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"Fairness, diligence, sound preparation, professional skill and loyalty are the marks of American military leadership."

—Gen. Omar N. Bradley

New AWS CV and CS announced

Military Airlift Command personnel officials announced the following senior officer moves:

Col. John J. Kelly Jr., commander, 5th Weather Wing, Langley AFB, Va., to vice commander, Air Weather Service, Scott AFB, Ill., in August. He replaces Col. James A. Young who retires.

Col. Ernie R. Dash, vice commander, 2nd Weather Wing, Kapaun Air Station, West Germany, will replace Colonel Kelly in July.

Col. John T. Anthony, chief, operations division, 2nd Weather Wing, will replace Colonel Dash upon his departure.

Lt. Col. (colonel selectee) John D. Mill,

chief, operations and training branch, 2nd WW, will replace Colonel Anthony upon assumption of duties.

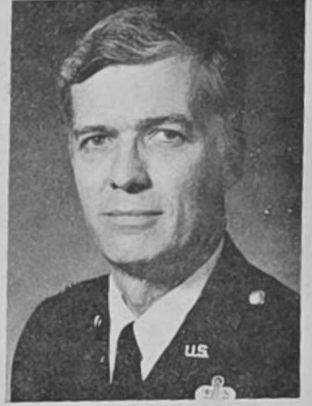
Col. Paul D. Try, commander 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, to chief of staff, AWS, in May. He replaces Col. Tommy D. Guest who retires.

Col. Floyd F. Hauth, vice commander, 3rd WW, Offutt AFB, Neb., will replace Colonel Try in May.

Col. George L. Frederick, deputy chief, airspace and air traffic services division, Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C., will replace Colonel Hauth in June.



Col. John J. Kelly Jr.



Col. Paul D. Try



Maj. Gen. Charles R. Parrott, IMA to CINCMAC, presents SMSgt. William T. Davis a plaque for being named the HQ MAC Outstanding Airman Individual Mobilization Augmentee of the Year for 1986.

Davis named MAC's Outstanding Airman IMA for 1986

SMSgt. William T. Davis is the Headquarters Military Airlift Command Outstanding Airman Individual Mobilization Augmentee of the Year for 1986.

While assigned to Det. 6, 17WS, Hill AFB, Utah, Sergeant Davis helped develop a training program for the new Operational Replacement Radar. His leadership and expertise allowed detachment personnel to be trained before the radar was installed.

When a forecaster was needed to support the 419th Tactical Fighter Wing's deployment to Denmark for CORNET THUD, Sergeant Davis volunteered. He prepared and presented climatology briefings for the deployed location and the route of flight. The 419th operations officer praised his briefings and accurate forecasts, and characterized Sergeant Davis as a highly trained, experienced professional.

In his civilian job, he is the Data Systems Program Manager at the National Weather Service Office in Salt Lake City. He supervises weather programs for non-military organizations including the Federal Aeronautics Administration and is the upper air program manager for the \$1,500,000 atmospheric sensing system which is located at 13 remote sites throughout the western U.S.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Sergeant Davis served on active duty from 1972 to 1975. He was a weather observer at Fort Campbell, Ky.; Seoul, South Korea and

at Fargo, N.D.

Since joining the Air Force Reserve in 1977, Sergeant Davis has served as a weather forecaster at Peterson Field, Colo., and Offutt AFB, Neb. He has been attached to Det. 24, 26WS, K.I. Sawyer AFB, Mich., as a Field Training NCO and Forecaster to the 128th AREFG, and was a Contingency Support Weather Superintendent with Det. 6 before assuming his current IMA position as Chief of Weather Station Operations at Det. 16, 25WS, Nellis AFB, Nev.

He has been a weather forecaster for the National Weather Service since 1976. His assignments include Cheyenne, Wyo.; Sioux Falls, S.D., and Green Bay, Wisc. He has an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences in Weather Technology from the Community College of the Air Force and is working towards a bachelors degree in meteorology. Sergeant Davis has completed both the NCO Academy and Senior NCO Academy by correspondence. He is a member of the National Weather Association and is active in the Salt Lake City Chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

His military decorations include the Air Force Reserve Meritorious Service Ribbon, the Armed Services Reserve Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. In 1983, he was presented the National Weather Service Outstanding Performance Award. Sergeant Davis is married and has two children.

Weathermen take 1986 honors

Stephen P. Weaver and 1st Lt. Brian M. Bjornson have been named the Instructors of the Year for the 3330th Technical Training Wing, Chanute AFB, Ill. Bjornson was also selected as the 3350th Technical Training Group's Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Weaver, an instructor in the supplemental weather course, began teaching at Chanute in July 1978, and is a weather officer in the Indian Air National Guard.

He has completed Squadron Officer School and is currently enrolled in Air Command and Staff College. He received his master of science degree in atmospheric sciences from the University of Illinois in 1984 and presents a two-hour satellite interpretation seminar to

graduate students in atmospheric sciences at the university.

Bjornson, an instructor supervisor in the weather technician course, received both the Honor Graduate and Outstanding Orator Award upon graduation from the technical training instructor course.

He supervises 15 civilian and interservice enlisted instructors and also serves as Chanute's representative to the American Meteorological Society. Bjornson's sustained performance also earned him the 3350th Technical Training Group's Company Grade Officer of the Year Award.

Both selections were based on a review of contributions to the Air Training Command mission. (Reprinted from "The Pacesetter")

Command Line

'The AWS Approach to MIP'



Brig. Gen. George E. Chapman
Commander

In 1983, the Department of Defense created the Model Installation Program (MIP) as a 3-year test program to create excellent defense installations by improving efficiency and creating an atmosphere of innovation. In the Military Airlift Command, the 1606 ABW at Kirtland was selected as a test unit. This program has been very successful in MAC and throughout the Air Force and our Air Force Chief of Staff, General Welch, recently directed that the concept of MIP should be implemented Air Force wide at all of our installations. (See Airman Magazine, January 1987.) This blends in nicely with a recent effort

by the Commander-in-Chief of MAC, General Cassidy, to take a fresh look at our inspection system to place greater emphasis on evaluating innovative leadership and management within MAC units.

It was with the foregoing in mind that we established the AWS Model Squadron Support Program as a test to run from April 1987 until June 1988. We selected the 20th Weather Squadron, our Squadron of the Year for 1986, as our test unit for this Program.

The objectives are similar to MIP — but on a smaller scale focused on leadership and weather support.

- encourage innovative leadership
- allow for decision-making at the lowest possible level consistent with AWS support requirements.

- test new ideas

Some of our guidelines for the 20th Weather Squadron are the following:

- The squadron commander may request the waiver of any/all wing or HQ AWS regulations by direct message to HQ AWS/CC (info wing/CC).

- One detachment within the squadron may be selected by the squadron commander as their model test unit.

- The frequency and nature of command, staff and technical consultant visits to subordinate units will be established by the squadron commander without regard to higher headquarters directives.

- Assistance visits (staff or technical) from higher headquarters to the squadron headquarters or subordinate units will be conducted only at the specific request of the squadron commander.

- A product evaluation program will be conducted by the squadron for its subordinate

units using guidelines established by the squadron commander. Current wing and HQ AWS guidelines (OPVER/TAFVER) will be waived, but may be followed at the discretion of the squadron commander.

- The AWS Commander will request waiver of MEIs/UEIs by HQ MAC for both the squadron headquarters and the single test detachment until 40FY88. However, ORI evaluations will remain in effect throughout this test.

- One recent change to the AF Form 90 process requires the immediate commander to co-sign and verify or approve the officer's career intentions through direct counseling. With this in mind, the squadron commander will be encouraged and authorized to work directly with HQ MAC (Major Carroll) and MPC (Major Walker and his staff) to discuss

- counseling of his people as it relates to their career potential.

- reassignment action (recommendation)
- extensions (recommendations, when appropriate)

- The final decision on all assignments will continue to rest with AFMPC.

- As a bonus, because the model AWS Support Squadron is also our Squadron of the Year for 1986, the squadron commander will be allotted one of the AWS Commander's STEP Stripes for 1987.

When the test is over, we'll get a final report from the squadron commander, with interim results when appropriate, for crossfeed and possible wider implementation throughout AWS. We hope to not only place greater emphasis on innovative leadership in field level units, but find new and better ways to provide support.

Fraud, Waste, Abuse update

A major defense aircraft parts manufacturer pleaded guilty to a 321-count indictment of defrauding the government of \$6.3 million.

A company president is sentenced to two years in jail for providing defective foreign-made ammunition under a foreign military sales contract.

Two Army civilian contracting representatives are convicted for soliciting bribes from a microelectronics contractor in return for awarding \$3.5 million in contracts to the company.

A former Navy packing specialist working overseas is sentenced to three years in jail and fined \$100,000 for soliciting bribes from contractors and for filing a false tax return.

The Department of Defense Inspector General's semiannual report to Congress contained examples such as these of significant investigations. The report compiles audit, inspection and investigative activities undertaken throughout DoD that saved money and improved efficiency.

During fiscal 1986, more than 20,000 auditors, inspectors and investigators spent almost \$1 billion to fight fraud, waste and mismanagement. The result: more than \$11 billion in savings based on audits and investigations.

During the reporting period, 11 internal audit, internal review and military-exchange audit organizations issued a total of 9,164 reports recommending ways the depart-

ment could trim spending and increase efficiency.

Those audit recommendations that managers have already agreed to implement are expected to save more than \$800 million when all corrective actions are taken. Others still being studied, could save another \$1.3 billion.

The Defense Contract Audit Agency issued 39,803 reports questioning the validity of \$16.3 billion in costs that were associated mainly with proposed contracts. The savings from closed audit reports were more than \$4.1 billion. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued 346 reports of its own, and net savings from its closed audit reports totaled \$15.1 million.

Almost 8,000 cases were opened

by DoD criminal investigative agencies. More than 7,000 were closed with \$10 million in fines, forfeitures, civil settlements and judgments assessed. Restitutions and recoveries amounted to \$61.7 million. There were 401 indictments and 525 convictions during the six-month period.

During this time, the DoD Hotline received 4,269 calls and letters; 3,032 of them warranted investigation or referral for action by defense components.

The report to Congress summarizes significant audit and inspection recommendations designed to save money and improve the management of DoD operations.

Brig. Gen. George E. Chapman
AWS Commander

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Chief's Comments

Stress Management

Everyone experiences stress each day. Some know the sources of their stress and can respond accordingly. Others use stress to their advantage, i.e., a source of energy. There are a few who continue under high levels of stress without any source of outlet. The results for them are usually medication or alcohol which kindles other problems.

There are many causes or sources of stress — a simple change in job, personalities, loss of friends. Are you calm, fast-moving, always rushed — these result in different levels of stress. Source factors are very difficult to eliminate from our daily routines.

If we can't eliminate the source, then we need to recognize it and use it to our advantage. ("If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.") What seems like a small thing will usually relieve some of the stress. Leave the work area and walk around for a couple of minutes, take the full lunch period away from the desk, or push back from the desk and take 3-5 deep breaths — all of

these are effective. A fact, is, any type of physical activity is a stress outlet.

With that fact in mind, because we in the military probably have more stress sources than most occupations, let me introduce you to an excellent idea. The idea is not mine, but originated in Headquarters, Military Airlift Command. It's titled — VOLANT SHAPE.

VOLANT SHAPE is outlined in MACP 35-11. The objective is to encourage regular exercise and proper nutrition to keep you healthy and physically fit. The program is designed for those not involved in any type of exercise program; however, those already working in an exercise program can still participate. The pace starts gradually and builds as time progresses. You soon become mentally and physically prepared to meet your daily demands and control your stress. It does much more — prepares you for the aerobic tests, (soon to be a semiannual requirement) and helps you to maintain the weight standards.



CMSgt. Charles T. Melson
Senior Enlisted Advisor

All of this can be yours, plus, MAC will send you a VOLANT SHAPE patch when you complete each activity.

Best of all, you will feel better, look better, and will be healthier — the key to combat stress.

Military wife goes where hubby goes

By Becky Ericson
Peterson AFB, Colo.

Being the wife of a military man means:

—having babies in Nebraska, Colorado and the Philippines.

—remembering a dozen previous addresses, but not the current one.

—decorating the house with shells and boomerangs from Australia, with sheepskins from New Zealand, with baksets and musical instruments and wicker from the Philippines and with a painting of Idaho to remind me of home.

It means:

—having a son who knew "Land of the Morning," and "Australia's Sons Let Us Rejoice" before he knew "The Star-Spangled Banner."

—pretending we are in Colorado in the snow while we choose a Christmas tree from a lot at Clark AB, Philippines, in 90-degree heat.

—cooking a Thanksgiving turkey on the barbecue in



Australia's summer.

—spending \$6 a minute to hear my mother's voice at Christmas.

It means:

—getting to know our neighbors on base a month before they move.

—hoping the new neighbors will have three boys, ages 12, 8 and 4.

—getting Christmas cards from Germany, Australia, Singapore, the Philippines and a dozen different states.

—saying goodbye to my grandmother before we go overseas for another two years.

—finding out she died the next month.

It means;

—forgetting when I walk into a supermarket that I don't have to show my military ID.

—knowing my husband's Social Security number but not my own.

—learning to speak in acronyms: PCS, PSC, TDY, DW, CINC, NORAD, SPACECOM and even NavComSta.

It means:

—driving my husband to the airport to catch a plane for Hawaii when it looks like it might snow any minute.

—remembering that I haven't

had a vacation since August while he has been to Puerto Rico, Australia, Hawaii and Boston.

—remembering that he also had to go to St. Louis four times and Omaha twice this year.

It means:

—getting restless after two years anywhere.

—spinning the globe, picking a spot and wondering what it would be like to live in Korea.

—seeing a T-shirt that says, "Air Force Wife, Toughest Job in the Air Force."

—believing it.

It means;

—going where he goes because I love him.

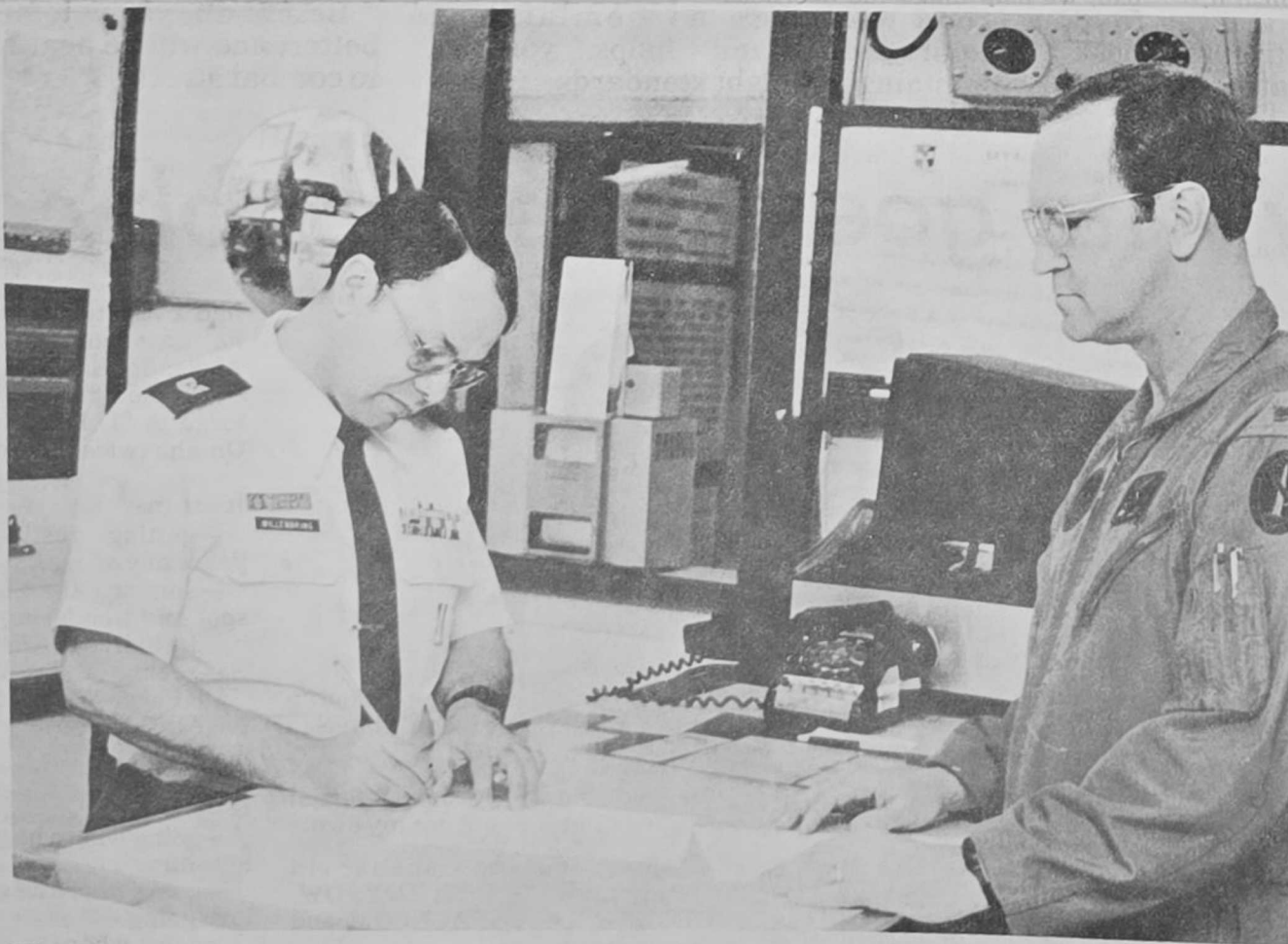
—going where he goes because I love going.

—going where he goes because I can't imagine a more adventurous, exciting and satisfying kind of life.

(Editor's note: The author's husband is Maj. Robin J. Ericson, Chief of Space and Environmental Operations, HQ 4WW.)



SSgt. Roland Keene, observer, logs his observations for the hour.



MSgt. William Wilenbringg, assistant station chief, briefs pilot CW4 Roger Dunford before his flight.

Rain or shine

Det 2, informa

By A1C Carrie L. Clear
Staff Writer
"The Beam," Bolling AFB, DC

Strong winds, gusting up to 40 knots, might not mean much to those of us whose jobs are on the ground. But pilots and paratroopers might want to think twice before going up in the air, jumping from a plane.

Keeping pilots informed of weather conditions is one of the main reasons Det 2, 5WS, Davison Army Airfield on Belvoir exists.

Observers are on duty 24-hours a day and forecasters come in every six hours to record weather patterns, brief pilots and issue weather warnings if necessary.

"The first forecast is done every six hours at 6 a.m. for a 24-hour period. Other forecasts are done every six hours after that for the next 24-hour period," says Capt. John Schneider, Det 2 commander. "Even though the forecast desk closes at 7 p.m., we keep a forecaster on standby at all times. If an observer calls him, he has to come in and issue weather warnings."

Even though forecasts are done every six hours, an observer is sent out to check conditions every hour.

"Five minutes before every hour, an observer records observations. Sky conditions, visibility, temperature,



SSgt. T. J. Scheidt, forecaster

U.S. Air Force photos by A1C Carrie L. Clear

5WS provides up-to-date information for D.C. area

point, surface winds and air pressure are all recorded and the information is logged and sent to the flight tower. If something significant to aviation shows up, they have to take special readings throughout the hour," he added.

The weather is a major factor when planning flights, according to Captain Schneider. "Weather services help maintain safe flying. If the cloud level is too low, or if it's icing, pilots need to know what to expect.

"The weather also helps them regulate what altitude they fly at. Pilots set gauges at the air pressure reading we take here, and their instruments help them regulate how high they are flying," he added. "We don't just give reports for the weather here, we also brief them on conditions at their destination."

Aside from briefing pilots, Det 2 also presents seasonal weather briefings and gives Army aviators weather training. "We identify with the Army customer's mission and help accomplish it," said Captain Schneider.

They also record a phone message with the area's forecast for anyone who would like to plan around the weather. The first forecast is recorded by 6 a.m. and is updated at noon and again at 6 p.m.

The forecasters at Det 2 have a good record for their predictions.

However, no one is perfect. If mistakes are made in a forecast they are corrected as soon as possible.

The Air Weather Service provides weather services to the Air Force and Army. "They gave that responsibility to the Air Force because the services work closely together and it was more efficient than duplicating the training in both services. Air Force weather units work not only with Army aviation, but they also provide weather support to Army brigades, divisions and corps," said Captain Schneider.

Detachment 2 supports the Military District of Washington and Davison Army Airfield by providing weather information for contingency missions in the Washington area, priority air transports, ceremonial units and presidential inaugurations.

"DAC transports high-ranking military and civilian passengers into and out of the National Capital Region; if the weather is bad, we help make the decisions on whether or not they fly," the captain explained.

"The U.S. Army Third Infantry, The Old Guard, Army Band concerts and special ceremonies at the Pentagon require knowing the weather conditions and planning ahead for them," said Captain Schneider. "We also forecast the weather for



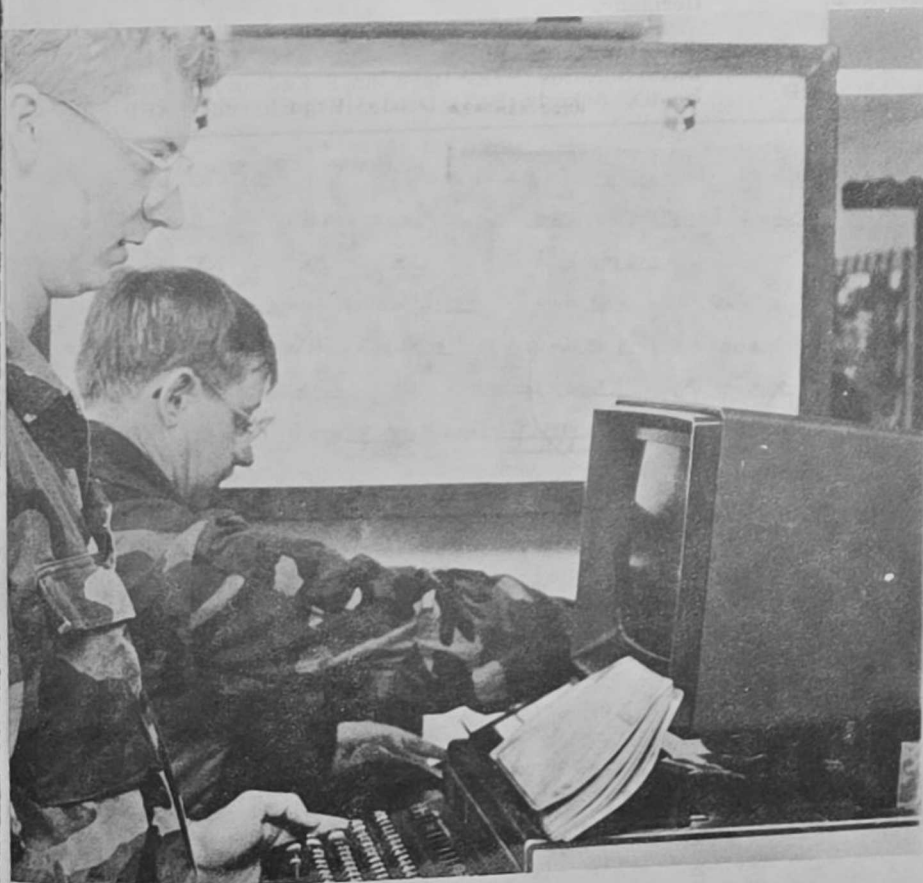
All Det 2 personnel go through mobility exercises and stay in practice to set up field weather stations in case of war.

inauguration day. We provided the forecasts for the decision to cancel all outdoor events at the last inauguration because of extreme cold weather."

The weather detachment also has two separate operating locations. OL-A is at Fort Meade, Md., and supports Tipton Army Airfield. OL-B is at Fort In-

diantown Gap, Pa. and supports the Eastern Army Aviation Training Site and Pennsylvania National Guard.

Planning around the weather is important, not only to pilots, but also to everyone with their feet planted firmly on the ground. (Reprinted from "The BEAM," Bolling AFB, DC.)



..., logs the forecast in a computer.



TSgt. Daniel Edwards, forecaster, checks a satellite picture.

AWS Salutes

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal to:
Lt. Col. Thomas E. Sieland (2 OLC), Det 15, 30WS, Osan AB, Korea; Col. John W. Oliver (1 OLC), AFGWC/DO, Offutt AFB, Neb.; MSgt. Rodney L. Thacker, AFGWC/WFPA, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SMSgt. Danny J. Meade, Det 18, 30WS, Yongsan, Korea; Maj. Robert T. O'Donnell, 28WS, RAF Mildenhall, UK; Capt. Ricardo Rivera, Det 4, 28WS, RAF Bentwaters, UK; CMSgt. Kirby Danielson, 28WS, RAF Mildenhall, UK; MSgt. Jerry B. Heath, Det 9, 3WS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.; MSgt. Prentice E. Watson, OL-B, 5WS, Ft. Drum, NY.

Air Force Commendation Medal to:
Capt. Robert D. Huth (4 OLC), Det 6, 2WW, Vaihingen, Germany; 1st Lt. William J. Wigton (3 OLC), Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; Capt. Kenneth H. Wallingford (2 OLC), AFGWC/SDMV, Offutt AFB, Neb.; TSgt. Dennis Rucker (2 OLC), 31WS, Sembach AB, Germany; TSgt. Clint Sexton (2 OLC) HQ 1WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; MSgt. Mark A. Noe (2 OLC), Det 36, 28WS, RAF Alconbury, UK; Capt. Willow Cliffswallo (1 OLC), Det 4, 20WS, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Capt. Daniel Wieland (1 OLC), Det 4, 20WS, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; TSgt. Leonard Gibson (1 OLC), Det 21, 5WS, Hunter AAF, Ga.; 1st Lt. Mark W. Levisky, AFGWC/CMO, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Capt. Tim J. Hern, AFGWC/SDMC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; TSgt. Paul Walsh, Det 18, 30WS, Yongsan AIN, Korea; SSgt. Charles H. Elford, Det 5, 9WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; TSgt. Bruce David, Det 8, 31WS, Zweibrucken AB, Germany; SSgt. Harvey L. Hudson, Det 15, 9WS, Grand Forks AFB, ND; Capt. Frederick W. Kaiser, Det 40, 2WW, RAF Croughton, UK; SSgt. Dene A. Tribe, Det 15, 9WS, Grand Forks AFB, ND; MSgt. William B. Wong, Det 15, 30WS, Osan AB, Korea; SrA. Lyndall M. Siverly, OL-1, 11WS, King Salmon Island, Alaska; TSgt. Kim Van Vleet, Det 7, 26WS, Mather AFB, Calif.; TSgt. Gary C. Youngren, Det 20, 24WS, Laughlin AFB, Texas; TSgt. Louis Garcia, SSgt. Stan King and A1C John Quillen, Det 10, 30WS, Kunsan AB, Korea; SrA. Roy T. Matsueda, Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; SSgt. Mark Minard, Det 9, 3WS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.; 2nd Lt. William J. Spendley Jr., Det 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, NC; MSgt. William H. Burr, OL-B, 2WW, Neubruecke, Germany; SSgt. Alfredo Dominguez III, OL-B, 2WW, Neubruecke, Germany.

Army Commendation Medal to:
Sgt. Klaus Lammers, OL-C, HQ AWS, Chanute AFB, Ill.; Capt. Larry L. Moore, AFGWC/SDDP, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt. Scott A. Strat, AFGWC/WSE, Offutt AFB, Neb.; MSgt. Egidio Ferruci, Det 26, 26WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.

Air Force Achievement Medal to:
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Ashby (1 OLC), and SSgt. Dennis C. Kwilinski (1 OLC), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Capt. William J. Kopps (1 OLC), Det 15, 30WS, Osan AB, Korea; 1st Lt. Douglas G. Rippy, TSgt. Michael J. Moll and A1C Fred S. Cookerly, Det 8, 20WS, Kadana AB, Japan; A1C Gary Hall, Det 18, 30WS, Yongsan AIN, Korea; 1st Lt. Kirk D. Poore, Det 15, 30WS, Osan AB, Korea; A1C Shawn P. Starrs, Det 4, 28WS, RAF Bentwaters, UK; Maj. Frank H. Grover, Maj. Francis E. Lomax, 1st Lt. Theodore A. Stites Jr., MSgt. Lawrence T. Carnito, TSgt. David G. Jones, TSgt. Ira N. Langan, TSgt. Joseph L. Pelletier, SSgt. Richard B. Gross, SSgt. Gary S. Keith, and A1C Holly A. Clark, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SrA. Alton E. Stiverson, Det 6, 17WS, Hill AFB, Utah; 1st Lt. Jeffrey E. Johnson, Det 15, 30WS, Osan AB, Korea; A1C Todd Mueller, Det 8, 31WS, Zweibrucken AB, German; SSgt. Cynthia Tomes, Det 20, 31WS, Sembach AB, Germany; A1C Laura L. Stiverson, Det 6, 17WS, Hill AFB, Utah; TSgt. Richard S. Farias Jr., Det 2, 9WS, Castle AFB, Calif.; A1C Cynthia Roats, Det 20, 31WS, Sembach AB, Germany; SSgt. Lawrence Wiggins, Det 2, 31WS, Ramstein AB, Germany; SrA. Mark A. Rudolph, Det 15, 30WS, Osan AB, Korea; A1C Angela Hurd, Det 8, 31WS, Zweibrucken AB, Germany; A1C Rodger M. Smith, OL-D, Galena Airport, Alaska; Sgt. John M. Irion, Det 26, 26WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.; SSgt. Meta C. Simants, Det 20, 24WS, Laughlin AFB, Texas; Sgt. Lisa R. Ritter, Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; SSgt. Berry Ward, Det 21, Hunter AAF, Ga.

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Promotions

To Lieutenant Colonel:
Robert G. Borchers, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Donald J. Greene, Det 20, 17WS, Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Stephen P. Pryor, Det 11, 9WS, Beale AFB, Calif.

To Major:
William T. Rhoads (USAFR), Det 21, 9WS, Minot AFB, ND; Mary E. Smith, 11WS/DO, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

To Captain:
Frank Halbert, Det 3, 31WS, Florennes AB, Belgium; Betty A. Gracin, Det 7, 9WS, March AFB, Calif.; Freeman P. Bridges, Det 2, 11WS, Eielson AFB, Alaska; Patrick A. Tuller Sr., 11WS/DOX, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

To First Lieutenant:
Preston Wilson, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Michael D.

Bramhall, Det 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, NC; Mark Hertrick, Det 16, 9WS, Dyess AFB, Texas; Sheryn D. Billue, Det 14, 5WS, Ft. Hood, Texas; Derrill T. Goldizen, Det 58, 5WS, Ft. Carson, Colo.; Susan E. Winton, Det 22, 26WS, Carswell AFB, Texas; Charles Rogers, Det 9, 3WS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.

To Senior Master Sergeant:
Michael H. A. Springer, Det 17, 28WS, RAF Upper Heyford, UK.

To Master Sergeant:
Gregory D. Keates, Det 21, 2WS, Edwards AFB, Calif.; Clarence J. Guinan (USAFR), Det 26, 21WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.; Roderick C. Burton, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Carlos D. Vasquez (USAFR), Det 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, NC; Nicholas F. Halbeisen, HQ 7WW, Scott AFB, Ill.; Nevin H. Dehoff, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; John C. Graham, Det 5, 9WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

To Technical Sergeant:
Darryl K. Roth, Det 12, 25WS, George AFB, Calif.; Daniel E. Phillips, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Robert Dickey, Det 7, 9WS, March AFB, Calif.; Robert L. Hugg, Det 17, 9WS, Ellsworth AFB, SD; Robert H. Davis, Det 3, 9WS, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Charles S. Potts, Det 36, 28WS, RAF Alconbury, UK.

To Staff Sergeant:
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Appointed to Sergeant:
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To Senior Airman:
David S. Naros (BTZ), Det 8, 20WS, Kadana AB, Japan; Heidi C. Ackerly (BTZ), Det 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB,

Forecaster takes 3 PME awards

When SSgt. Scott D. Weber finished the 21st Air Force NCO Leadership School at Rhein-Main AB, Germany, he was at the top of his 35-member class. For that accomplishment, he was presented the John L. Levitow Award by CMSgt. John R. McCauslin, USAFE Senior Enlisted Advisor, at the graduation banquet. His unselfish willingness to teach and assist his fellow students earned him the "Esprit de Corps Award," and for winning the speech competition, he received the Communicative Skills Award.

Attending the graduation and pictured are (left to right) CMSgt. Charles E. Newman, 2WW/CMS; Col. Gary S. Zeigler, 2WW/CC; MSgt. Shirley A. Janes, Det 8 Station Chief; CMSgt. John R. McCauslin, USAFE/CMS and guest speaker; Lt. Col. Robert J. Dumont, 31WS/CC; SSgt. Scott D. Weber; TSgt. Stanley P. Zolczynski, Det 8 Chief of Admin; CMSgt. Arnold T. Saunders, 31WS Operations Superintendent and Capt. Robert W. Keefer Jr., Det 8/CC.

Sergeant Weber is a duty forecaster at Det 8, 31WS, Zweibrucken AB, Germany, and is the unit's additional duty METSAT specialist and mobility NCO.



Alaska; Ellis K. Surratt Jr (BTZ), Det 4, 11WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; Thomas Boberg (BTZ), Det 24, 26WS, K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich.; Kenneth Plummer, Det 1, 15WS, Andrews AFB, DC; John A. Reinier, Det 8, 20WS, Kadena AB, Japan; John V. Houghton, Det 17, 20WS, Yokota AB, Japan; Lisa Bennett, Det 40, 2WW, RAF Croughton, UK; Lee D. Tome, Det 8, 20WS, Kadena AB, Japan; Kelly L. McGee, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; James K. Bolinger, Det 9, 15WS, Scott AFB, Ill.; Robert F. Warren, OL-D, Det 15, 9WS, Fargo, ND; James M. Moffitt, Det 3, 11WS, Shemya AFB, Alaska; Martin Nugent, Det 19, 31WS, Incirlik AB, Turkey; Joh Hubbell, Det 16, 9WS, Dyess AFB, Texas; Mike McAleenan, Det 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Ernest J. Luoma, Det 4, 11WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; Jeffrey J. Schmidt, Det 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, NC.

To Airman First Class:

Thomas E. Leuenhagen, Det 26, 7WS, Wiesbaden AB, Germany; Russell J. Dopp, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Steven A. Mizell, Det 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, NC; Michael C. Kennedy, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Stephen T. Gordon, Det 4, 11WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; Loren W. Mann, Det 2, 11WS, Eielson AFB, Alaska.

To Airman:

Terri L. Scott, Det 16, 25WS, Nellis AFB, Nev.; Samuel D. Patterson, HQ 5WS, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; Brett L. Lippert, Det 4, 11WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; Deborah J. Bennett, Angela R. Cisco, Jeffrey P. Liebno, Walter K. Joslin, Gregory R. Crawford, Michael D. Miller and Carey R. Fugate, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Donald R. Dawson, Det 17, 24WS, Williams AFB, Ariz.

Education

Air War College:

Maj. John P. Shewchuck, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Maj. Larry Liedtke, HQ 1WW/DOK, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Squadron Officer School:

1st Lt. Clifton Dungey, Det 1, 2WS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; 2nd Lt. Steven Johnson, Det 1, 2WS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; 1st Lt. Emmett C. Malone, Det 2, HQ AWS, Pentagon, D.C.

Senior NCO Academy:

MSGT. Luther J. Miller Jr. (corr), 31WS, Sembach AB, Germany.

NCO Academy:

TSgt. Frank J. Simon (Levitow Award, Comm Award), Det 5, 4WW, Palehua, Hawaii; TSgt. Vincent Adams (DG), Det 22, Carswell AFB, Texas; TSgt. John Coleman, Det 11, 9WS, Beale AFB, Calif.; TSgt. Terrence M. Young, Det 17, 9WS, Ellsworth AFB, SD; TSgt. Peter Copeskey, Det 9, 26WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; TSgt. Harry N. Kinard Jr., AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; TSgt. Fred Rogers, Det 4, 26WS, Loring AFB, Maine; TSgt. Keith A. Standifer, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; TSgt. Reed A. Kundon, Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; TSgt. Ronnie F. Schneider, Det 9, 5WS, Ft. Rucker, Ala.; TSgt. Earl Payne, Det 31, 5WS, Ft. Polk, La.

NCO Leadership School:

SSgt. Craig E. Kossoudji (Levitow Award), 5WS, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; SSgt. Stephen A. Burkholder (DG), Det 21, 9WS, Minot AFB, ND; SSgt. Theodore V. Mustaiques (DG), Det 24, 26WS, K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich.; SSgt. Robert W. Hoertel (DG), OL-A, Det 2, HQ AWS, Ft. Ritchie, Md.; Sgt. Eugene J. King Jr., Det 18, 28WS, RAF Fairford; SSgt. Raymond Bigler, Det 1, 9WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt. James M. Ford, Det 2, 9WS, Castle AFB, Calif.; SSgt. David P. Anderson, Det 4, 11WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; SSgt. Harvey Kislow, Det 12, 26WS, Sheppard AFB, Texas; Sgt. Jon Milam, Det 9, 26WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; SSgt. Donald Grey, Det 16, 31WS, Zaragoza AB, Spain; SSgt. Steven M. Pickard, 6WS, Hurlburt Field, Fla.; SSgt. Trina L. Gioja, 7WW, Scott AFB, Ill.; SSgt. Danny Smith, Det 4, 20WS, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Sgt. David M. Quinn, Det 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; Sgt. Brenda S. Reed, Det 9, 5WS, Ft. Rucker, Ala.; SSgt. Max Boulton, Det 31, 5WS, Ft. Polk, La.

NCO Preparatory Course:

AIC Nancy F. Head (DG), Det 4, 28WS, RAF Upper Heyford, UK; SrA. John W. York (DG), Det 7, 20WS, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii; SrA. Robert D. Patterson (Diamond Award), Det 6, 2WW, Vaihingen, Germany; AIC Brian Lee, Det 4, 26WS, Loring AFB, Maine; Lisa A. Correa, Det 26, 26WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.; SrA. Douglas Dutton, Det 7, 31WS, Aviano AB, Italy; AIC Christopher M. Demartini, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SrA. James Koller, Det 10, 30WS, Kunsan AB, Korea.



Grimes Award

(Editor's note: Last month's "Observer" included photographs of the 1986 Technical Award winning units. Unfortunately, the photograph of the Grimes Award winner did not arrive in time to be included. Sorry for the delay.)

Det 20, 30WS, Camp Casey, Korea, has been named as the 1986 Grimes Award winner. This award honors Col. Keith R. Grimes, former Commander, 10th Weather Squadron. It is presented to the outstanding AWS weather unit exhibiting the highest state of readiness to support the wartime tactical Air Force or tactical Army mission. Warriors of Det 20 are (left to right) (front row) Sgt. Andy Million, SrA. Clark Lind, SrA. Glen Bordelon, SrA.

Lance Bivians, MSgt. Gary Peel, AIC Mike Compton, (second row) SSgt. Terry Long, Sgt. Bill Brown, SSgt. Ike Romeor, Capt. Bob Fogarty, TSgt. Jim Yunt, AIC Bob Straub, (back row) Maj. Bill Agrella, SrA. Darin Hurst, AIC Al Foster, SSgt. Shorty Hayward, SSgt. Jeff Cunningham and SrA. Scott Cultice. Not pictured is SrA. Dan Sacco. Maj. Kay Perry, 1st Lt. David Zehr, MSgt. Tom Lonsdale, TSgt. Bill Powers, TSgt. Mark Sebastian, TSgt. Dan Deal, SSgt. Darryl White, SSgt. Keith Daniels, SSgt. Dean Gunning, Sgt. Brock Long, Sgt. John Deluca, SrA. Bob Washington, SrA. Willie Martin, SrA. Freddie Scott, SrA. Leonard Phillips, AIC Tim Bowden and AIC Craig Bouchillon served with Det 20 during 1986 but left Camp Casey before the photo was taken.

Weather Technician Course:

Feb. 12, 1987

SSgt. Richard W. Butler, Det 31, 15WS, Dobbins AFB, Ga.; SSgt. Joseph J. Federico, Det 7, 3WS, Langley AFB, Va.; SSgt. Timothy R. Johnson, Det 22, 24WS, Keesler AFB, Miss.; Sgt. John T. Johnson, Det 17, 9WS, Ellsworth AFB, SD; SSgt. Richard W. Ostenn, Det 9, 3WS, Tyndall AFB, Fla.; SSgt. Craig L. Sechrest, Det 7, 9WS, March AFB, Calif.; Sgt. Michale Singleton, Det 10, 15WS, McGuire AFB, NJ.

Feb. 27, 1987

SSgt. Jon D. Carrillon, Det 14, 5WS, Ft Hood, Texas; SSgt. Richard A. Herbert, Det 7, 20WS, Schofield Bks, Hawaii; SSgt. Stuart E. Hill, OL-B, 5WS, Ft. Drum, NY; SSgt. Kevin L. Kuehn, Det 29, 17WS, Buckley ANGB, Colo.; SSgt. Thomas A. Mayne, Det 26, 26WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.; Sgt. Britian K. Norman, Det 6, 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo.; Sgt. William H. Stanley, Det 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; SSgt. Ronald C. Troutt, Det 4, 28WS, RAF Bentwaters, UK

Master's Degree to:

Capt. Willow Cliffswallo, Det 4, 20WS, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, in Systems Management from the University of Southern Calif.

CCAF Degrees to:

TSgt. Dave Mack, Det 4, 20WS, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, in Weather Technology from CCAF.

Texas; TSgt. Joseph M. Allen, Det 12, 25WS, George AFB, Calif.

Reenlistments

TSgt. Jerome B. Black, Det 14, 25WS, Holloman AFB, NM; TSgt. Arnold R. Hansen, Det 7, 20WS, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Sgt. Howard D. White, Det 7, 20WS, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; MSgt. Ralph J. Egan, Det 9, 24WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Sgt. Susan L. Casey, Det 11, 9WS, Beale AFB, Calif.; SSgt. Delroy E. Thompson, Det 15, 9WS, Grand Forks AFB, ND; SSgt. Richard C. Bonam, Det 17, 9WS, Ellsworth AFB, SD; SSgt. Cory W. Knowles, Det 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, NC; SrA. Richard D. Sweetman, Det 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, NC; Sgt. Kevin Copeland, Det 16, 9WS, Dyess AFB, Texas; SrA. Craig Bouchillon, Det 9, 24WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; SSgt. Chedrick D. Henderson, Det 31, 5WS, Ft. Polk, La.; SSgt. Roland R. Keene, Det 2, 5WS, Ft. Belvoir, Va.; SSgt. Robin K. Byrd, Det 2, HQ AWS, Pentagon, D.C.

SrA. Craig Bouchillon, Det 9, 24WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Sgt. Kevin Copeland, Det 16, 9WS, Dyess AFB, Texas; Sgt. Philip A. Gonsalves, Det 11, 25WS, Cannon AFB, NM; TSgt. George G. Gombarcik, Det 3, 9WS, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; SSgt. Joseph E. Haas III, Det 13, 25WS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; MSgt. Ralph J. Eagan, Det 9, 24WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; MSgt. John W. Love, Det 7, 9WS, March AFB, Calif.; SSgt. Robert R. Hughes, Det 14, 26WS, Blytheville AFB, Ark.; SrA. Christopher Roy, HQ 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo.; TSgt. Gregory J. Shook, Det 7, 9WS, March AFB, Calif.; TSgt. Michael J. Gallager, Det 26, 26WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.; TSgt. Ronald P. Whitt, Det 15, 9WS, Grand Forks AFB, ND; SSgt. Salinda Larabee, Det 13, 15WS, Robins AFB, Ga.; Sgt. Joseph J. Marcoux, Det. 4, 28WS, RAF Bentwaters, UK; SSgt. Daniel W. Armstrong, Det 15, 9WS, Grand Forks AFB, ND; Sgt. Charles E. Caddell, Det. 16, 9WS, Dyess AFB, Texas; SSgt. Robert L. Hugg, Det. 17, 9WS, Ellsworth AFB, SD; SSgt. Stephen Burkholder, Det 21, 9WS, Minot AFB, ND.

Retirements

Maj. James R. Barry Jr., Det 15, 25WS, Luke AFB, Ariz.; Thomas P. Cusack Jr. (35 years service) HQ 5WW, Langley AFB, Va.; Maj. John E. Fletcher, 9WS, March AFB, Calif.; TSgt. Patrick J. Shanley, Det 15, 9WS, Grand Forks AFB, ND; Lt. Col. Ronald C. Parker, Det 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, NC; Maj. Joseph F. Bryson Jr., AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

MSGT. Fred Gesser, HQ AWS/DNTM, Scott AFB, Ill.; Capt. Herbert L. Craig, Det 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB,

Weathermen are two of MAC's Outstanding Airmen of the Year

Two of five Military Airlift Command nominees for the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 1986 are from AWS.

The nominees were chosen by command officials to represent MAC at Air Force-level competition by virtue of their selection as MAC Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

Nominees are SMSgt. Dennis F. Gagne, 31st Weather Squadron, Sembach AB, West Germany; TSgt. Frank J. Hall III, Detachment 25, 5th Weather Wing, Howard AB, Panama; SSgt. Kevin L. Olson, Headquarters MAC, Scott AFB, Ill.; Sgt. Joseph A. Kahovec, Detachment 1, 1723rd Combat Control Squadron, Rhein-Main AB, West Germany; and A1C Debra Jane Anderson, 602nd Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif.

Sergeant Gagne, chief of his unit's field support operations, developed and implemented a revolutionary scheme to digitize European weather radar observations. His method enhances flight safety by pinpointing thunderstorm locations with unprecedented precision. In addition, Sergeant Gagne created a comprehensive Station Chief Orientation Program that

identified and attacked a serious training shortfall for senior NCOs selected to be station chiefs. His home is in Montpelier, Vt.

Sergeant Hall, non-commissioned officer in charge of Detachment 25's cadre weather team, supported the Army's 193rd Infantry Brigade on several Central and South American deployments and exercises. There he tested communications and weather equipment in hostile environments. In 1986, he developed procedures and provided weather support to flight operations involved in a multinational effort to destroy cocaine production in Bolivia. He lists Milton, Fla., as his home.

The five were selected on the basis of their outstanding professional and leadership skills as well as outstanding performance. Sergeant Gagne and Sergeant Hall were nominated to MAC after being selected the AWS Senior NCO and NCO of the Year.

Other AWS members who were nominated to MAC were 1st Lt. Kimberley L. Carver, AWS Junior Officer of the Year; SrA. Matthew J. Cornell, AWS Airman of the Year; and Mr. Frank W. Jenks, AWS Civilian of the Year.

50th Anniversary reservation deadline May 1

Past and present members of the U.S. Air Force's Air Weather Service will be celebrating the command's 50th Anniversary on June 30 and July 1, 1987, at Scott AFB, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo. Activities will include a brunch and golf tournament on June 30, and a Headquarters AWS Open House and an Anniversary Ball (dinner/dance), at the Clarion Hotel, St. Louis, on July 1.

Reservations for the AWS 50th Anniversary Ball will be limited to 2,000 people and must be made before May 1, 1987. Cost is \$25 per person and non-refundable payment must accompany each dinner reservation. Checks or

money orders must be made payable to: AWS ANNI-VERSARY BALL.

To make reservations, or for more information about the AWS 50th Anniversary, write: HQ AWS, ATTN: TASK FORCE 50, SCOTT AFB, IL, 62225-5008.

What to wear

The Ball is a semi-formal affair. Attire for active duty military is the mess dress, enlisted members may wear the Mess Dress or Semiformal Dress Uniform (see AFR 35-10, Para 2-27 or 3-23).

Retired military may wear either the Mess Dress, Semiformal Dress Uniform, tuxedo or dark business suit.

Critics Call The B-1B A "Flying Edsel." The Crews Who Would Fly It Into Combat Don't Agree.

Who Do You Suppose Is Right?

Lately, the B-1B has been surrounded in controversy as self-proclaimed "experts" have misrepresented its performance and capabilities by applying unrealistic and artificial operational criteria.

The central and overriding fact is that the B-1B is on alert, today, at Dyess AFB, Texas. And the first B-1B to Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota has been delivered. It is, today, adding to this nation's strategic deterrence. It can, today, deliver large payloads over intercontinental ranges. It can, today, penetrate sophisticated defenses at high speeds and low altitudes. The United States' strategic triad of land based ICBMs, sea launched ballistic missiles and the manned bomber keeps reminding the Soviets that they cannot mount a successful "first strike" without a devastating retaliatory response by our strategic forces. The diversity of our triad has increased our margin of safety and stability in crises because an enemy would have to neutralize all three legs to be safe from retaliation.

To be effective, a deterrent must be credible. The B-1B is just that.

The B-1B was designed as a near-term follow-on for the B-52. It gives our manned bomber portion of the triad the quantum improvements in the strategic penetration role needed until the Advanced Technology Bomber enters the inventory in the 1990s. The B-1B penetrates enemy airspace at markedly lower altitudes, and at speeds more than 50 percent greater than the B-52, greatly improving its survivability.

Five years ago, President Reagan said the B-1B would play a prominent part in his strategic modernization plan, with 100 aircraft being built — the last one to be delivered in the spring of 1988.

That was the plan and it remains so. But with any new concept, idea or invention, some problems have developed. Problems are a normal part of the development and test process for any new

system. For a new airplane — including an airplane as sophisticated as the B-1B — problems are an accepted part of putting it all together.

Nonetheless, the B-1B's critics have become more vocal recently.

Why? Because these critics learned what we already knew: flight tests identify problems.

It seems the planned flight test program, which is designed to identify and fix deficiencies in complex subsystems, is doing exactly that. Previously, the B-1 was tested extensively to verify airworthiness and the validity of the design. And there are absolutely no questions among the informed on that score.

Testing is now focused on subsystems. Most of the problems have been identified and fixed. These include early problems with fuel leaks and the software in the terrain following radar. None of this is intended to dismiss the importance of fixing all deficiencies. One area where more work is required is the defensive avionics system. It will take longer than originally planned to develop the full potential of the defensive avionics to deal with the most sophisticated future threats.

In the meantime, the aircraft is performing its intended mission, today, against today's threats.

To date, the B-1B is a program the Air Force can be justly proud of. We remain on the production schedule and are within the President's certified cost for the program. Putting the airplane on alert in less than 5 years from program go-ahead is another major accomplishment.

The B-1B, like the B-52 before it, now provides a significant contribution to our peace and security. And it will continue to do so for the projected 30 years of its life. That's important to know. Especially when so many impatient critics and uninformed detractors seem to have missed the point completely.



Oops

(In last months' "Observer" story "Linda Odland named AWS Wife of the Year," her husband, Col. John A. Odland, was incorrectly identified as being the 20th Weather Squadron Commander. He is the 30th Weather Squadron Commander. Sorry for the error. I apologized to him when he pointed out the mistake.)



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