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AWS selects "the best" for 1983



Capt David E. Howell

Junior Officer of the Year

Capt David E. Howell, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., is the 1983 AWS Junior Officer of the Year.

Howell was nominated for "superior performance, professional skill, knowledge and leadership as Chief of the Real-Time Operating Systems Section, Systems Branch, Automation Division, Headquarters AFGWC."

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics "Cum Laude" from Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, Howell was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in May 1974. His first Air Force assignment, just two months later, was to the University of Texas at Austin, where he took the Basic Meteorology Course.

In May 1975, he was assigned to the base weather station at Little Rock AFB, Ark. He served as a weather forecaster, Chief Weather Forecaster and Wing Weather Officer. In August 1978, he moved to an AF Institute of Technology assignment at Texas A&M University. He graduated with a Master of Computing Science degree in May 1980.

Howell's next assignment was to Headquarters, AFGWC, where he is the leader of the 16-person Real-Time Operating Systems Section, comprised of advanced degree weather officers, weather officers, computer systems analysts and computer programmers. He has the complex responsibility of being knowledgeable in both the field of meteorology and computer science.

During 1983, he managed more than 200 computer programming projects. His technical guidance and leadership brought a 2,000-hour project to upgrade communications for the AFGWC classified computer ahead of schedule and below cost. A "technical wizard" when it comes to real-time operations of AFGWC's \$19 million computer complex, he provides technical guidance to more than 150 computer



SMSgt Finis R. Herron

programmers on how to design interfaces between current and new systems.

Recently completing Air Command and Staff College by seminar, Howell was selected to attend a DOD Computer Institute course on Automated Information System Project Management. The information he brought back to AFGWC on project analysis methodology was so successfully used in his section, that it was adopted in all other programming sections.

Active in the community, Howell is an assistant troop leader for the Girl Scouts and guided a team that automated the scorekeeping for the Nebraska Special Olympics. He is also active in the local chapters of the American Meteorological Society and the Association of Computer Machinery in Omaha.

Howell was selected as the AFGWC Junior Officer of the Quarter for April-June 1983, AFGWC Junior Officer of the Year for 1983, and was one of the Offutt Junior Officer of the Year first runners-up. He was recently selected to command Det 2, 1WW, Andersen AFB, Guam.

Other nominees for AWS Junior Officer of the Year were: Capt Billy G. Davis, HQ 3WW, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Capt Gregory J. Donovan, HQ 3WS, Shaw AFB, S.C.; Capt Daniel Fineran, HQ 2WW, Kapaun AS, Germany; Capt Tamzy J. House, HQ AWS, Scott AFB, Ill; Capt Dennis M. Kerrigan, OL-A, 30WS, Camp Red Cloud AIN, Korea; 1st Lt Joseph R. Pineau, Det 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, Fla; 1st Lt Ricardo Rivera, Det 16, 31 WS, Zaragoza ABS, Spain.

Senior NCO of the Year

SMSgt Finis R. Herron, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., is the 1983 AWS Senior NCO of the Year.

Herron was nominated for "his excellent performance, outstanding



TSgt Mary F. Hebert

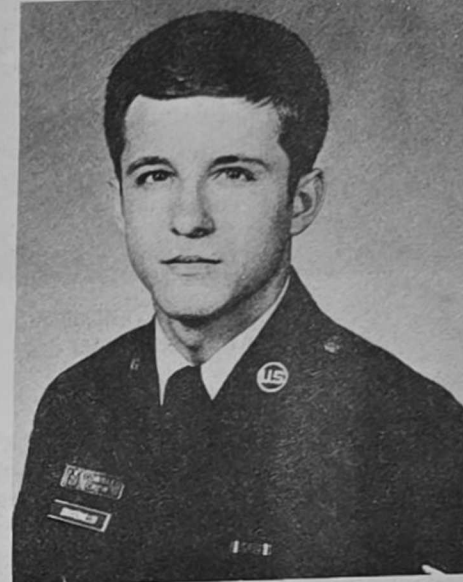
professional skill, knowledge, and leadership as a Superintendent, Production Branch, in support of the environmental services provided by the Forecasting Services Division."

After completing basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas in October 1963, he began technical training as a weather observer at Chanute AFB, Ill. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Sembach AB, Germany.

Herron moved to Perrin AFB, Texas in 1967. After completing the Weather Forecaster Course in 1970, he was assigned to the Base Weather Station, Offutt AFB. In October, he graduated from NCO Leadership School, Norton AFB, Calif., and received the Commandant's Award.

In December 1971, Herron was reassigned to Tinker AFB, Okla., where he was a forecaster and the additional duty Safety NCO for the Base. He was transferred to RAF Alconbury, U.K., in July 1974. While at Alconbury, he was selected as the AWS Safety NCO of the Year (Additional Duty) for 1976. Herron attended Norton's NCO Academy in February 1976 and was one of the class's distinguished graduates.

Herron was assigned as a weather technician at Sheppard AFB, Texas in July 1977. When a massive tornado



SrA Harry L. Druckenmiller

destroyed a large part of Wichita Falls in April 1979, he and others in his unit were awarded the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for their humanitarian assistance in the aftermath of the disaster.

He was the Station Chief at Sheppard from May 1979 until he moved to Det 21, 2WW, Kapaun AS, Germany, in February 1980. He became NCOIC of the Sector Operations Center Three Weather Section a year later. From December 1981 until February 1983, Herron was Chief, Forecast Center Operations at the European Forecast Unit.

Promotion to Senior Master Sergeant came in March 1983. He was selected as the AFGWC Senior NCO of the Quarter for July through September 1983 as well as Wing Senior NCO of the Year for 1983. Herron has just completed Senior NCO Academy.

As Production Branch Superintendent, Herron coordinates the activities of six forecast sections and one forecast support section providing air, sea and ground support for DOD operations worldwide. He coordinated the overall Branch Support effort to the flight of a severely damaged C-5 aircraft

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Command line



Col. George E. Chapman
AWS Commander

What's the question, you may ask? Read on.

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of having lunch with about 170 of the finest officers in the Air Force — they were Air Weather Service officers assigned to the Base Weather Station, Headquarters 3rd Weather Wing, and Air Force Global Weather Central at Offutt AFB.

Following the lunch, I had the opportunity to update them on some of our new initiatives in

"It Looks Good!"

AWS and answer a few questions. One of the questions related to the quality of the officer corps, asking for my assessment of our Air Force Officer Corps today, and more specifically how we in AWS measured up. The question was an outgrowth of a feature article appearing in a recent weekly news magazine which challenged the quality of the current corps.

Without reservation, I feel that we are fortunate today to have a group of officers who are as well-motivated and educated as any I have worked with in my career, and I had an experience very recently that showed me that the future looks just as bright.

In 1968, the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) selected me for a graduate degree program, and I was sent to M.I.T. to earn an M.S. Degree. The 1968/69 time period was a rather difficult time for our Nation and service in our military profession was not looked upon favorably in some circles. By the time I left M.I.T. in August 1969, we were discouraged from wearing our uniform on the campus, and the popularity of the ROTC program, at M.I.T. and many other campuses, fell off greatly and enthusiasm for the program dropped sharply.

Yesterday (March 14) I returned to M.I.T. after a long absence to speak to the AFROTC Cadet Corps about the Air Force, the Air Weather Service, and leadership. It was a most pleasant contrast to my recollection of 1969. Joining us were cadets from Harvard, Tufts, and Wellesley—250 in all I was advised. In the last year or two, I have often heard and read of the reawakening of

patriotism and interest in the military profession on the campus — but this was my first opportunity to see it in person. First, the cadets looked sharp. They know about the Air Force Standards — and by my observation, they met them (checked by their class officers as they entered the auditorium!). The competition for an Air Force ROTC Scholarship is tough — and the quality that results is easily apparent. (Incidentally, in Air Weather Service, we average about 47 percent of our officer accessions from AFROTC programs, 51 percent from OTS, and 2 percent from the academies.

Following my remarks, we had an opportunity for more informal dialogue, to discuss issues and answer their questions. Quite frankly, their enthusiastic grasp and perception of present and future issues facing the Air Force were invigorating. The session left me with little doubt that our incoming officers are looking for a challenge — their questions involved the Space Program, our Air Weather Service solar facilities and our Space Environmental Support Program, flying (they have the only T-39 Flight Simulator I have seen at a University) and new Air Force opportunities in Engineering Technology and Program Management, and we have the challenges awaiting them. I am confident that the group of officers I met with will have some solutions — now and in the future. I was impressed.

How do we stack up today? Absolutely great. And the prospects for tomorrow are just as bright, judging by the cadets I saw yesterday.

chief's comments

On Feb. 2, I had the chance to visit a small village located in and around Ft Walton Beach, Fla. The idea for this village got its start in 1967 and a foundation was then formed. In 1975, the village was purchased and later named *Teresa Village*.

Some of you may recognize this village by its name, but for those who don't, it is the Air Force Enlisted Widow's Home. The *Teresa Village* consists of 121 one and two bedroom apartment units and six single dwelling homes. All units are fully occupied at this time, with 300 more applicants on file for consideration.

The eligibility for top priority is given to the widow of a retired enlisted person from the ranks of the active duty force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The widow must be age 55 or older. Widows whose spouse expired in-the-line-of-duty, while on active duty are also considered in the number one priority. An enlisted retiree and spouse who have reached the age of 62 may be granted residence after all priority ones.

The occupants do pay rent for the apartments and pay for their utilities. The lack of sufficient financial support is not uncommon because without personal investments in the years past, there wasn't any support for a military widow.

Today, we have the Survivors Benefit Plan. However, there are ways for the widows to obtain financial help to support themselves.

"The Dream?" Back in 1979, with the large number of widows needing a home, a plan for an expansion was started. Mr. Bob Hope gave his permission to use his name on a newly planned facility.

In 1980, 79 acres, of U.S. Government property on Eglin AFB, were purchased. The purchase was authorized and signed by the then President of the United States, Jimmie Carter.

In 1983, this land was cleared, a maintenance building was constructed, and construction bids were received. "The Dream" was becoming a reality.

This spring, construction on the first 128 units of the *Bob Hope Village* will begin. The total number of units in the *Bob Hope Village* will be 256, for a total of 377 units, adding those at *Teresa Village*.

Basically, that's the nuts and bolts of the program itself. The real part, and most important part, is to visit the village — talk to the occupants — feel and see the joy these folks express. The happiness will just overwhelm you.

"Thank you for your support," is an often heard

"A dream comes true"



CMSgt. Charles T. Melson
AWS Senior Enlisted Advisor

phrase. And there is sincerity in that message. "The Dream" is coming true and it has been through the contributions and efforts of those who care. We really do take care of "our own."

Col. George E. Chapman
AWS Commander

SSgt. Michael T. Devine
Editor

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A Lesson from history : WWII weather intercepts

by John Fuller

Last month's article described how the Navy had deciphered Japanese weather codes on the eve of World War II, and made use of Japanese weather data from the western Pacific.

Later in the war, Japanese data was made available to the weather central Air Weather Service operated in the Pentagon. In August 1942, a subsection was established in the Army's Signal Security Service (SSS, later redesignated as the Signal Security Agency, SSA) to analyze intercepts of encrypted enemy weather reports. Most of the reports intercepted were German, but by January 1943, there began a small flow of Japanese data into SSA and it was exchanged with the Navy.

Two months later, SSA detailed 2nd Lt William D. Ivins to AWS' weather central in the Pentagon to determine what traffic the central might be interested in. The Army Air Forces' Army Airways Communications System (today's Air Force Communications Command) had its own radio intelligence units. They also had at least one billet at each unit devoted to weather intercepts.

The Pentagon weather central had direct circuits to Presque Isle, Maine; New Orleans, La.; Great Falls, Mont.; San Francisco, Calif.; and La Guardia Field, NY, among other locations. At the time, Japanese weather traffic from the south Pacific was well covered by American monitors who radioed the intercepted traffic to San Francisco, which in turn, teletyped it to Washington.

Consequently, the weather central's Col Donald N.

Yates (who became the AWS Commander two years later) advised Ivins that his primary interest was in ciphered reports from another country being intercepted by Station Seven, Fairbanks, Alaska. Nevertheless, weather requested SSA coverage of Japanese transmissions, and the assignment was given to Station 13, Daly City, Calif., and Station 15, Ft Lewis, Wash.

It was known that Japanese weather, like German weather, was transmitted continuously during a 24-hour day. It was also known that the message contained in each preamble a bi-syllable which indicated the portion of the synoptic hour in which the observation was made.

Also noted was that transmissions at 9 a.m. local time from one of the Tokyo stations being intercepted occurred only on certain days. These were identified as special hydrographic reports with the following schedule: one day of transmission followed by two days of silence; two days consecutive broadcasts followed by two days of silence; and then the cycle repeated itself.

In March 1944, the British asked that only shore-to-ship Japanese weather be exchanged with SSA. That action cut the amount of traffic exchanged from the full take of some 40 Japanese transmitters to that part of the regular broadcasts which operated over only six Japanese weather broadcast stations. Special emphasis was then placed on monitoring all Japanese weather broadcast schedules suspected of carrying shore-to-ship reports. By mid-1944, 15 positions at SSA were monitoring 42 Japanese weather transmitters. Twenty-five new Japanese weather transmitters had been discovered the previous year.

Much of the SSA's early efforts were directed toward intercepting some 50-to-60 German naval weather reports a day. The Allied invasion of North Africa in November 1942 prompted German and Italian stations in Africa to close down. By February 1943, 29 German and nine Italian weather broadcast stations (most in continental Europe) were being intercepted.

SSA's weather section tried to supply AWS' Pentagon weather central with daily 24-hour intercepts of deciphered weather reports. But because of the geographic location of the intercepted sites copying the reports, the 24-hour coverage desired was impossible. Intercepts allowed a schedule to be established of most German weather broadcasts for every 15 minutes of a 24-hour day. However, the time delay in forwarding the intercepted data was too great for the traffic to be of use operationally.

A case in point was SSA's Station 16 in Algiers. SSA received the first intercepted German reports on April 10, 1943 from Station 16. Traffic was enciphered in Algiers, radioed to the SSA, teletyped to the weather central, and then deciphered. The average elapsed time between intercept and SSA receipt being 79 hours.

Until late January 1944, when the data was handled entirely by intercept and AWS units in the field, British intercepts of German weather were forwarded to SSA-weather section.

Next month's article will delve into the success the British enjoyed deciphering Germany weather reports and putting the data to use operationally.

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from Alaska to Georgia. His OJT program was used by the base OJT manager as the example for the base to follow. His contributions to the local community span the full spectrum of civic and social activities.

Setting the example for his people, Herron is working towards an Associate Degree in Weather Technology through the Community College of the Air Force.

Herron will move to Det 12, 5WS, Ft Eustis, Va. this summer as Detachment Chief.

Other nominees for Senior NCO of the Year were: MSgt Louis V. Csencsits, Det 12, 7WS, Finthen AAF, Germany; MSgt Nyle R. Friesen, Det 31, 5WS, Ft Polk, La.; MSgt William E. Phillips, Det 5, 9WS, Malstrom AFB, Mont.; and MSgt Thomas J. Scholl, Det 8, 1WW, Kadena AB, Japan.

NCO of the Year

TSgt Mary F. Hebert, Det 15, 28WS, RAF Mildenhall, England, is the 1983 AWS NCO of the Year.

She was nominated for "her superb performance, outstanding professional qualities, knowledge and leadership as a weather forecaster in supporting environmental services provided to MAC, Strategic Air Command and USAF Europe."

She completed basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas in 1973. After completing technical training as a weather observer at Chanhute AFB, Ill., in January 1974, she was assigned to

Castle AFB, Calif. Hebert's next assignment was to Zaragoza AB, Spain. There, she was one of the first female observers to support the Bardenas Reales Gunnery Range.

Reassigned to Whiteman AFB, Mo. in May 1977, she was the unit NCO of the Quarter and received the first oak leaf cluster to her Air Force Commendation Medal for notifying a neighboring town of an impending tornado. Her warning allowed sufficient time for warnings to the civilian population, resulting in no serious injuries.

Hebert attended forecasting school at Chanhute from February 1979 to July 1979. She earned an Associate Degree in General Studies from Georgia Military college in May 1980. Four months later, she moved to Mildenhall, where she was chosen to be the Unit's Radar Coordinator.

While at Mildenhall, she attended NCO Leadership School and was a distinguished graduate. Hebert received her Bachelor of Arts in Management, graduating with distinction from Park College in May 1983. Two months later, she completed NCO Academy in residence.

Currently, Hebert's skillful application of atmospheric dynamics has insured that her forecasts are technically and statistically superior. She manages both the Follow On Training and Weather Radar programs, and was selected for training as an alternate Wing Weather Officer.

Hebert's contributions to community affairs include active participation in sports and volunteer work with the

American Red Cross.

Other nominees for the NCO of the Year were: TSgt Spencer R. Chapman, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt Scott R. Nelson, Det 11, 1WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; and SSgt Benito R. Chavarria, Det 11, 25WS, Cannon AFB, NM.

Airman of the Year

SrA Harry L. Druckenmiller, Det 12, 7WS, Finthen AAF, Germany, is the 1983 AWS Airman of the Year.

Druckenmiller was nominated for "his excellent performance; outstanding professional skill, knowledge, and leadership as combat ready weather observer for Army operations in weather detachment support the US Army's 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in field and garrison."

Completing basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he entered technical training at Chanhute AFB, Ill., in August 1981. Druckenmiller completed the weather observer course with a 97.5 percent average.

Following technical school, he returned to his hometown of Allentown, Pa., under the Air Force Recruiter Assistance Program. He arrived at Hurlburt Field, Fla., in January 1982.

Arriving at Det 12, 7WS, Finthen AAF, Germany in January 1983, his job knowledge rapidly progressed from competence to excellence. He was soon appointed the primary trainer for all newly assigned observers. He developed training seminars and an operations test to evaluate the overall observer job

functions.

He was selected for below-the-zone promotion in September 1983 and is very active in community affairs. Druckenmiller is a volunteer Spanish interpreter for the local community and is pursuing a college degree through night classes. His weather support while deployed has been credited for the success of training exercises for the 8th Combat Aviation Battalion and parts of REFORGER 83.

Other nominees were: SrA Fizal Hosein, Det 18, 30WS, Yongsan AIN Korea (currently 3351st Student Squadron, Chanhute); SrA Lovita M. Kessler, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; and SrA Kenneth D. Peirce, Det 15, 25 WS, Luke AFB, Ariz.

SPRING FORWARD



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Instructor earns suggestion \$\$\$

Like most major organizations, the Air Force has an outlet for suggestions, creative ideas and thoughts on how the organization can run smoother and more efficiently.

While toaster ovens or dinners-for-two aren't given away, the monetary awards can be sizeable if ideas prove to be cost-effective for the Air Force. In any case, Air Force leaders recognize the intelligence of their people and allow each person the opportunity to express his or her ideas on how to improve management and operations.

It's called the Suggestion Program and it's been around a long time. But, people and the Air Force are still benefitting from it, so it continues.

Marine MSgt Ronald J. Castle, 3350th Technical Training Group, Chanute AFB, Ill., knows the satisfaction of helping out the Air Force. He was recently awarded \$1,604 for an idea that will save the Air Force more than \$26,700 the first year.

The problem? Sergeant Castle, as an instructor in the weather technician course, recognized that some of the students in the course could handle the academics, but for one reason or another,

failed the practical application portion of the course. The course is mandatory for progression within the weather career field. Normal procedure was to return these students to the field and bring them back to school after one year. This involved two permanent change of station moves at considerable cost to the government.

Sergeant Castle had a solution. The monitor and relay section of the weather training branch was staffed by permanent party weather observers who performed school support duties as well. The suggestion was to replace some of these permanent party observers with the withdrawals from the weather technician course. The students, already proficient in weather observation, would fill authorized positions for approximately six months while preparing themselves for re-entering the technical course.

According to Sergeant Castle's suggestion, the cost of the PCS moves to field unit and return to Chanute was eliminated. It also allowed the weather observers who would normally be assigned to Chanute to be assigned to field units. (Reprinted from the *Pacesetter*).



IT'S DECISION TIME
VOTE
1984

Everyone knows that the life of a professional military member is a very mobile one. And, unless you happen to be stationed in your hometown, casting your ballot for the candidate of your choice can be difficult. That means you'll have to vote absentee.

All members of the Armed Forces, their spouses and dependents, 18 years or older, who are U.S. citizens can vote by absentee ballot in federal, state and most local elections in one's legal state of residence.

What is your "legal state of residence?" When it comes to voting, it's the state in which you last resided before entering military service, or the state you have since claimed as your legal residence. Even if you don't have any formal ties (owning land, for example), an address is needed to place you in a proper voting district.

Procedures have been established at the state level under the Federal Voting Assistance Act to let U.S. citizens stationed away from their legal residences to register and vote in local, state and federal elections by absentee ballot.

And the easiest way to do that is to use the Federal Post Card Application available at your legal office or from your Voting Officer. The Federal Post

Card Application is accepted by all 50 states as either an application for registration forms or as the registration form itself. Further, most states recognize the Federal Post Card Application as a request for a ballot. You can also send a written request for ballots to your county or town clerk.

If you are already registered to vote and just want to request a ballot, your Federal Post Card Application should reach election officials in your town at least 40-45 days before the election. If you want to register and get a ballot, allow more time. Some states require separate requests for registration and ballots. And most states require separate requests for each election.

Federal Post Card Applications can be mailed free of charge from any APO or FPO mail facilities, all U.S. Embassies and any post office in the U.S.

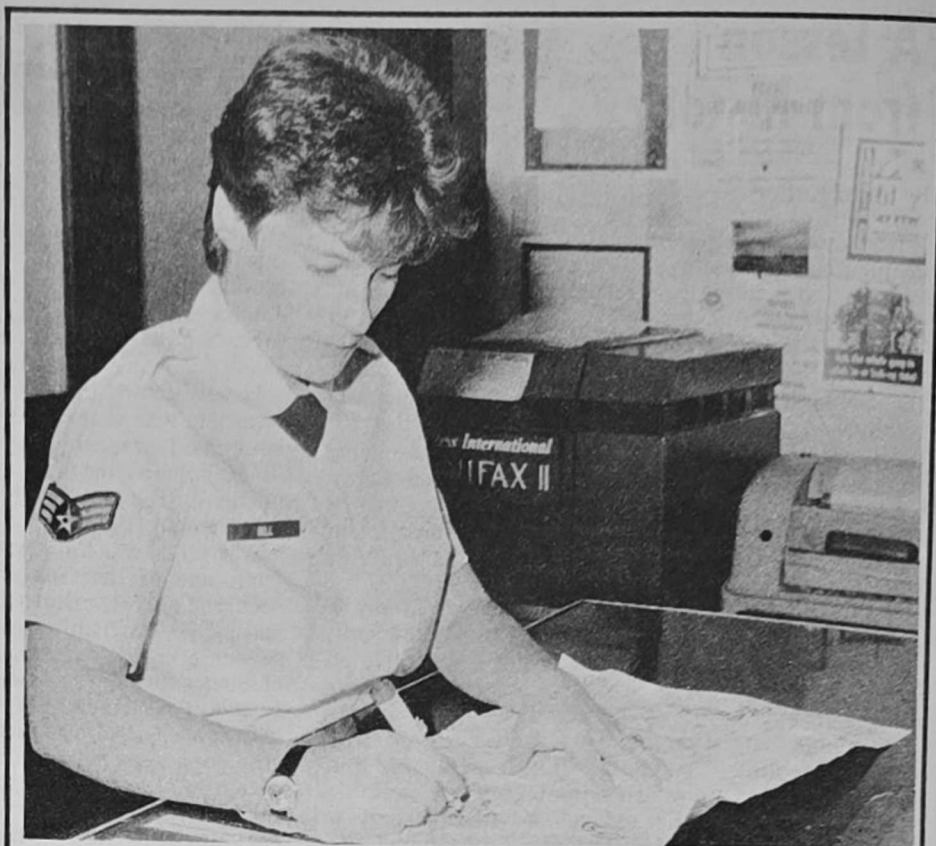
Recognizing that state and local governments have different rules concerning voting, keep in mind that your Voting Officer has information on laws for each state. And any questions which can't be answered by a Voting Officer or counsellor should be directed to: Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program; Office of the Secretary of Defense; Pentagon, Room 1B457; Washington, D.C. 20301. (AFNS)

Old 7WS reunion planned

Retirees who were in the 7th Weather Squadron between Dec. 1, 1941 and Aug. 15, 1945 are asked to contact Lester Gaynor, 15200 S. Gess Ave., Westwood,

MA 02090. He is planning a 7WS reunion for May 1985 in San Francisco.

(Editor's note: The 7WS was broken up and redesignated 31WS while in Europe. The dates are correct.)



Part of the team

It's very easy to forget that the 702X0s in AWS are a valuable part of the team.

Administrative Specialists are visualized as being in the background. Typing misunderstood paperwork. Refiling that which the weather folks leave in disarray. And they don't know the first thing about skew-Ts, millibars or RVR!

Here at Det 20, 24WS, we realize who makes up the "team" more because of Sgt Patricia Bell. She's been with us only a short time, but we all know she's a top performer. Not only does she tackle her clerical work, finishing it in minimal time, but she has an interest in the weather field and its people. She tears and files, colors charts, answers phones

and generally does things that have a tendency to get many observers behind schedule.

When it came time for her to reenlist, it was discovered that her Career Job Reservation had expired because of an administrative error. Because of her outstanding record she received a Wing Commander's override at local level. (Sergeant Bell was promoted Below-The-Zone in 1981, was selected as the Spangdahlem AB, Germany and USAF Administrative Specialist of the Year for 1981.)

The people at Det 20 think she is a pretty special part of our team. We're happy she was able to reenlist and continue being part of our unit.



Col Jack Wylie presents Debora Bartelli a \$750 check to help orphans at the St. Vincent's Home for Amerasians. (photo by Capt David Homan)

Making Christmas bright

by Capt David Homan

Christmas 1983 was a pleasurable event for the St. Vincent's Home for Amerasians in Seoul, Korea.

AWS units in the Scott AFB, Ill area donated several boxes of clothing and toys which were delivered by 30WS personnel.

Col Jack Wylie, Commander 30WS, presented the packages and a \$750 check to Miss Debora Bartelli, assistant director of the orphanage. Much of the

money came from AWS belt buckle sales. Buckles are still available. They cost \$6 each and engraving is also available, maximum 20 characters at ten cents each.

St. Vincent's takes care of about 40 orphans ranging from infants to 18-year-olds. Thirtieth Weather Squadron personnel join other Air Force and Army organizations who contribute to various orphanages in South Korea all year long.

Survive and Operate

Business as usual, when the conditions are anything but usual, is the meaning of Ability to Survive and Operate.

At a recent workshop and exercise at George AFB, Calif., 25WS (12th Air Force) Wing Weather Officers practiced their Ability to Survive and Operate. The field exercise was a surprise. The tour of the Army's National Training Center at Ft Irwin, Calif., with its laser scoring system to test the Army against Soviet heavy artillery and small arms, was the last item on the agenda. The surprise exercise kept the participants at the George AFB ground defense force exercise area far into the night.

Sunny southern California was just plain cold by midnight. The team had been in the desert since noon. While there was enough daylight, they dug foxholes and latrines, and set up a makeshift tactical weather station.

The wing weather officers learned about tactical security and how to protect weather data under field conditions. After a talk on first aid and buddy care, they bandaged "wounds" and put splints on "broken legs." Then they learned how to do the same things when they and the "victims" were enshrouded in Chemical Warfare Defense gear and gas masks.

Between safety and first aid briefings, they dived under tables during an "attack" and then evacuated the damaged weather station. Mixed in with talks about field latrines and forecasting for Precision Guided Munitions, they pressed bandages into "wounds" and pushed shells into M-16 magazines.

A few people poured a little water on the dehydrated food. Others didn't bother, preferring to tug and chew at the cold contents of a "Meal Ready to Eat." Eating stopped abruptly and everyone ducked for cover as attackers began another skirmish.

The classroom turned into a practice room as workshop participants covered subjects as varied as Precision Guided Munitions support, the Tactical Air Control Center's Computer Assisted Force Management System and combat arms equipment.

Putting their training to the test, workshop participants donned full Chemical Warfare Defense suits and worked as two Tactical Weather Teams. They took observations with Belt Weather Kits, altimeter barometers and terrain maps. Encoding and decoding the observations by AWS K A C, the two teams simulated the flow of weather observations from classified locations. These observations were then applied and the Precision Guided Munitions Tactical Decision Aids.

He was dripping with sweat inside the Chemical Warfare Defense suit. With no evaporation possible, his body heat had created tropical rain forest conditions inside. Finishing the observation, he turned to go down from the platform, stepping slowly, feeling his sweat-soaked clothes clinging under the gear.

The field exercise was a defense scenario: set up and defend a tactical weather station while opposing forces attempt to overrun the area. The wing weather officers had to put into effect the concepts they had just learned: augment the Air Base Ground Defense force and sector security.

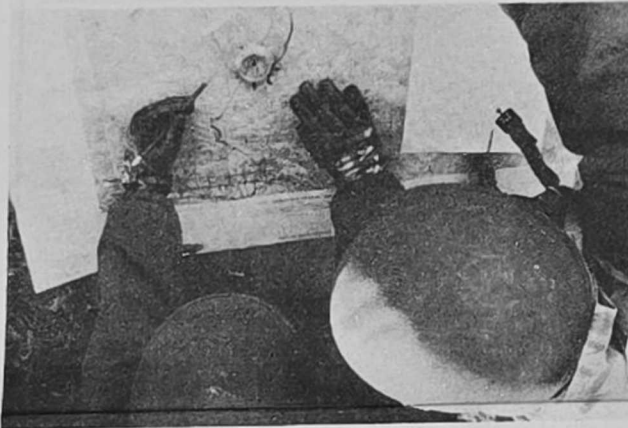
The attackers, members of the George AFB Security Police Squadron, used smoke charges, camouflage and blank M-16 rounds. The defenders, using the same weapons, held their perimeter and practiced their craft as meteorologists, sending out observations and producing Mission Control Forecasts. The attackers attacked and the defenders held until after midnight when the exercise was halted.

Thank God that's over. I'm tired and gritty from sand and camouflage paint. I'm thirsty and the "Meal Ready to Eat" is sitting like a rock in my belly. Those SPs over there must not have heard —

they're still shooting some blank rounds. I know those are blank rounds and this is California. But now I know I can go anywhere on a real contingency.

The talks, the discussions, the experience, the learning were done. The conference and hands-on workshop ended. A year's worth of learning and experience packed into an intense five-day period. Done until the time it might be needed.

Workshop participants were: Lt Col Gerald Gayvert, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas; Maj James Schofield, Det 11, 25WS, Cannon AFB, NM; Capt Robert Allen, Det 14, 25WS Holloman AFB, NM; Capt George Bogan, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas; Capt Reginald Kennedy, Det 18, 25WS, Mt Home AFB, Idaho; Capt Sheryl Foerster, Det 16, 25WS, Nellis AFB, Nev.; 1st Lt James Van Kovics, Det 6, 17WS, Hill AFB, Utah; 2nd Lts Michael Babcock, Det 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas; Linda Cassel, Det 16, 25WS, Nellis AFB, Nev.; Steve Erickson, Det 15, 25WS, Luke AFB, Ariz.;



Two workshop members prepare a visibility chart for weather observations using a JOGAIR (terrain) map and Belt Weather Kit compass.



2nd Lt Gary C. Grigorian peers out of his foxhole and lines his sights on the "enemy."

Randy Pearson, Det 12, 25WS, George AFB, Calif.; Steve Sponsler, Det 6, 17WS, Hill AFB, Utah; Scott Turek, Det 18, 25WS, Mt Home, Idaho; Gary C. Grigorian, Det 11, 25WS, Cannon AFB, NM; and TSgt Randy Morgan, Det 13, 25WS, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Assisting in the workshop and field exercise were: Capt Carl DauBach, MSgt Michael Visnaw, TSgt Richard Mitchell, SSgt Joe Brown, Sgt Steve Schoen and A1C James Eldridge, Det 12, 25WS, George AFB, Calif. Maj Bill Smith, HQ AWS and Lt Col K.C. Ross, 5WW gave presentations on Precision Guided Munitions support. Maj Ron Godden, HQ 5WW and Tactical Air Command Inspector General member, gave presentations on Ability to Survive and Operate and the Operational Readiness Inspection.



Taking weather observations from a raised platform in full CWD gear.

AWS Salutes . . .

MEDALS

Meritorious Service Medal to:

Lt Col George L. Frederick (2 OLC), HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; CMSgt William H. Arend (1 OLC), HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Capt David A. McClurkin, Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam;

Air Medals to:

Capt Stephen W. Lizon (3 OLC), Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; TSgt Harold E. Newman, Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; SSgt Peter M. Copeskey (2 OLC), Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; SSgt Michael Boettcher (1 OLC), Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam;

Air Force Commendation Medal to:

Sgt Stanley G. Grell, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; MSgt Jack L. Green (1 OLC), HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SrA Dennis P. Davis, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt Christopher N. Daniel, Det 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas; SSgt Pierre A. Mercier (2 OLC), Det 15, 30WS, Osan ABS, Korea; TSgt Matthew R. Ulrich (1 OLC), Det 15, 30WS, Osan ABS, Korea; Capt Joyce E. White, Det 15, 30WS, Osan ABS, Korea; Capt David W. Foss, OL B, 2WW, Neubruecke AIN, Germany;

Air Force Achievement Medal to:

A1C Mark A. Redford, OL A, Det 10, 7WS, Wertheim AAF, Germany; Capt Carlton F. Brown, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; 2Lt John Deblock, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt Linda K. Doggett, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt Paul Gibson, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt Scott Goldhammer, HW AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt Kristine Schadel, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt John J. Leslie, Det 6, 5WS, Ft Lewis AIN, Wash.;

Combat Readiness Medal to:

2Lt Benjamin V. Noah, Det 6, 5WS, Ft Lewis AIN, Wash.; MSgt Prentice E. Watson, Det 1, 5WS, Ft Campbell, Ky.;

Good Conduct Medal to:

SSgt Richard P. Hofer, Det 14, 17WS, Norton AFB, Calif.;

Air Force Longevity Service Award to:

Sgt Stuart Hill, Det 32, 3WS, MacDill AFB, Fla.;

PROMOTIONS

To Lieutenant Colonel:

James P. Koermer, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Thomas E. Sieland, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.;

To Major:

Kirk E. Lehneis, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Hugh A. Parker, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.;

To Captain:

Gregory M. Markley, Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas;

To Master Sergeant:

Thomas Klumb, Det 4, 4WW, Holloman AFB, N.M.;

To Technical Sergeant:

Mary J.T. Bertrant, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Kathleen Thompson, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; David L. Wyman, Det 18, 25WS, Mt Home AFB, Idaho; Brian D. Krick, Det 32, 3WS, MacDill AFB, Fla.; Bruce W. Swartz, Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas;

To Staff Sergeant:

Michael R. Persian, Det 10, 7WS, Giebelstadt AAF, Germany; Linda K. Beckett, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; James J. Rouillier, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Harry A. Scholtz, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Paul A. Strickler, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.;

Appointed to Sergeant:

Richard A. Pratt, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Jerry L. Ray, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Douglas M. Rozich, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Timothy L. Gilman, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Lovita M. Keesler, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Janine T. Williams, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Patrick Vigil, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Christopher N. Daniel, Det 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas;

To Senior Airman:

Donald E. Cramer, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Timothy F. McCarthy, Det 6, 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo.; Lisa L. Orr, Det 40, 2WW, RAF Croughton, England; Christopher A. Popp, Det 14, 17WS, Norton AFB, Calif.; Earl E. Bradshaw, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Steven R. Corlett, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Derick C. Kearney, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; David Pagillo, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Edmond T. Ray, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Eric L. Strom, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.;

To Airman First Class:

Daniel S. Plumlee, Det 17, 1WW, Yokota ABS, Japan; Thomas E. Potwin, Det 40, 2WW, RAF Croughton, England; Edward O. Bartlett, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.;

To Airman:

Gail S. Newman, Det 17, 1WW, Yokota ABS, Japan; Christopher M. Roy, HQ 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo.; Maureen L. Dickinson, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Richard E. McMillian, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Todd R. Allen, Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; Robert L. Block, Det 7, 1WW, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii;

Congratulations to the AWS First Lieutenants selected for Captain, those also receiving their Regular Appointments are indicated by (R). Selected were:

HQ AWS — Brian Balev, Edwin Brigance (R), Robert Craid, Mark Dayubell (R), Robert Hamiltain, George Howard and Ronald Meris (R).

1WW — Robert Cox (R), John Jacobson (R), Richard Kinel, Annamary King, David Miller (R) and Barbara Snyder.

2WW — Mark Koozer (R), Joseph Patterson (R), Brian Richardson and Kevin Scasny (R).

3WW — Katherine Brehme, Ray Clark (R), Louise Eise, Jeff Lentz, Loraine Pope (R), Unhwa Rozumalski and Pamela Taylor (R).

4WW — Joseph Bakes (R), John F. Correnti (R), Kelly Hand (R) and Robert Leborne (R).

5WW — Emilo Banosnieves and Judy Jolly (R).

7WW — Jeffrey Hubright (R) and Joseph Marcello.

AFGWC — William Bobb, William Collins, Steven Dreksler, Thomas Elio, Edward Erwin (R), Howard Hart, Donald Jauris (R), Ronnie E. King (R), Kurt Malone (R), Edward Markel (R), Steven Musto (R) and Michael Petticoard (R).

AFIT students — Larry Waite (R), Michael Moss (R), Dewey Harms (R), Edward Bilicki, Richard Petrilla (R) and Daniel Brees (R).

ATC — Larry White and R. Carl Stuerkerjuergen.

EDUCATION

Air Command and Staff College:

Capt Reginald R.W. Kennedy, Det 18, 25WS, Mt Home AFB, Idaho;

Air War College:

Maj Keith D. Hutchison, Det 1, 2WS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio;

Squadron Officers School:

1Lt Kelly Hand, HQ 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo.; Capt Kenneth R. Waters, HQ 1WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii;

NCO Academy:

MSgt Constance L. Watson, Det 6, 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo.; TSgt Jeffrey A. Davis, Det 15, 9WS, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; MSgt Michael H.A. Springer, Det 18, 25WS, Mt. Home AFB, Idaho; TSgt William B. Wong, Det 6, 1WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; MSgt Michael H.A. Springer, Det 18, 25WS, Mt Home AFB, Idaho; TSgt Bruce Swartz, Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; TSgt Michael D. Fett, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.;

NCO Leadership School:

SSgt Rodney Schmidt, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt Mark L. Elyea, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt Dennis W. Snyder (D.G.) Det 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas;

PME Phase II:

SSgt Joel D. Hart, Det 6, 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo.; Sgt Merele Edney, HQ 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo.; SrA Mark C. Patton, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Sgt Stanley G. Grell, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Sgt Pamela J. Dewberry, Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; Sgt Evonne M. Edgington, Det 3, 15WS, Charleston AFB, S.C.;

PME Phase I:

SrA Donald E. Cramer, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; A1C Eric C. Merrell, Det 19, 30WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea;

PME Supervisor's Course:

SSgt Lana K. Sutherland, Det 20, 24WS, Laughlin AFB, Texas;

Degree Recipients:

TSgt Bob Neill, BS in Computer Science, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt Dan Armenta, BS in Geography/Political Science, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; MSgt John R.S. Kelley, Associate Degree in General Studies, Det 58, 5WS, Ft Carson AIN, Colo.;

UNIT HONORS

Junior Officer of the Year:

2Lt Michael R. Babcock, Det 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas;

Junior Officer of the Quarter:

2Lt Mary T. Pace, Det 21, Kapaun AS, Germany;

Career NCO of the Year:

SSgt Berk Bossard, Det 20, 17WS, Little Rock AFB, Ark.;

Senior NCO of the Quarter:

SMSgt Robert W. Curran, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; MSgt Dennis F. Gagne, Det 20, 24WS, Laughlin AFB, Texas; MSgt George R.N. Hanohano, Det 21, Kapaun AS, Germany;

NCO of the Quarter:

TSgt Michael A. Jimenez, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt John A. Harpool, Det 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas; SSgt Berk Bossard, Det 20, 17WS, Little Rock AFB, Ark.; SSgt Randy J. Brennan, Det 21, Kapaun AS, Germany;

Airman of the Quarter:

A1C Linda M. Bogart, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; A1C James N. Ozgunduz, Det 21, Kapaun AS, Germany;

NCO of the Month:

SSgt Peter J. Rahe, Det 1, 5WS, Ft Campbell, Ky.;

Airman of the Month:

A1C Andrea L. Walton, Det 1, 5WS, Ft. Campbell, Ky.;

Data Monitor of the Month:

A1C Kimberly K. Bearman, Det 11, 1WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii;

Forecaster of the Quarter:

TSgt George E. Kemfort, Det 3, 15WS, Charleston AFB, S.C.;



OFFUTT'S BEST — Capt Mary J. Carr, AFGWC's Public Affairs Officer, was named the Offutt AFB, Neb., Junior Officer of the Quarter for October-December 1983. She was also one of the first runners-up for the Offutt Junior Officer of the Year award. (Reprinted from the "Air Pulse," photo by A1C Jim Pickering.)

HEIR FORCE

Anne to Capt Donn and Sheila Sloniker, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Deanna to 1Lt Thomas H. and Alice Elio, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Matthew George to Capt Michael G. and Helen Middlebrooke, Det 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; Sylvia Mi to Major Erwin L. and Mija Williams, Det 11, 1WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Alan Michael to Capt Michael R. and Ana M. Formosa, HQ 1WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii;

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

MSgt Lawrence R. and Betty Hayward arrives at Det 58, 5WS, Ft Carson, Colo.; Sgt Randy and Doris and family Brown arrives at Det 58, 5WS, Ft Carson, Colo.; Sgt Peter Boyle arrives at Det 58, 5WS, Ft Carson, Colo.; Lt Ann Hollis arrives at Det 21, Kapaun AS, Germany; A1C John S. Turnbull arrives at Det 21, Kapaun AS, Germany; SSgt Jeffrey A. Fries departs Det 21, Kapaun AS, Germany;



Third streamer for AFGWC

THIRD STREAMER — Col George E. Chapman, AWS Commander reaches to affix AFGWC's organizational flag with a third streamer, indicating the fourth award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Col Dale C. Barnum, AFGWC Commander, and CMSgt John L. Williams, Senior Enlisted Advisor watch during ceremonies held March 2, 1984. AFGWC previously received the OUA for the periods: 1960-1963 (first award); July 8, 1969-June 30, 1970 (first streamer); and July 1, 1971-May 31, 1974 (second streamer).

AWS' ranking woman officer retires



Col Charles A. Robertson presents Maj. Ann B. Dedmond with her retirement certificate.

Air Weather Service bid farewell to its highest ranking female officer Jan. 31, 1984.

Maj Ann B. Dedmond, Commander of Det 22, 26WS, Carswell AFB, Texas, retired in a ceremony officiated by Col Charles A. Robertson, 7th Combat Support Group Commander.

After receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Math from California State College. Obtaining her commission through OTS in 1964, she completed Weather Officer Training at UCLA in 1965 under AFIT.

Major Dedmond's assignments have been to Det 36, 28WS, RAF Alconbury, England; Headquarters Air Weather Service, Scott AFB, Ill.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, first as an AFIT student and then as a Weather Officer for Det 15, 15WS.

In July 1973, she became Commander of Det 6, 2WW, Stuttgart Airfield, Germany. Major Dedmond's next assignment was as Commander of Det 12, 7WW, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo. From January 1978 to June 1981, she was assigned to Director of Weather, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., as a Weather Staff Officer in the Operations Plans Division. During this assignment, she earned a Master's Degree in Management from Webster College.

She assumed command of Det 22, 26WS in June 1981. She plans to remain in Texas.

On the Move

SCOTT AFB, ILL (MNS) — Military Airlift Command Personnel officials have announced the following senior officer assignments for AWS:

—Col David L. Donley, from vice commander, 3WW, Offutt AFB, Neb., to commander, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

—Col Gary S. Zeigler, from vice commander, AFGWC, to replace Colonel Donley.

—Col Jared L. Picantine, from deputy chief of staff for logistics, Headquarters AWS, to replace Colonel Zeigler.

—Col Glenn A. Ryan, from vice commander, 1WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, to replace Colonel Picantine.

—Col Paul D. Try, from director, Environmental and Life Science, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Washington, D.C. to replace Colonel Ryan.

—Col Allan C. Ramsay, from deputy chief of staff for aerospace sciences, Headquarters AWS, to chairman, Joint Environmental Satellite Coordinating Group, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

—Col Floyd F. Hauth, from assistant deputy chief of staff for aerospace sciences, Headquarters AWS, to replace Colonel Ramsay.

—Lt Col Glenn W. McBride, a colonel selectee, from commander, 28WS, RAF Mildenhall, England, to replace Colonel Hauth.

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World Champion

Curry captures sailing title, looks toward '88 Olympics

by TSgt William E. Putnam
1WS, MacDill AFB, Fla.

SrA Bob Curry was a dark horse in the race, and by the time the other contenders started noticing him, it was too late, he had won.

Curry beat 43 other finalists in the 15 nation Hobie World Sailing Championships becoming only the second man to win the world championship in his first attempt.

A weather specialist for the 1st Weather Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla., Curry won the Hobie 14 National Championship in 1980 and was runner-up in 1982. Last fall, he placed second in the 1983 National Championship at Ventura, Calif. That finish pre-qualified him for the Hobie World Championship at Puerto Azul Beach and Country Club on Manila Bay, the Philippines. But more importantly, he qualified to have the cost of the trip paid by the National Hobie Cat organization.

However, there was another

problem. He had to arrange time off from his duties. His 12-day Permissive TDY was approved by Col Roland E. Barth, 1st Weather Squadron commander and Col John A. Lasley, 5th Weather Wing commander.

Once in the Philippines, Curry had to sail a series of races to qualify for the finals. He posted his worst finish (9th) in the first race when he suffered a rudder problem and "jet lag." During the week long series of races after that, he never dropped below third place overall. And by the time the other contenders started noticing him, it was too late.

Going into the final race, he was in second, only five points behind the front runner, and defending World Champion, Enrique Figueroa of Puerto Rico. "They didn't know what to think of me. Everyone was keying on Figueroa and they let me do what I wanted to do," said Curry.

He seized the initiative right from the start of the fifth and final race on



SrA Bob Curry practicing on Tampa Bay, Fla.



SrA Bob Curry examining surface analysis.

Jan. 21. Curry went around the first mark on the three leg course in third place. He passed one boat by the second mark then found his own puff of breeze, went into the lead, and skillfully held on to it to score the biggest victory of his sailing career.

"It's unreal," Curry said after his win. "I don't know whether to cry, sing or laugh." He said he caught the winds going into the "A" marker, and that when he didn't see the defending champion, he thought he had a chance.

"Everyone had a chance to get the wind, but I guess I was just in a better position," he said. "My weather training really helped me," he said. "I was able to watch the clouds and pick up the wind shifts a little quicker. That's what won it for me on the last day, I picked up two wind shifts and it made the difference."

As a Unified Command Staff Weather Specialist for the 1st Weather Squadron, Curry supports

the Tactical Forecast Unit weather forecasters during US Readiness Command and US Central Command joint exercises and contingency operations. Some of his many duties include requisitioning supplies and equipment needed for the squadron's mobility kits and insuring that the kits are ready for deployment. He prepares data and visual aids for weather and climatology briefings, as well as taking surface weather and upper wind observations in a tactical environment.

In a few months, Curry will head for a tour of duty in Korea. Although he'll have little chance to sail, he expects to be back from Korea in time to defend his world title in 1985 in Puerto Rico. The championship is held every two years.

Curry is delighted with his victory, but has another challenge in mind now. "My goal is to go to the Olympics in catamaran sailing in 1988," he said.

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