IV for both running and sit-ups.

If you're wondering what Category V is, it might be a glimpse of things to come. If the Enhanced Fitness Program works out, then Category IV may become the standard. Then Category V would have to be equalled or bettered to exceed the standard. But don't worry, Category VI standards are years away.

But next October will be here very soon, and if you don't want to be a "sore" loser, you had better start on a physical fitness program now.

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