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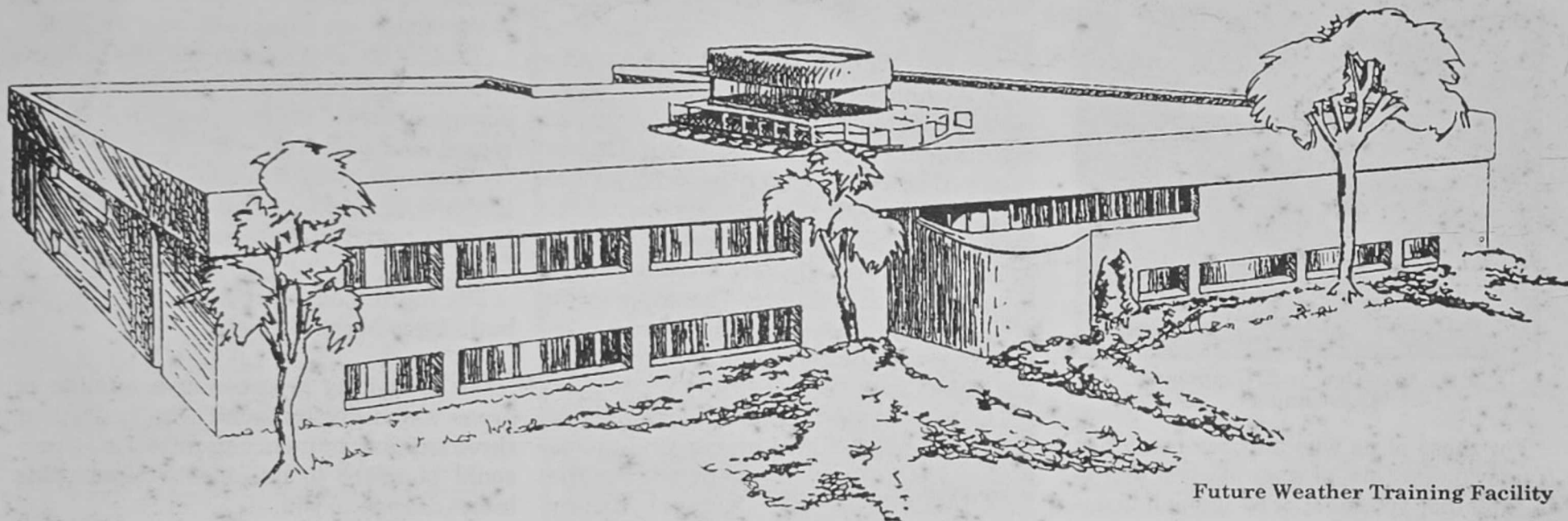
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"I eat, I sleep, I breathe freedom. Until you've lost it, you don't know what it is."

—Everett Alvarez Jr.,  
Vietnam POW,  
Confined 8½ years

## Ground is broken for new weather facility



Future Weather Training Facility

By SMSgt. C.R. Walters  
CTTC Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. George E. Chapman, AWS commander, and Brig. Gen. Joel M. McKean, Chanutte Technical Training Center commander, each turned a shovelful of earth Sept. 4 as ground was broken for construction of the new weather training facility.

The weather training facility, to be built at a cost of about \$6.5 million, will consolidate DOD weather training under one roof when it is completed in March 1989. The building will include more than 90,000 square feet of floor space. It will contain 89 classrooms and laboratories for training approximately 1,600 Air Force, Navy and Marine weather specialists and technicians each year. A library and break rooms will also be included.

The new building is the first new facility to be built on what was once the airfield parking apron area. The building will house 13 resident technical training courses, including the three most expensive courses per graduate offered by the center.

Commenting on the significance of the new building, General Chapman, commander of the Air Force's weather units, said, "the bottom line is that all weapons systems and all aircraft are always affected by the weather to some degree or another and we have to be sure that our people are trained on the latest capabilities ... to make sure that they can provide the best support available.

"That's what we're doing with this new facility," he said. "The Air Force has not only given us a facility and outstanding people, but it is enabling us to put new programs in there by which we can better serve the Air Force and the Army.

"In my responsibility as commander of Air Weather Service, I have to provide support to both the Air Force and the Army worldwide," General Chapman explained. "We have about

5,000 people to do that with and we're scattered in 270 small locations throughout the world."

He continued, "Now, anytime there's a change in a new weapon system or a new capability that the Department of Defense has, it usually means that we will have to provide a different kind of weather service. We have to respond in some way to assure that system — whether it's an aircraft or whether it's a tank or whatever it is — is aware ... that people who operate those systems are aware of the weather because weather can affect those systems significantly — how they operate. For that reason we have to train people and we have to ensure that they're trained in the latest state of the art equipment in weather and also know a lot about the Air Force programs and the Army programs that they are going to support.

"We have found over the last 10 years or so that the nature of the equipment we're getting — whether it's the F-16s or whether it's a rather sophisticated Army vehicle — that they demand more from us in terms of weather performance," General Chapman explained. "We have to be able to tell them more precisely what the weather is going to be and we have to warn them a little bit more precisely because the resources are very expensive. That's where weather training becomes so important — we're bringing in new sets of equipment."

The new weather training facility will be equipped with the Next Generation Weather Radar — it's called NEXRAD. It's a joint program funded by the Department of Transportation, Department of Commerce and DOD. This doppler weather radar is going to enable our people to provide better severe weather warning support. One of those NEXRAD radars will be right here at Chanutte in this new, modern facility. And that will be within just the next couple of years.

General Chapman summed up the building's importance, "when we talk about the importance of this facility, it's the people, it's the capability to adapt new requirements that we have to this facility, bring them in, and allow our people to be trained on them. Whether we're talking about this NEXRAD radar or whether we're talking about the Automated Weather Distribution System, called AWDS, that's undergoing initial operational test and evaluation now at Eglin, the training center will keep up with the technology we're using at the units. That (the AWDS) is also going to be installed here in this facility."

On July 1, Air Weather Service celebrated its 50th anniversary. Gen. Duane H. Cassidy, commander in chief of AWS's parent Military Airlift Command, said, "I want to tell you that as I travel worldwide, I continually get unsolicited praise of the quality of the young people serving in Air Weather Service and of the service that you perform."

"I was struck by the words General Cassidy used," said General Chapman. "He has stated that to me on many occasions and other commanders have had similar comments as I visit our units in the field. And I think what it is significant about that it is not just the quality of the people — and I'd like to stress this because I've been a student at Chanutte three times — it's the quality of instruction that we get that enables those people to perform so well.

"I think that the people at Chanutte Tech Training Center just simply do an outstanding job," General Chapman said. "The quality of people that we get in the field is first class. They do their job well as specialists, they do their job well as technicians, and they help me do the job of providing support worldwide. It's a first class group of people and they're trained in a first class manner."

# Command Line "It's Groundbreaking Time"



Brig. Gen. George E. Chapman  
Commander

For those of us who harbour memories (up to 30 years old for some of us) of receiving weather specialist or technician train-

ing in an outdated facility at Chanute TTC, you will be pleased to know that is changing – decidedly for the better. Two years ago I wrote a Command Line on the great things happening at Chanute – but a new weather training facility was still in the planning stage at that time. That's no longer a plan – now it's happening.

I have just returned from a ceremony at the Chanute Technical Training Center that marks another step forward we are taking in this 50th Anniversary year of Air Weather Service. After a long wait, we have broken ground on the new weather training building at Chanute. The support we have received across the Air Force – particularly at Chanute – and from Congress has finally made it a reality.

The ground we turned in September of 1987 will lead to a modern air-conditioned facility ready to train our people for the NEXRAD/AWDS/Super Computer Era by

the spring of 1989.

Here are a few facts about the facility: The building will be located on the old ramp, near where the B-36 is displayed, across from Hangar 3 and include, among other things, an observatory on the roof.

Totaling 90,000 square feet, the building will house 89 classrooms and laboratories, administrative offices, student break-rooms, and a library.

Classrooms will include Next Generation Radar equipment and Automated Weather Distribution System terminals.

The estimated completion date for the building is March 1, 1989.

We're making progress in a number of areas and from someone who has spent three training tours at Chanute – it's a personal pleasure to be able to report this latest change to you.

## Chiefs Comments

# Changes – Are We Always Aware?

Most of us can talk generalities on many subjects and have an indepth knowledge on one or two. Normally our indepth knowledge concerns our jobs or something we work with daily. However, when changes are made without our awareness, our depth of knowledge weakens. This usually happens in our personal area – things that we should know about but often depend upon others to provide us the correct information.

We, in the military and our families, have many benefits guaranteed to us through the Veterans Administration. How many are you knowledgeable about? How many are you even aware of?

I recently learned that I was aware of very few programs and knowledgeable about none; meaning I was not aware of the many changes that have taken place through the years and how they affected me personally.

An example is our education benefits. An individual stopped by the other day and

explained his problem. He had requested retirement for July 1, 1988. During his retirement interview at the CBPO he was not briefed on his education entitlements after retirement. It was only after his retirement had been approved, he discovered his mistake.

If he had requested a retirement date of Aug. 1, 1988, he would have had 10 years from the time of his retirement to use his education benefits under the Veterans Education Assistance Act of 1984 (New GI Bill). There is a significant difference in the benefits as the Vietnam GI Bill ends Dec. 31, 1989.

Since then, I have learned there are more people encountering the very same problem. Whether the retirement people at the local CBPO are/are not briefing us on our entitlements is not really the question. The question is, do we care enough about our personal life to ask questions, attend briefings and get updated information before making major decisions? We know we care



CMSgt. Charles T. Melson  
Senior Enlisted Advisor

and care a whole lot.

The fact is, it is our responsibility to get the facts and be knowledgeable of all changes,

Brig. Gen. George E. Chapman  
AWS Commander

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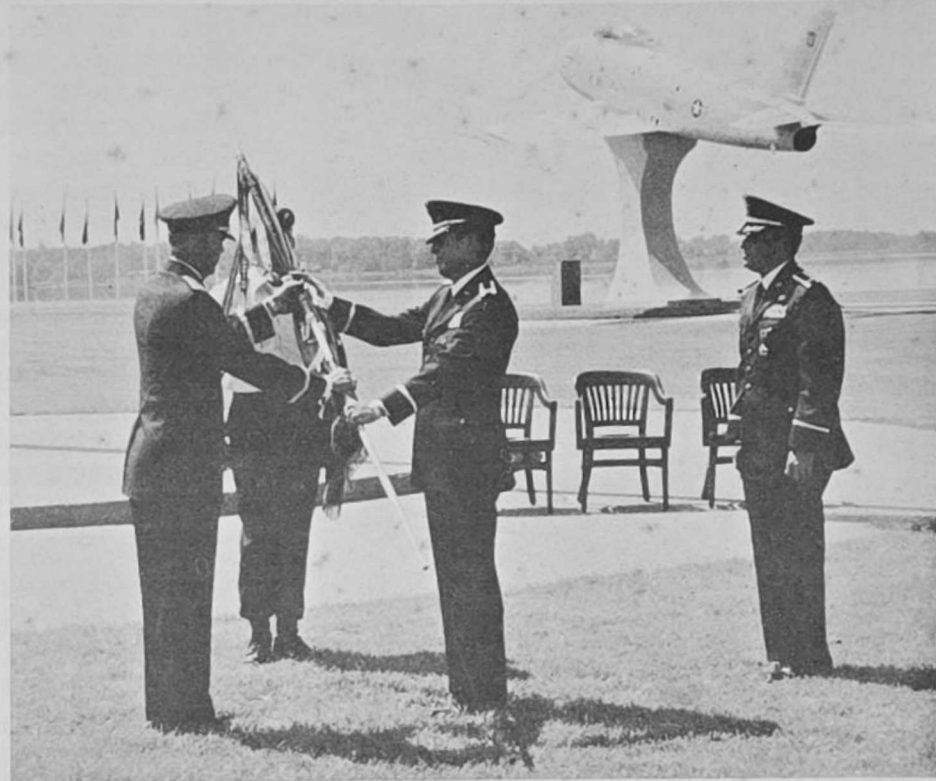
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# Change of Command



Col. Gene J. Pfeffer exchanges salutes with Brig. Gen. George E. Chapman while CMSgt. Alan C. Snider looks on during change of command ceremonies at 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo. Colonel Pfeffer was 4WW Vice Commander, and assumed command from Col. James K. Lavin who became Deputy Director, Readiness, Survivability and Special/Technical Plans, HQ MAC/XO, Scott AFB, Ill.



Col. Ernie R. Dash takes the 5WW guidon from Brig. Gen. George E. Chapman, AWS Commander, as Col. John J. Kelly Jr., looks on during the change of command ceremony at Langley AFB, Va., on July 24. Colonel Dash formerly Vice Commander of 2WW, assumed command from Colonel Kelly, now the AWS Vice Commander. (Photo by Amn. Chris Lawless.)

## "Eye in the Sky" for Pease AFB

By SSgt. Michael Filbert  
Det. 6, 26th Weather Squadron

PEASE AFB, N.H. — Detachment 6, 26th Weather Squadron has been an integral part of the Pease team for more than 30 years. Located in the base operations building, this small unit is tasked to limit the effects of New England weather on Pease and the 509th Bombardment Wing's operations. Det. 6 does this by providing forecasts and accurate, up-to-the-minute, weather observations.

Manned and operated 24 hours a day, the weather station serves as the base's "eye in the sky." The station maintains a continuous meteorological watch and issues warnings and advisories as necessary to prevent the arrival of unannounced severe weather. While one observer works at the weather observation tower and provides a lookout for adverse conditions, a second observer assists the forecaster in monitoring the regional situation using satellite links, radar and summaries of reports from other stations.

Every six hours, the forecaster issues a forecast for the next 24 hours.

This forecast is very important since all flying activity is planned with the forecast in mind. A three- to five-day outlook is also developed to give the local commanders extended

weather events. Obviously, given the nature of New England's weather, the job has its fair share of challenges.

SSgt. Chris Boczek, forecaster here for the past three years, says, "The challenge is what I really like about this assignment...there's always something different. It keeps the job interesting. I don't think there's a more difficult place stateside to forecast the weather."

Another forecaster added, "We can't just say cloudy with patchy fog and chance of showers this afternoon. The customer wants to know what's going to happen, when it's going to happen and how bad it's going to be when it does happen. We have to be much more precise than our civilian counterparts."

In addition to local customers, Det. 6 also serves as the Regional Weather Briefing Center for 15 Air National Guard and Reserve units throughout New England. As a result, Det. 6 forecasters present more than 1,000 flight weather briefings each month.

As with other base agencies, the number one priority of Det. 6 is Emergency War Order (EWO) support. "We provide mission planning information in two daily alert weather packages and back them up with briefings using closed circuit television. Within seconds of the sounding of the klaxon, we transmit an alert weather observation, and we are always on

call to brief the battle staff with less than an hour's notice. When they call, everything else stops," 1st Lt. Wayne Moran, wing weather officer, explained.

Maj. Douglas W. Jones, Det. 6 commander, summarized his perspective on the unit's mission, "Detachment 6, Weather Squadron is above all else a service organization. Our primary job is to support the 509th Bombardment Wing.

"We, of course, remain ready at all times to support the wing's wartime commitments. We also remain ready to support the peacetime weather support requirements of the wing, other Pease AFB units and numerous other Department of Defense and civilian agencies throughout New England."

"From flight weather briefings for all aircrews using Pease to thunderstorm warnings, from snow depth forecasts to alert crew briefings, from low-level bomb route forecasts in Montana to golf weather for the weekend; we do it all.

"Sometimes we're very good; and sometimes, to put it kindly, we're not quite as good. But our forecasters and observers always strive to do their very best for everyone we support. We take our mission very seriously and are proud to be a part of the Strategic Air Command team," Major Jones concluded.



Above - A1C Dante Marcoli, a member of the 2068th Communications Squadron, is a weather equipment maintenance specialist who deployed with the weather group as a vital member of the team.

Right - Reviewing the deployment route just prior to departure for exercise BRIGHT STAR 87 are upper-air team members: (from left) A1C Dante Marcoli, TSgt. Mike Dougherty, SSGt. Steve Pickard and SrA. James Hoskins.

# "Ready to Roll"

The primary mission of the 6th Weather Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla., is to provide mobile upper air observations in support of the Department of Defense and its agencies.

Deploying worldwide to provide upper-air winds and temperature information is routine for the men and women of the 6WS. During semi-annual maximum effort exercises, upper-air teams palatize and deploy all six systems. Each system consists of a GMD-2 Rawinsonde set which tracks the rawinsonde, a TMQ-5 recorder record which is used to derive temperature pressure and relative humidity, and a control recorder that provides information to determine wind speed and direction. The first system is ready to roll four-and-a-half hours after notification, with another system rolling

out every four hours thereafter.

Recently, an upper-air team packed two 5,000 pound pallets and drove several hundred miles to link up with airlift to exercise BRIGHT STAR.

6WS has six fully trained upper-air teams. Using rawinsonde balloons that carry weather sensors up to 100,000 feet, the teams collect data that are vital to weather forecasting and for direct support of Air Force tactical systems.

There are also six members of the 2068th Communications Squadron assigned to direct support of the 6WS. Not only do these hard-changers deploy with the upper-air teams, they also maintain all the fixed meteorological equipment on Hurlburt Field, Fla.



## 6th Weather Squadron change of command

by Amn. John Van Winkle

1st Special Operations Wing Public Affairs

Continuing a tradition which originated during the reign of King Frederick of Prussia during the 18th Century, Lt. Col. Tom Utley assumed command of the 6th Weather Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla., June 6.

The traditional change of command, where the outgoing command passes the incoming commander the unit flag in front of the unit's personnel, symbolizes many things, according to Col. Tom Proffitt, commander of the 7th Weather Wing and presiding officer for the ceremony.

"This change of command symbolizes that the reins of command are never dropped. Readiness is our job in the military, and I know the people of the 6th Weather Squadron understand that," said Colonel Proffitt. The 7th Weather Wing is the parent unit to the 6th WS and provides weather support for Military Airlift Command units.

Colonel Utley, whose last assignment was as director of Operations for the 26th Weather Squadron at Barksdale AFB, La., commented on the challenges facing the 6th WS due to its unique mission.

"One of our biggest challenges will be to integrate the new equipment and increased support requirements needed for the 23rd Air Force and the United States Special Operations Command. Another will be to achieve the increased level of specialized training required to maintain our proficiency as weathermen," said Col. Utley.

The 6th WS, currently in its second year at

Hurlburt, provides all weather data for the 1st Special Operations Wing's flying and ground missions. In addition to managing Detachment 75, 6th WS, and the squadron's special operations weather team, the 6th WS also provides specialized support

for the Military Airlift Command's 23rd Air Force.

The outgoing commander, Lt. Col. David O. Roark, will take on duties as chief of current operations for the 2nd Weather Wing at Kapaur Barracks, Germany.

## SOW Teams get there first

When 6th Weather Squadron completed its move from Tinker AFB, Okla., to Hurlburt Field, Fla., in July 1985, it combined with Det. 75, 7WW.

Detachment 75 has a proud history of supporting the 1st Special Operations Wing, or 1st SOW, with weather support through its Special Operations Weather Teams, or SOWTs.

A SOWT is a small group of weather observers and forecasters trained to deploy worldwide in adverse situations to collect weather data. They use this data, along with routine weather observations, to tailor weather forecasts to enhance special operations.

The team maintains the capability to deploy by a variety of means, including static line and free fall parachute and SCUBA.

As an integral part of the 1st SOW operations, the SOWTs typically deploy ahead of the 1st SOW aircraft and are in place in the contingency area to assist in the 1st SOW's effective employment.

Once the Air Force Special Operations Base is established, some members of the SOWT provide staff weather support to the base while others can

penetrate forward areas to provide target weather observations.

AWS "jumpers" have a distinguished military record, seeing action in World War II, Vietnam and Grenada. Today, AWS parachute units are located at Kadena AB, Japan; Bad Toelz, Germany; MacDill AFB, Fla.; Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Ft. Benning, Ga.; Ft. Devins, Mass., Hurlburt Field, Fla., and Clark AB, PI.

General eligibility requirements for SOWTs are: possession of a weather AFSC, volunteer on the AF Form 109 (Special Duty Application) or AF Form 90 (Officer Career Objective Statement); pass a Class III flight physical and meet the demanding physical training requirements of the three-week basic airborne course. SOWT members wear the parachute badge and parachutist beret and earn an extra \$110 per month.

For more information, contact your CBPO Customer Service Unit, PALACE WEATHER at AV 487-4768 or write AFMPC/DPMRST1, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-5000. Students attending weather courses at Chanute should contact OL-C, HQ AWS.

## Finding the first test range tough job for early flyers

by 2nd Lt. Steven Johnson  
Det. 1, 2WS,  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

So often today, the weather at the test range is critical for determining a system's capabilities. When conditions are too rough, tests are canceled. A fine balance of weather elements needs to exist for successful testing.

Two bicycle engineers recognized this fact when they began searching for just the right test site. When the designers/engineers of the world's most radical concept of its day began their test program, the first step was finding the right location.

Orville and Wilbur Wright wrote the Instruments Division of the United States Weather Bureau in November 1899, asking for wind data. Since their real profession was building bicycles, their flight testing had to

take place during the late fall and winter.

From a Monthly Weather Review, sent to them by Mr. Willis L. Moore, Chief of the U.S. Weather Bureau, the Wrights found that the coast of North Carolina had the proper conditions - winds of at least 15 miles per hour (also a soft landing zone) - during the right time of year.

The Wrights wrote to Mr. J.J. Doshier, Station Chief at the Kitty Hawk Weather Bureau, who together with the help of Mr. William Tate, the Postmaster, convinced the Wright Brothers this was indeed the perfect place to begin their test program.

This sequence, which took place 87 years ago, continues today. Program managers and engineers at the Air Force System Command's product divisions turn to AWS Staff Meteor-



WINNING TUNE - Sgt. Derrick Brown, Det. 7, 3WS and 2nd Lt. Sheila Gilliard of the Air Force Audit Agency, took first place in the vocal duet category of the Langley AFB, Va., Talent Contest in May. They performed their version of the song, "Always." (Photo by 1st Lt. Carol Grimmig)

ologists for the environmental information they need.

Before any systems concept starts the transition to a hardware reality,

the Staff Meteorologist works to ensure the effects of the aerospace environment are considered, addressed and minimized.

## Det. 19, 30 WS helps keep aviation unit flying

by Kathy Ashton

Weather. It can determine a lot of things in your life. It can help you select what to wear in the morning, then in the middle of the day it can change making you wish that you hadn't worn your long underwear and wool sweater. Or suddenly, it will rain and there you are with no umbrella. It is unpredictable, to a certain extent, for the majority of the population.

But not to Detachment 19 of the 30th Weather Squadron, U.S. Air Force. Their job is to forecast the weather for the areas of Camp Humphreys and Camp Walker. They work with both AFKN radio here and in Taegu to provide weather briefs for U.S. soldiers and their families. But more importantly, they support the 23rd Support Group and all aviation units of both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Wherever there are Army aviation units, you'll find an Air Force weather unit.

Pilot weather briefings are the meat and potatoes of the job for Det. 19. According to Detachment Chief, SMSgt. Athel Murphy Jr., the detachment has gotten calls from as far away as Camp Casey and Yongsan for up-to-the-minute pilot briefings.

Up-to-the-minute briefings require continuous monitoring of weather and hours of work. The detachment runs 24 hours a day, year round with seven forecasters and five observers at Camp Humphreys and two observers at Camp Walker. The difference between observers and forecasters is just that. One can observe weather but not issue forecasts while the other can observe as well as forecast. According to Murphy, only forecasters can issue weather information to aircrews.

To the untrained eye, the task of forecasting weather is an intricate jumble of maps, teletype data, satellite photos and electronic equipment. All are orchestrated to determine what type of weather is developing and when it will reach the Camp Humphreys area.

Developing weather fronts in mainland China are watched closely as they travel east toward the Yellow Sea. Unfortunately, once they reach the Yellow Sea, predicting what they will do becomes a little bit harder.

"There are no weather stations on the Yellow Sea from which we can follow patterns. So if we're following a cold front coming from China, once it moves over the Yellow Sea, it can become modified. And of course, we don't have weather stations over the water. You don't exactly know what's going to happen till it hits you. You just try to make your best guess," added Murphy.

The observers job is performed on weather that is present in the Camp Humphreys area. Their duties are to go outside every hour to determine the types of clouds, how high the cloud base is, is it over 3,000 feet (a rotating beam ceilometer does the job up to 2,900 feet), determine visibility distances, determine the direction of the wind, and measure the temperature.

But sometimes, even with all the expertise and equipment on hand, mother nature pulls a fast one. According to Det. 19 forecaster, TSgt. Calvin Garner, the most difficult thing about his job is the weather. Period.

"Due to the fact that nature is hard to predict and follows no sound rules, weather itself

is sometimes hard to predict," stated Garner. But regardless of the fact, the detachment does an exemplary job of getting accurate weather reports to the units it supports.

According to Capt. Bryant H. Aldstadt, section leader, 377th Medical Company, Air Ambulance, 2nd Flight Platoon, when they receive an Urgent Five call from a hospital and life and limb may be at stake, they have no time to waste. They must get detailed weather information about the area they are flying to and be off the ground in 15 minutes or less.

According to Aldstadt, Det. 19 is outstanding. "No doubt about it. With the mission we have it's very important that we get good weather data and get it in a hurry. When we're pressed for time they become part of the team. They jump in and help us get our mission under way and in a timely manner," Aldstadt said.

And the feeling is mutual. According to MSgt. Mariano De La Ossa, chief, weather station operations, one of the most rewarding aspects of his job is working with Army pilots. "The pilots are great to work with. But, getting used to the Army system and adapting to the way the Army runs is the biggest challenge. But I enjoy it, this is a great job."

(Reprinted from "One in Purpose" Camp Humphreys AIN, Korea.)

### Last chance for memorabilia

Units have one last chance to order memorabilia honoring AWS's 50th Anniversary. The Scott AFB



Exchange has agreed to reorder the following items: Tee and sweat shirts (Navy blue only); Tie tack/lapel pins and VIP style coffee mugs (black mug w/gold logo).

CONUS units can order through the local base/post exchange. Overseas units should mail orders and payment to: Scott AFB Exchange, ATTN: 50th Memorabilia, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5000.

Group orders are easier for the exchange to mail. For more information or prices, please contact the local exchange manager or Capt. Karen Love, HQ AWS/PMRP, AV 576-4721.

# AWS Salutes

## Medals

### Meritorious Service Medal to:

Capt. Mark E. Des Rosiers, Det. 1, 9 WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; MSgt. Randolph C. Settje, Det. 1, 9 WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.;

### Air Force Commendation Medal to:

Capt. James Jones (3 OLC), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Capt. Charles F. Terry (2 OLC), Det. 13, 25 WS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; 1st Lt. Bruce M. Dwelle (2 OLC), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Maj. Gregory E. Matzen (USAFR) (2 OLC), Det. 4, 11 WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; TSgt. Thomas Wilcox (1 OLC), Det. 15, 31 WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany; 1st Lt. Bruce M. Dwelle (1 OLC), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; TSgt. James L. Laurenti (1 OLC), Det. 7, 17 WS, Kelly AFB, Texas; 1st Lt. Mark Secrist, Det. 25, 31 WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany; Maj. Robert W. Jacobsen Jr. (USAFR), Det. 4, 11 WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; SSgt. Gregory A. Bond, Det. 10, 5 WS, Ft. Benning, Ga.; Capt. Mark Clausen, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; MSgt. Bruce E. Boom, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; TSgt. Jeffrey A. Fries, Det. 1, 9 WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.

### Army Commendation Medal to:

1st Lt. Jim Staley, Det. 7, 5 WS, Ft. Ord, Calif.; Sgt. Jerry C. Brewer, Det. 3, 5 WS, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; SSgt. Randy L. Gunnels, Det. 17, 24 WS, Williams AFB, Ariz.; SSgt. David E. Jarvis, Det. 15, 9 WS, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; SMSgt. Nyle K. Friesen, Det. 5, 11 WS, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.

### Combat Readiness Medal to:

SSgt. Joseph B. Bowers, Det. 9, 5 WS, Ft. Rucker, Ala.; TSgt. Earl W. Payne, Det. 31, 5 WS, Ft. Polk, La.; SrA Craig A. McPherson, Det. 23, 17 WS, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

### Air Force Achievement Medal to:

Sgt. Brenda Rasmussen (2 OLC), Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Neb.; SSgt. Steven A. Schoen, Det. 15, 25 WS, Luke AFB, Ariz.; A1C Jeff Weiler, Det. 15, 24 WS, Vance AFB, Okla.; SrA Brian J. Fallon, Det. 15, 25 WS, Luke AFB, Ariz.; 1st Lt. Andrew J. Terzakis, Det. 13, 25 WS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; Capt. Brian Moore, TSgt. James R. Blackburn and A1C Martin Konek, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt. Richard D. Sweetman, Det. 3, 5 WS, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; A1C Leslie Blagburn, Det. 14, 31 WS, Hahn AB, Germany; Sgt. Henry D. Loewenthal, Det. 19, 30 WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; SSgt. Stephen McConnell, Det. 7, 17 WS, Kelly AFB, Texas.

### Army Achievement Medal to:

SSgt. Willie T. Worsham, Det. 5, 11 WS, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska; SrA John F. Suther, OL-D, 11 WS, Galena Airport, Alaska; A1C Robert L. Van Anden, Det. 4, 11 WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; SSgt. Steven M. Yelenic, Det. 19, 30 WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Sgt. Stephen J. Grabowski, Jr., Det. 7, 17 WS, Kelly AFB, Texas.

## Promotions

### To Colonel:

Robert B. Wright, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

### To Captain:

Michael L. McKito (And Regular AF), OL-A, Det. 21, Hunter AAF, Ga.; Ronald Breninger, Det. 16, 9 WS, Dyess AFB, Texas; Robert L. Uland, Det. 13, 15 WS, Charleston AFB, S. C.; Jeffrey T. Bernard, Det. 1, 15 WS, Andrews AFB, D.C.; Randy Pearson, Det. 20, 24 WS, Laughlin AFB, Texas; David W. Sjostedt, 24 WS, Randolph AFB, Texas; Nemencio M. Quintanilla, Det. 5, 20 WS, Clark AB, the Philippines; Linda McMillan, 15 WS, McGuire AFB, N.J.; Bayani J. Almario, Det. 5, 20 WS, Clark AB, the Philippines; Jean M. Bross, HQ 20 WS, Yokota AB, Japan; Dan B. Mundell, Det. 1, 1 WW, Nimitz Hill, Guam; Kenneth W. Reese, Det. 1, 1 WW, Nimitz Hill, Guam; Jeffrey Bernard, Det. 1, 15 WS, Andrews AFB, D.C.; Bruce M. Dwelle, Jonathan P.

Goldberg, David Mucia and Tyree L. Wilde, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

### To First Lieutenant:

Robert P. Liles, Det. 15, 9 WS, Grand Forks AFB, ND; Thomas A. Guinn, Det. 3, 11 WS, Shemya AFB, Alaska; Curtis C. Peacock, Det. 2, 11 WS, Eielson AFB, Alaska; Steven R. Christy, Det. 1, 9 WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Richard A. Jackson, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Patrick N. Purcell, Det. 6, 5 WS, Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Michael R. Beeson, Det. 40, 2 WW, RAF Croughton, UK; Vicki D. Michetti, Det. 15, 25 WS, Luke AFB, Ariz.; John A. Mitchell, Robert J. Carroll Jr., and William J. Spendley, Det. 3, 5 WS, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

### To Senior Master Sergeant:

John A. Behnke, Det. 16, 25 WS, Nellis AFB, Nev.

### To Master Sergeant:

Bryan Folk, AFU, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; John F. Panus, Det. 7, 9 WS, March AFB, Alaska; John D. Elliott, Det. 1, 9 WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Lanford L. Martin, Kenneth O. Parker and Michael T. Watson, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

### To Technical Sergeant:

James E. Pinyerd Jr., Det. 1, 15 WS, Andrews AFB, D.C.; Elda G. Butts, Det. 13, 15 WS, Robins AFB, Ga.; John Jankite, Det. 3, 5 WS, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; Rebecca Schaffer, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; James Pinyerd, Det. 1, 15 WS, Andrews AFB, D.C.; Alfred Green, Det. 18, 30 WS, Yongsong AIN, Korea.

### To Staff Sergeant:

Linda M. Bogart, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Linda Dirks, AFU, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Sylvia V. Poole, 9 WS/WSU, March AFB, Alaska; Molly A. Kreuzer, Det. 5, 15 WS, Dover AFB, Del.; Melissa W. Jenkins, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Stefan J. Padillo, Det. 10, 15 WS, McGuire AFB, N.J.; Thomas J. Keenan, Det. 19, 30 WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Dale Williamson, Det. 12, 31 WS, Torrejon AB, Spain; David M. Quinn, Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; Robert L. Fuller, OL-A, Det. 21, Hunter AAF, Ga.; Todd I. Stephenson, Det. 18, 25 WS, Mt. Home AFB, Idaho.

### Appointed to Sergeant:

Brian T. Gipperich, Det. 3, 11 WS, Shemya AFB, Alaska; Richard W. McMillian, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Raymond M. Perez, Det. 14, 5 WS, Ft. Hood, Texas; Matthew J. Cornell, Det. 21, 15 WS, Pope AFB, N.C.; Mary G. Nienaber, Det. 11, 1 WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; James B. Wiemann, Det. 1, 1 WW, Nimitz Hill, Guam; Thomas B. Cullen, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Robert D. Mahler, Det. 14, 5 WS, Ft. Hood, Texas; Mark T. Rimkus, Henry D. Loewenthal, Michael D. Evans and Mitch B. Gilbreath, Det. 19, 30 WS, Camp Humphreys, Korea; Bill J. Tillar, Det. 3, 31 WS, Florennes AB, Belgium.

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Richard A. Haller, Det. 9, 5 WS, Ft. Rucker, Ala.; Patricia L. Ferucci, Det. 14, 5 WS, Ft. Hood, Texas; Stephen B. Wilson, Det. 12, 25 WS, George AFB, Calif.; Robert Michalko, Arval J. Walker Jr., Terrence B. Smith and Matthew W. Lewis, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

### To Airman:

David L. Stricklan, Det. 29, 17 WS, Buckley ANGB, Colo.; Todd P. Wellman, Det. 13, 15 WS, Robins AFB, Ga.; Cari Camyre, Det. 7, 24 WS, Mather AFB, Calif.; Michael Dellarosa, Det. 4, 5 WS, Ft. Drum, N.Y.; Delane Overton, Det. 7, 5 WS, Ft. Ord, Calif.; Carri Camyre, Det. 7, 24 WS, Mather AFB, Calif.

### To GS-9/2:

Arthur J. Harper, Det. 123, 15 WS, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.

### To GS-7/3:

Leslie J. Erwald, Det. 12, 15 WS, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.

## Education

### Air War College:

Maj. Richard L. Holden (Corr), Det. 2, 24WS, Columbus AFB, Miss.; Maj. Cory R. Chadwick (Corr), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

### Squadron Officer School:

1st Lt. David W. Goe, Det. 17, 24WS, Williams, AFB, Ariz.

### Senior NCO Academy:

MSgt. Michael S. Sepinski (Corr), Det. 4, 11WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; MSgt. James H. Valentine (Corr), 24WS, Randolph AFB, Texas.

### NCO Academy:

TSgt. Thomas L. Wilcox (DG), Det. 25, 31WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany; TSgt. George A. Gatto, Det. 13, 25WS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; SSgt. Gary Tyron, Det. 1, 31WS, Bitburg AB, Germany; TSgt. Russell R. Deatley, Det. 11, 9WS, Beale AFB, Calif.; SSgt. Robert J. Briggs, Det. 3, 9WS, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; SSgt. John A. Maddux, Det. 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; TSgt. Michael A. Brand (Corr), Det. 4, 11WS, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; TSgt. Gregg A. Liedke (Corr), Det. 1, 9WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; TSgt. Robin G. Post (Corr), Det. 17, 24WS, Williams AFB, Ariz.

### NCO Leadership School:

SSgt. Curtis P. Cote (Levitow Award), Det. 17, 20WS, Yokota AB, Japan; SSgt. Jeffrey L. Cimini (Commandant's Award), Det. 2, 5WS, Ft. Belvoir, Va.; SSgt. Thomas I. Fredericks (Commandant's Award), Det. 58, 5WS, Ft. Carson, Colo.; SSgt. Tracy Trogdon (DG), Det. 11, 24WS, Reese AFB, Texas; SSgt. Duane P. Bullard (DG), 6WS/DA, Hurlburt Field, Fla.; SSgt. James Stefano (DG), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt. Travis L. Barger (DG), Det. 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; SSgt. Randall L. Johnson, Det. 1, 9WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt. Anthony Palmieri, Det. 11, 25WS, Cannon AFB, N.M.; SSgt. William R. Nevins, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt. Gary Steverson, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, Calif.; SSgt. Matthew C. Wiatt, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt. Brian Siciliano, Det. 20, 31WS, Sembach AB, Germany; SSgt. Charles H. Elford, Det. 5, 9WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

### NCO Preparatory Course:

SrA Kelly McGee Jordan (Levitow Award), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SrA Terry C. Click (DG), OL-A, Det. 18, 30WS, Camp Page, Korea; SrA Deanna L. Lindstrom, Det. 1, 9WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; A1C Michael S. Wesolowski, Det. 1, 15WS, Andrews AFB, Md.; A1C Dana Rohr, Det. 1, 15WS, Andrews AFB, Md.; SrA Linda S. Thompson, Det. 1, 9WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; A1C Larry D. Rodgers, Det. 11, 7WS, Coleman Bks, Germany; A1C Craig I. Dahl, Det. 10, 7WS, Giebelstadt AAF, Germany; SrA Randy R. Ressen, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SrA Sandra J. Geliske, Det. 1, 31WS, Bitburg AB, Germany; A1C Albert M. Yeh, Det. 25, 31WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany;

**Weather Technician Course:**

**Aug. 4, 1987**  
Sgt. Leon H. Bass, Det. 15, 15 WS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Sgt. John J. Cerone, Det. 7, 3 WS, Langley AFB, Va.; Sgt. Michael Deatherage, Det. 6, 3 WS, Homestead AFB, Fla.; Sgt. Thomas F. Garner, Det. 12, 25 WS, George AFB, Calif.; SSgt. Wally L. Godby, Det. 11, 2 WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; SSgt. Fred R. Guerrero, Det. 20, 26 WS, Barksdale AFB, La.; SSgt. Donald D. Gunning, Det. 7, 17WS, Kelly AFB, Texas; A1C Edward C. Harris (FA), Det. 2, 24 WS, Columbus AFB, Miss.; Sgt. Gregory MacMaster, Det. 13, 7 WS, Traben-Trarbach, Germany; SSgt. Sidney D. Mallard, Det. 11, 31WS, Spangdahlem AB, Germany; SSgt. Patrick J. Rothbauer, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt. Raymond Secession, Det. 13, 5 WS, Ft. Eustis, Va.; Sgt. Keith E. Wagner, Det. 11, 2 WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.

**Aug. 18, 1987**

SSgt. Donald G. Carson, Det. 1, 11 WS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; A1C Jack C. Cooksey (FA), Det. 3, 9 WS, Fairchild AFB, Wash.; SSgt. Delores M. Gibney, Det. 4, 28 WS, RAF Bentwaters, UK; SSgt. Thomas A. Hoffman, Det. 26, 26 WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.; A1C Steven F. Murray (FA), Det. 1, 15 WS, Andrews AFB, Md.; Sgt. Wallace Patterson, Det. 3, 15 WS, Charleston AFB, S.C.; SSgt. Milton B. Schott, Det. 8, 17 WS, McClellan AFB, Calif.

**Administration Specialist Tech School:**

A1C Daryl J. Brown (DG), Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas.

**Master's Degree to:**

Lt. Col. James R. Avant, 11WS/DO, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, in Business Administration (Finance) SMSgt. Bruce D. Silliman, Det. 3, 7WS, Heidelberg, Germany, in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.  
Lt. Col. Arthur C. Kyle, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.  
Capt. Duane L. Mohr, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., in Atmospheric Science from Creighton University, Omaha.  
SSgt. Frank J. Ferro, Det. 36, 28WS, RAF Alconbury, U.K., in Education.  
Capt. Mark J. Andrews, Det. 1, 28WS, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, in Meteorology from Florida State University.

**Bachelor's Degree to:**

MSgt. Robert E. Redinger, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., in Professional Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.  
TSgt. William L. White, Det. 6, 31WS, Homestead AFB, Fla., in Political Science.  
Sgt. Byron Pullen, Det. 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, N.C., in Industrial Technology from Southern Illinois University.

**Associate Degree to:**

MSgt. Kenneth R. Sifford, Det. 5, 11WS, Ft. Wainwright, Alaska in Weather Technology from CCAF.  
TSgt. Donald E. Carey, Det. 21, 2WS, Edwards AFB, Calif., from CCAF.  
SSgt. Ted A. Lewiston, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., in Data Processing from CCAF.  
SSgt. Richard T. Poore Jr., Det. 1, 5WS, Ft. Campbell, Ky., in Weather Technology from CCAF.  
SMSgt. Marlin N. Mason, Det. 7, 31WS, Aviano AB, Italy, in Meteorology from CCAF.  
TSgt. Erich Horn, Det. 16, 31WS, Zaragoza AB, Spain, in Weather Technology from CCAF.  
SSgt. Billy Tillar, Det. 3, 31WS, Florennes AB, Belgium in Meteorology from CCAF.  
TSgt. Richard A. Fiske, Det. 15, 25WS, Luke AFB, Ariz., from CCAF.

**RETIREMENTS**

Mr. Lawrence S. Koenig, Det. 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas; Maj. Robert Armstrong, HQ 4WW, Peterson AFB, Colo.; MSgt. Ralph J. Eagen, Det. 9, 24WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; TSgt. William F. Kvederavich, Det. 20, 26WS, Barksdale AFB, La.; MSgt. David A. Fulcher, Det. 13, 7WS, Traben-Trarbach, Germany.

**Spotlight on Performers**



**Capt. Freeman P. Bridges and SSgt. Everett S. Berry.**

**Who:** Capt. Freeman P. Bridges and 2nd Lt. Curtis C. Peacock.

**What:** Identified as outstanding performers by the MAC IG during a recent inspection.

**Where:** Det. 3, 11 WS, Eielson AFB, Alaska.  
**How and Why:** They are dedicated wing



**1st Lt. Curtis C. Peacock and SSgt. Everett S. Berry.**

weather officers who, through diligent effort, became thoroughly familiar with their customers' weather support requirements, and prepared and masterfully implemented superb support procedures.

They presented polished, professional briefings and wrote properly formatted, well thought out plans inputs. They developed a superb continuity book to preserve methods and information they had developed for future wing weather officers.

Senior staff members of the 343TFW and 6 WS lauded them as among the best young weather officers they've seen.



**AFOUA presented to Det. 6, 2 WW**

Detachment 6, 2 WW, was presented the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in a ceremony at Patch Barracks, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany, on July 7. Operating Location-A, Det. 6, Bad Toelz also qualified for the award.

Detachment 6 received the AFOUA for environmental support to HQ United States European Command for the period June 1, 1985 to July 31, 1986. They arranged for specialized support to HQ

USEUCOM during the Chernobyl nuclear reactor accident, to the Defense Attache Office in Cameroon during an Army truck convoy in that country, and to classified USEUCOM contingency operations in the Mediterranean.

Attending the ceremony were (from left): CMSgt. Charles E. Newman, Maj. Frank L. Kendrick, Col. Gary S. Zeigler, Capt. Robert D. Huth, Maj. David J. Saunders, Lt. Col. James W. Goldey and SSgt. Billy R. Hoskins.



At the beginning of 1987, the weather people remaining in the Satellite Operations Branch were: (from left) SSgt. Stephen E. Schroeder, SSgt. Patricia J. Lee, SSgt. Kerryshane N. Clarke, SrA. Douglas L. Schueller, TSgt. Michael A. Zimmer, SSgt. Celia K. Nester, MSgt. Leonard L. Czepiel and AIC Scott D. Mahan.

# End of an Era at Offutt

By CMSgt. Phil Babcock  
Superintendent,  
Computer Systems

Weather forecasters and observers assigned to AFGWC's Satellite Operations Branch pose for a group photo in front of the Hardcopy Image Processing Subsystem.

The role of enlisted weather

folks in the Satellite Operations Branch over the years has been significant - from the branch superintendent to equipment operators.

By the end of 1987, this tradition will end. All enlisted weather positions have been converted to computer operator positions (491XX) and the weather personnel (251XX) are being reassigned.

## "Our Heritage" books available

Personnel desiring a copy of the AWS 50th Anniversary Book, entitled "AWS: Our Heritage," should write to: MAC/HQ, Attn. Rita Markus, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5001; or call her at AV 574-3644.

Quantities are limited and requests will be filled on a "first-come, first served" basis with priority given to organizations rather than individuals.

## ANG Weather Flight vacancies

The following Air National Guard Weather Flights have vacancies. For more information, contact OL-B, HQ AWS, Langley AFB, VA 23665-5000, or the 200th Weather Squadron (Virginia ANG) AV 574-7655.

(ANG Weather Flights are allowed to overman by 10 percent in the 25XXX career field. Other WF locations are: Van Nyes, Calif.; Denver, Colo.; Wheeler AFB, Hawaii; Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Shelbyville, Ind.; Topeka, Kan.; Louisville, Ky.; Aberdeen Prv. Gd., Md.; Detroit, Mich.; St. Paul, Minn.; Bridgetown, Mo.; Charlotte, N.C.; Columbus, Ohio; Tulsa, Okla.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Spokane, Wash., Charleston, W.V.; Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio, Texas.)

Location	AFSC	Open-ings
101WF Otis ANGB, Ma.	2524	1
	25170	1
105WF Smyrna, TN (Nashville)	2524	1
	25150	3
113WF Terre Haute, IN	25150	1
119WF McGuire AFB, NJ	2524	1
	25290	1
	25270	1
121WF Andrews AFB, MD (Washington D.C.)	25190	1
122WF New Orleans NAS, LA	2524	1
123WF Portland IAP, OR	25190	1
	2524	1
126WF Milwaukee, WI	25150	4
	2524	1
131WF Westfield, MA	25150	1
	2524	1
154WF N. Little Rock, AR	25150	2
	2524	2
155WF Jackson, TN	25150	1
201WF Suffolk Co Airport, NY (Long Island)	25170	1
	25150	7
203WF Ft Indiantown Gap, PA	25150	2
204WF McGuire AFB, NJ	25150	4
209WF Camp Mabry (Austin), TX	2524	1
	25150	7
210WF Ontario ANGS, CA	25150	2

## Golfer breaks Andrews course record

By SSgt. Peggy Davidson  
1776th ABW Public Affairs

Records are made to be broken. But that's not what 17-year-old Ann Guiberson had in mind when she began playing a round of golf with the Andrews Golf Course assistant pro, in late July. They were just out to play a round of golf.

Playing on the east course, the daughter of Col. and Mrs. Francis Guiberson finished the round with a 73, just one stroke over the par for the course.

"I just played good enough," Ms. Guiberson said. "I was playing even par the whole time."

The college-bound teen began play-

ing golf when her family was stationed in the Philippines. She was 11 years old. With both parents playing golf, she followed in the family footsteps by picking up a club.

"Hopefully, after college, I will turn pro," said Ms. Guiberson. "But first I want to get a good education - something to fall back on if I don't make it as a pro."

She plans to major in business while attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln on a golf scholarship. Even if she uses her business education, the young golfer hopes to keep golf as part of the business. "I want to stay in golf," she noted, "if not playing pro, maybe be a head pro at a golf course." (Reprinted from the "Capital Flyer.")

## Celebrating at 10,000 feet

The AWS 50th Anniversary was celebrated in many ways, but three members of Det. 11, 17 WS, McChord AFB, Wash., celebrated by trying to reach the top of Mount Rainer, (14,410 feet).

From May 31 to June 2, 1987, (from left) 1st Lt. Michael O'Hearn, 2nd Lt.

Kenneth Harding and TSgt. Gordon Fesenger carried the AWS 50th Anniversary logo and their unit flag in the summit attempt. They reached the 12,500 foot mark before 70 knot winds and deep snow forced the climbers to turn around. This photo was taken at 10,000 feet on June 2.



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