

## Historical Issue

This is the last AWS Observer. Future issues will have the new name the "Weather Observer."

**AWS Picnic**—Weather Service's annual picnic will be held on Sept. 20, 1991, at Scott AFB's Base Lake Grove 1, from 1 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$2 per individual and \$5 for family. Points of contact are: Maj. Rice at Ext. 64668, Capt. Regan at Ext. 65211, MSgt. Peel at Ext. 65867 or Lt. Divecchio at Ext. 64149. Come out and have some fun.

**Reunion News**—The 24th annual AWS Parachutist Reunion will be held Oct. 18-20 at Fayetteville, Fort Bragg, N.C. Activities will include a dining out, golf tournament, pig pickin', plus lots of other fun activities. For more information call SSgt. Reid/MSgt. Lord at 919-396-3805 or just drop in!

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## 3rd Weather Wing Inactivates!

By 2nd Lt. Mark Britt  
and 2nd Lt. Michelle Myers

Brig. Gen. John J. Kelly Jr., Director of Weather, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, inactivated 3rd Weather Wing in ceremonies held July 31, 1991, at Offutt AFB, Neb.

Third Weather Wing (3WW) became the first of seven wings in Air Weather Service to inactivate under the Air Force restructuring program. Strategic Air Command (SAC), Air Training Command (ATC), and Air University (AU) absorbed the wing's personnel and resources Aug. 1.

Third Weather Wing Commander, Colonel John W. Oliver, emphasized that people were the important part of the wing. He said, "The personal sacrifices of men and women have led to the high quality support for SAC and ATC."

General Kelly said the wing will once again be a trailblazer for AWS by being

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Director of Weather, Brig. Gen. John J. Kelly, 3WW Commander Col. John W. Oliver, and Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for SAC Operations, Brig. Gen. Patrick P. Caruana, cut the cake welcoming 3WW people to SAC.

### Third Weather Wing

- Activated Oct. 8, 1956
- Inactivated July 31, 1991
- First Commander: Col. Frederick J. Cole
- Last Commander: Col. John W. Oliver
- Awards: AFOUA Oct. 1, 1960- Jan. 31, 1963
- AFOUA July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1978
- Location: Offutt AFB, Neb. throughout its history.

## Det. 7, 5WS: You Make Us Proud!

By MSgt. Dave Black  
AWS Public Affairs

Members of 5th Weather Wing's Det. 7, 5th Weather Squadron, earned the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor, in recognition of their achievement during Operation Just Cause. They were recognized for their distinguished performance during the period Dec. 19, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990.

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is presented to a unit which has distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement clearly setting itself above

and apart from similar units. The bronze "V" device for valor is awarded as a result of direct combat support.

Det. 7 mobilized and then deployed a combat weather team in support of U.S. Army light division aviation forces conducting combat air assaults and airmobile operations in Panama. The weather team expertly provided a helicopter task force contingency weather support at three separate forward locations in western Panama.

After arriving at Howard AFB, Panama, late on Dec. 26, the Weather Team (WETM), comprised of Maj.

Bill Burnette, MSgt. Joe Kisela, TSgt. Jim Roy, Amn. Tim Sloan and Amn. Tom Cross, repalletized their TACMET, weapons and personal gear. They contacted their customers, a group of 7ID aviators known as Task Force Condor and also made contact with the Howard base weather station.

After the equipment was readied, the WETM deployed with Task Force Condor to an airfield in western Panama.

"Flying on a C-130 night mission, we landed on a cratered runway and performed a running off-load," said Major Burnett. They

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND  
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS 62225-5001  
15 March 1991

Major William F. Burnette, USAF  
Commander  
Detachment 7, 5th Weather Squadron  
Ft Ord, California 93941-5111

Dear Major Burnette

Congratulations on receiving the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor for your unit's participation in Operation JUST CAUSE. Your commitment to excellence has demonstrated the combat capability of the Air Force and reflects the pride and professionalism of our command.

I appreciate the effort that went into earning this award. Keep up the great work.

Sincerely

H T Johnson  
HANSFORD T. JOHNSON  
General, USAF

cc: AWS/CC  
5 WW/CC  
5 WS/CC

## Command Line



Col. George L. Frederick Jr.  
Commander, Air Weather Service

## Cooperation—the key to success

As you read this, we will be in the final stages of transferring our field units to the supported commands.

Initial reports from some former 3WW units which transferred on August 1 were humdrum: "didn't notice any difference . . . we keep waiting for the other shoe to fall but it hasn't . . ." No surprise! We've been so integrated into our customers' operations for so long that they never noticed we wore another command's patch—and we worked hard to keep that notion going. Now comes the hard part. How do we keep that razor's edge of top-notch support we've honed over the years when we become totally integrated into the customers' organizations?

There are two ways:

- First, you continue to think of the operators as your "number one customers." You have something of value to

sell and you need to work hard at tailoring your product to the needs of the organization.

- Second, you consider the entire Air Force weather support system an essential tool in your kit bag.

We've got to "cooperate and graduate," as it were, if the system is to work. Everyone has an important job: field weather units observe and forecast for their supported warriors, AWS provides centralized guidance techniques and equipment to help the field do its job, and HQ USAF/XOW in the Pentagon sets the policy and plans and allocates resources so we can maintain a viable support system in the future.

I'm confident we can make this all work but it will take everyone pulling in the same direction to keep us on track.

## Chief's corner

A couple of changes in our professional education are slated to take effect on Oct. 1, 1991. Our current four-tiered PME system changes to three levels and aligns with the three-tiered—airman, NCO, and senior NCO—enlisted grade structure.

Beginning next fiscal year (FY), the new Airman Leadership School (ALS) replaces today's NCO Preparatory Course (NCOPC) and NCO Leadership School. It is expected that completion of the ALS will be required prior to assuming the rank of staff sergeant. Although completing the ALS prior to assuming NCO status would not be required for those who have attended the NCOPC, it would not be specifically prohibited. Senior airmen with 36 months TAFMS and staff sergeant selectees who are on their second enlistment, or have extended their first enlistment for 23 months, and six-year enlistees will be eligible to attend. This course is expected to be a local, nonresident school approximately four weeks in length and available on almost every Air Force base. Based on projected PCS timing and an individual's line number, TDY attendance could be necessary for a few staff sergeant selectees assigned to installations without a school.

Also for FY92, staff sergeants attend the

NCO academies. Eligible for in-residence academy selection will be staff and technical sergeants with at least eight years, but no more than 18 years TAFMS. At least two years must have passed since attendance at an ALS or NCOLS and having at least one year of retainability following graduation is expected to be required.

With the fact that master sergeants are currently eligible, no other changes are anticipated for the Senior NCO Academy.

Additionally, and also beginning Oct. 1, 1991, most of today's AWS eligibles will compete for their NCO Academy seats within their host base's selection process. An exception will be those who remain assigned to the AWS. As a field operation agency (FOA), we will continue to manage academy selection for eligibles assigned to the Headquarters, AFGWC, USAFETAC, and the SFC much as we do today.

Although our new look in PME should become effective Oct. 1, 1991, as of this writing not all the pieces are in place. The transitions to the ALS is a major step and dates for the first classes have yet to be established. Be assured, however, everyone is working hard to have the course fully developed and the schools ready to go as early as

possible. Some of the above could also change, so stay tuned to your multimedia sources for the latest word.

Stay in touch and informed. DSN 576-4002, anytime.



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AWS Commander  
AWS Editorial Staff  
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## WX unit cooks up a storm for good cause

By MSgt. Dave Black  
AWS Public Affairs

Det. 9, 24th Weather Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala., cooked up a weather menu recently for a good cause. They raised more than \$500 dollars for the Air Weather Association Memorial Fund.

The Desert Shield Memorial Fund was established by the Air Weather Association last September to provide monies for the future higher education of the children of those Air Weather Service members killed in the C-5 crash en route to Saudi Arabia.

The unit took the opportunity to raise dollars during Maxwell AFB's Fourth of July celebration. The Weather Weenie booth was spearheaded by SSgt. Terry Thrasher, who was a friend of one of those weather members killed in action.

Maj. Christine Shoup, commander of Det. 9, 24WS, stated that the booth's cause was a hit with the



SSgt. Terry Thrasher heats up the weather dogs at the Weather Weenie Stand during a recent fund raiser for the Air Weather Association Desert Storm Memorial Fund on the Fourth of July. Members of Det. 9, 24th Weather Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala., raised \$500 for the worthwhile cause. (U.S. Air Force photo)

base. "We sold around 500 thunder dogs (with chili), blizzard dogs (with sauerkraut) and hurricane dogs (Polish hot dogs).

The commander's husband personally grilled every dog and the booth was manned by all unit members not scheduled for work.

Who knows, maybe we'll see a new weather cookbook from the Det. 9, 24WS, connoisseurs. Donations are still needed for the Desert Shield Memorial Fund. Please send your donation to: AWA Memorial Fund, 5301 Reservation Road, Placerville, Ca. 95667.

## AF aids expectant wives of those released early

Pregnant wives of people released under 1991 rollback and early release programs will still be eligible for treatment at Air Force and Navy facilities under secretarial designee status, the Air Force said.

Status has been authorized due to the Secretary of the Air Force's concern for the well-being of families affected by these programs.

Secretarial designee status makes otherwise ineligible individuals eligible for treatment. But care is not authorized at Coast Guard or Army medical treatment facilities, or through CHAMPUS, including Partnership providers, according to a message from the Air Force surgeon general's office.

Other care in civilian medical facilities is at the individual's expense, officials said.

Active-duty women who are pregnant when they separate under the rollback or early release aren't made secretarial designees because they are already eligible for space-available care under Air Force Regulation 168-6, Attachment 10, former active-duty females.

Medical treatment facility commanders have the authority to grant designee status until Oct. 1. Wives qualify if their due date falls within the member's original term of service.

The medical treatment facility at the sponsor's last duty location is responsible for mak-

ing the wife a designee, regardless of where the family decides to settle after separation, officials said. But designation doesn't commit or obligate that facility to provide services, it just authorizes access to any Air Force or Navy treatment facility.

Families are issued a designee letter but should understand that it isn't a guarantee of service, they said. Availability of care is determined by each facility commander.

Authorized care includes prenatal, obstetrical delivery, one post-partum and one well baby check. Aeromedical evacuation is not authorized.

Charges are at the dependent rate. (AFNS)

## Bush approves 13 base closures and realignment of six others

President Bush has approved the closing of 13 Air Force bases and the reduction or realignment of six others after reviewing recommendations made by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

The president told reporters July 10 that he endorsed the report of the base closure panel and said he had forwarded it to Congress.

Lawmakers now have 45 days to approve or disapprove the president's recommendation.

Named for closure are Bergstrom and Carswell AFBs, Texas; Castle AFB, Calif.; Eaker AFB, Ark.; England AFB, La.; Grissom AFB, Ind.; Loring AFB, Maine; Lowry AFB, Colo.; Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.; Richards-Gebaur Air Force Re-

serve Station, Mo.; Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio; Williams AFB, Ariz.; and Wurtsmith AFB, Mich.

"This commission has served without political motivation and the report, I'm satisfied, is without political bias or motivation," Bush said at the White House.

"So I sent the committee's recommendations forward largely based on the enthusiastic acceptance, obviously, of the Pentagon."

When asked if he would like to see the base cuts go farther, the president said, "No, I think for now it's proper."

In April the Pentagon recommended closing 43 military bases and scaling back 28 oth-

ers. The base closure commission went along with the great majority of the Pentagon's picks, but overturned a recommendation to shut down Moody AFB, Ga.

In addition to base closings, Bush approved the recommendation that six Air Force bases be realigned or reduced. They are Beale, March and Mather AFBs, Calif.; Goodfellow AFB, Texas; MacDill AFB, Fla.; and Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney made his recommendations to the president, said the commission's package "looks pretty good," and is generally happy with it, Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said July 9. (AFNS)

## hot off the wire...

### Taking Care of Our Own—

You've heard it again and again. You will recall that the Air Weather Association established a memorial fund last September to provide monies for the future higher education of the children of those AWS members killed in the C-5 crash. Many have made contributions through their unit's fund raiser (36 units have conducted fund drives). Others have contributed directly (201 active duty and retired members of the Association). According to retired former AWS Commander, Maj. Gen. John W. Collens, and spokesman for the AWA, there are almost 2600 members of the Association and most of its membership has yet to contribute to the humanitarian effort. Only about one-third of what is needed to provide meaningful assistance has been collected. Please give what you can. The Association continues to take \$2 of every new membership (\$8) and deposit it into the fund. Joining the Association is one way you can contribute. All contributions are tax deductible for those who itemize. Address contributions to: AWA Memorial Fund, 5301 Reservation Road, Placerville, Ca. 95667.

### Global Chief Retires—CMSgt.

Bert E. Calentine, manager of Air Force Global Weather Central's Weather Forecast Services retired Aug. 15, 1991. He served at AFGWC since 1987 and retired with more than 30 years of service. The chief joined the Air Force in September 1959. Following basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he attended basic weather school at Chanute AFB, Il. Early in his career he was assigned to several bases on California's West Coast to include George, Travis and Fairchild AFBs. His overseas tours included Clark AB, Philippines, Lajes Field, Azores and Camp Humphries AIN, Korea. He received his promotion to chief master sergeant in 1988 during his assignment at Offutt AFB, Neb. His military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal; and the Humanitarian Service Medal.



### Best Seller—Actually its free. The

AWS History Office will have a new booklet, The Air Weather Service: A Brief History, 1937-1991, available for distribution sometime this month. Written by Dr. William Nawyn, the Air Weather Service historian, the 55-page booklet includes approximately 50 photographs and gives an overview of AWS history from the time it was born to the point at which it became a field operating agency in 1991. The History Office invites units and individuals to submit requests for copies beginning immediately. Send your order to the HQ AWS/RMH, ATTN: Rita Markus, Scott AFB, Il. 62225-5008.

# Top AWS people are on the move

By MSgt. Dave Black  
AWS Public Affairs

During the last several months the Commander of Air Weather Service, Col. George L. Frederick, has named new commanders for the Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC), and the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Weather Wings.

The change came about due to on-time station limitations and the scheduled retirement of the 4th Weather Wing (4WW) and 5th Weather Wing (5WW) Commanders, Col. William B. Freeman and Col. William S. Koenemann, respectively.

Col. James W. Overall took command of (4WW) on June 21, 1991, succeeding Colonel Freeman after his retirement. Before

taking charge of the 4WW, Colonel Overall was the Deputy Chief of Staff, Technology at Headquarters Air Weather Service, Scott AFB, Ill.

On July 3, 1991, Col. Richard J. Vogt became the commander of 2nd Weather Wing, Kapaun AS, Germany, succeeding Col. Robert P. Wright, who took the reins of the 1st Weather Wing, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, on July 19, 1991.

Colonel Wright succeeded Colonel Thomas K. Klein, who was appointed as the new commander of the 5WW, Langley AFB, Va., on Aug. 1, 1991. Colonel Klein succeeded Colonel Koenemann after his retirement.

On July 26, 1991, Col. Thomas E. Sieland assumed command of

AFGWC from Col. Adrian A. Ritchie, Jr., who moved up to headquarters AWS as the new Director of Technology.

Designated a Field Operating Agency April 1, 1991, Air Weather Service will inactivate its wings Aug. 1, as part of the Air Force restructure program. The wings and their subordinate units will become part of their customers' host base commands. Third Weather Wing inactivated July 31, 1991, with ceremonies held at its headquarters, Offutt AFB, Neb. The 3WW and subordinate units were transferred to the Strategic Air Command. (See front page cover story).

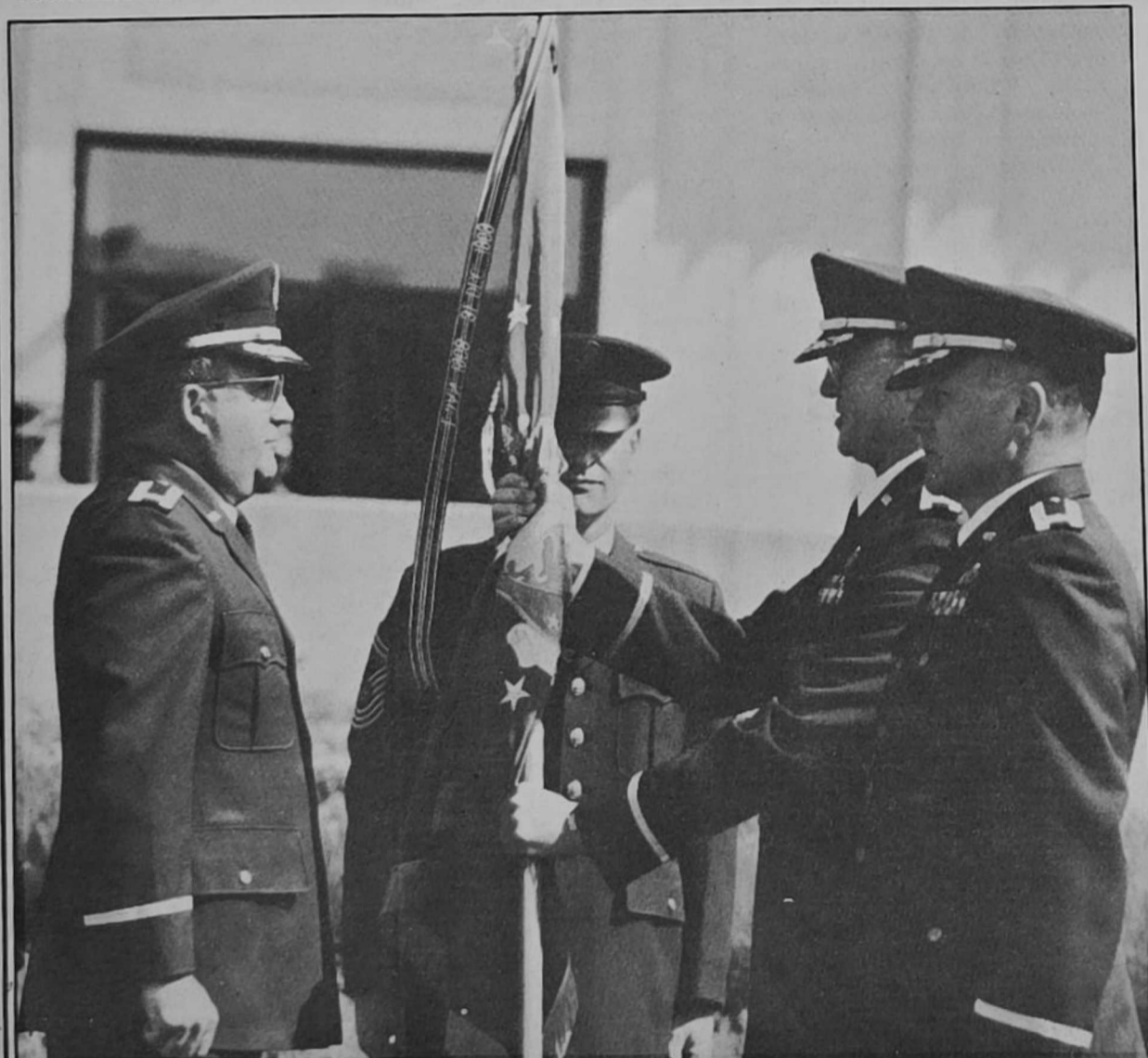
After Aug. 1, 1991, AWS with headquarters at Scott, will include the Space Fore-



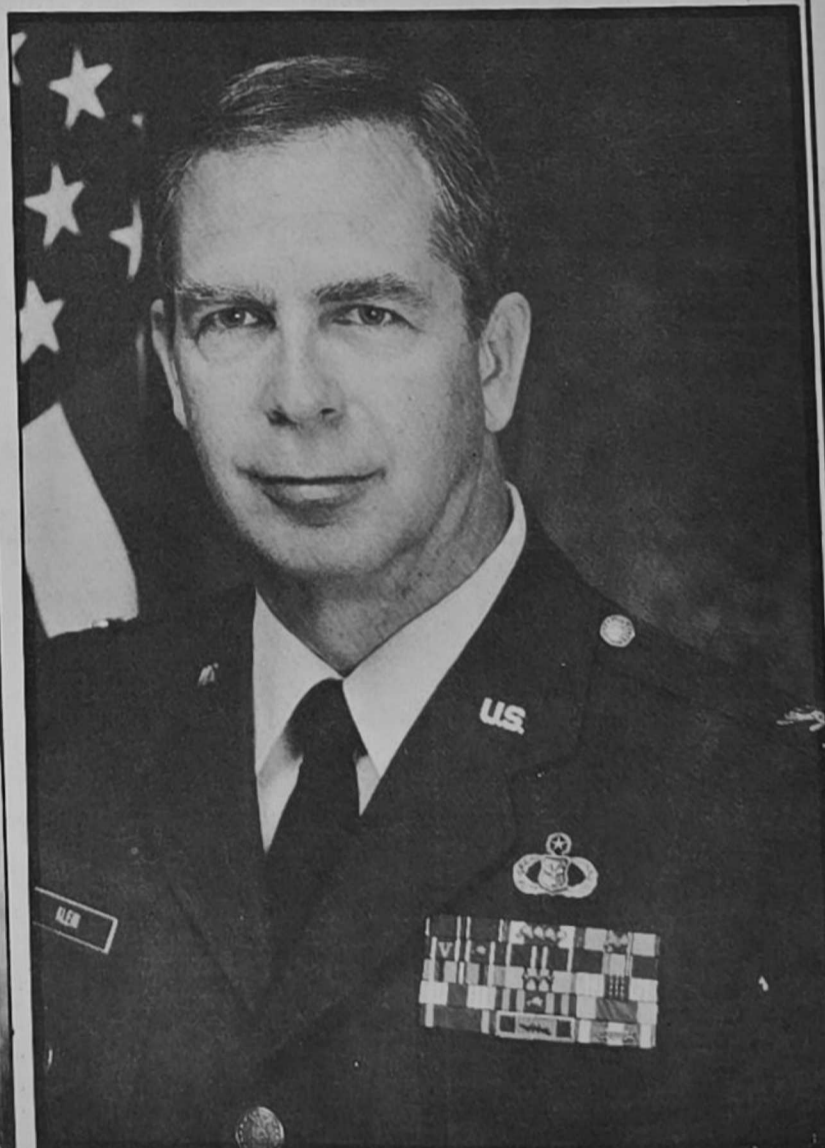
The Commander of Air Weather Service, Col. George L. Frederick Jr., presents the 4th Weather Wing standard to Col. James W. Overall, the new commander.

cast Center, Falcon AFB, Colo., the Air Force Global Weather Central, Offutt AFB,

Neb., and the U.S. Air Force Environmental Technical Applications Center, also at Scott.



With presentation of the flag from Colonel Frederick, Col. Richard J. Vogt takes charge of the 2nd Weather Wing. He succeeded Col. Robert P. Wright (right) who assumed the reins of command for 1st Weather Wing, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.



Col. Thomas K. Klein took charge of the 5th Weather Wing, Langley AFB, Va., succeeding Col. William S. Koenemann, who retired. (U.S. Air Force photos)

# Luke AFB Weather Station is ready for AWDS



Second Lt. Kay A. Munoz prepares briefing slides for the wing stand up, while TSgt. Bob Dalpe prepares a DD Form 175-1 with the help of A1C Eric Rosenberger.

By 1st Lt. Kay A. Munoz  
Det. 15, 25WS

"Hey, where are all the charts?" That's a typical comment after a pilot's initial visit to the base weather station at Luke AFB, Ariz., Det. 15, 25WS implemented an automated briefing station and installed other state-of-the-art weather equipment nearly two years ago in order to simplify the forecasters' and observers' tasks and improve the qual-

ity of service to their customers.

At the heart of Luke's automated weather station are two Alden D-100 weather graphics computers. The Alden graphic computers ingest, display, and printout up to 200 weather charts in an unattended mode of operation.

Additionally, the operator can easily access the stored charts for immediate recall and review. We use one of the D-100 weather graphic com-

puters exclusively for over-the-counter briefings, much like the AWDS Aircrew Briefing Terminal.

With more than 200 easily accessible charts, pilots no longer search for weather information—everything is at the briefers' fingertips!

The D-100 has made our briefings more concise and accurate, and with no charts to color, our observers have 15 additional minutes each hour to metwatch. The remaining D-100 is used as a

backup for the briefing terminal and as a readily available reference for forecast decisions and daily operations.

The "endless wall of charts" still exist—but has been relegated to an area reserved for forecast discussions leaving our front counter uncluttered and more professional looking.

Two other invaluable now-casting and forecasting tools installed at Det. 15, 25WS are a satellite looper (DT-300) and a lightning detector. We use them in concert with the D-100 computers and the FPQ-21 weather radar to obtain a real-time image of the atmosphere.

The lightning detector is connected to a sensor on the airfield which relays back graphical displays of cloud-to-ground lightning strikes to the weather station and the Supervisor of Flying's (SOFs) console. This machine is an excellent metwatch tool for the forecaster and the SOF. The Luke SOFs have found it especially helpful when deciding which direction to vector arriving and departing aircraft to avoid the most intense thunderstorms.

Weather products are disseminated locally over a very efficient local weather dissemination system (LWDS) called WEBCON. The com-

mand post, control tower, flying squadrons, maintenance centers, and other base agencies each have a printer connected to a transmitter in the weather station.

Forecasts, observations, weather advisories and warnings are transmitted expediently to each location. The LWDS also has an audible alarm to notify these organizations whenever a weather warning or advisory is issued—quickly alerting them that protective action may be necessary.

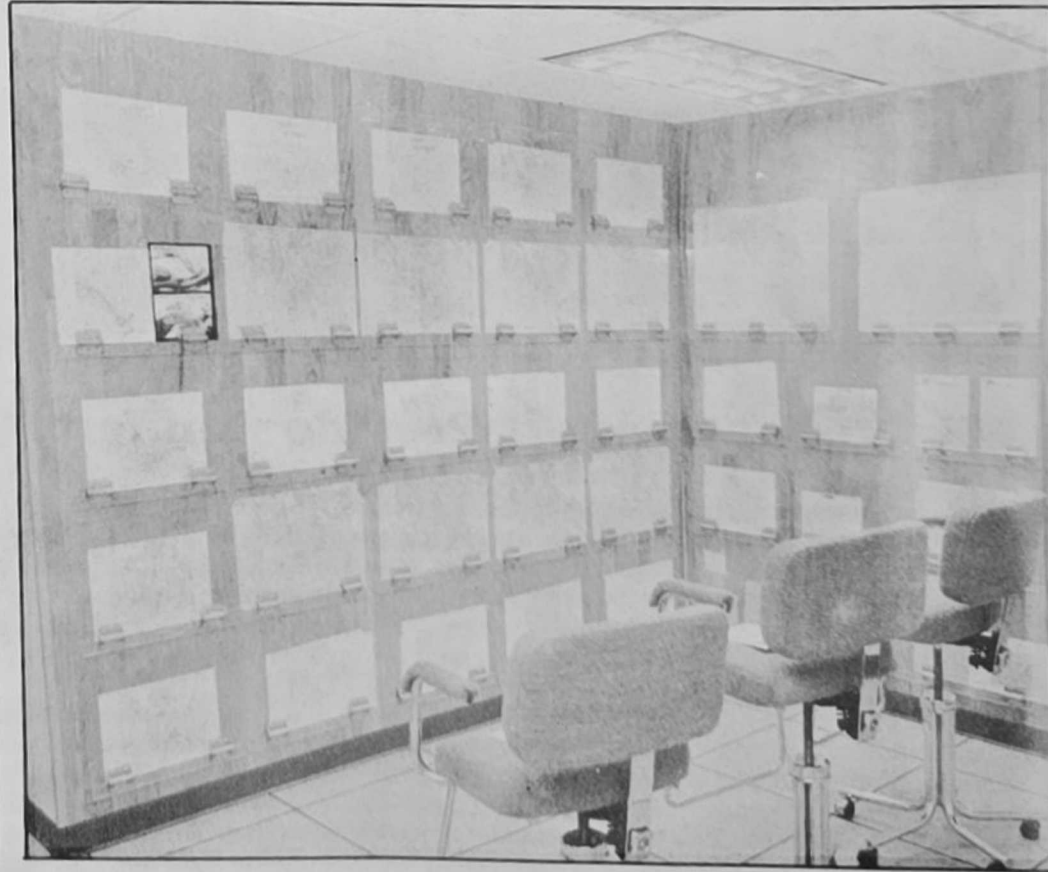
We even found a way to make our regional briefing support more efficient by installing a telefacsimile. By faxing 175-1s, we reduced the workload for both pilot and forecaster.

As you can see, Det. 15, 25WS has been on the AWDS horizon for some time. We found that new forecasters and observers adapt very quickly to our automated environment and master the different computer systems and equipment within days of arrival.

The forthcoming AWDS transition is the next logical step in the continued journey of improving the quality of weather support and weather products. We're excited and well prepared to take the next quantum leap.



SSgt. Kelly Ristuben performing pilot to metro service.



The "Briefing Room" at Det. 15, 25th Weather Squadron, used only for forecast discussions and shift changes.

# A New ROS for RAF Mildenhall

By Maj. Joe Alleca  
Commander, Det. 15, 28WS

Det. 15, 28WS, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, began issuing weather observations from a new Remote Observation Site (ROS) on April 18, 1991.

This new facility became a reality when the 513ACCW authorized a British contractor to begin construction on

Aug. 6, 1990, with instructions to finish the building by Oct. 13, 1990. Construction progressed rapidly, mainly because of good weather, the new ROS was completed by Sept. 14, 1990, earlier than expected.

After some TDY funding issues were resolved, a 14-member Engineering and Installation (E&I) team from the 213EIS, New York ANG,

arrived on April 6, 1991, and quickly began laying the necessary underground cables and transferring weather equipment by crane from the old ROS.

The old ROS was elevated 55 feet and attached to the side of the air traffic control tower cab. A crane was necessary because the control tower stairwell was too narrow to accommodate the equipment move. The relocation and equipment installation into the new ROS went very smoothly and was completed on April 17, 1991.

The new ROS offers significant operational enhancements while functioning as a superb work center for our observers. These enhancements include air conditioning, double paned windows, a 360 degree catwalk, standard equipment racks, subdued indoor war operations lighting, plus a full lavatory and storage rooms downstairs.



New ROS RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom—view from the runway side.

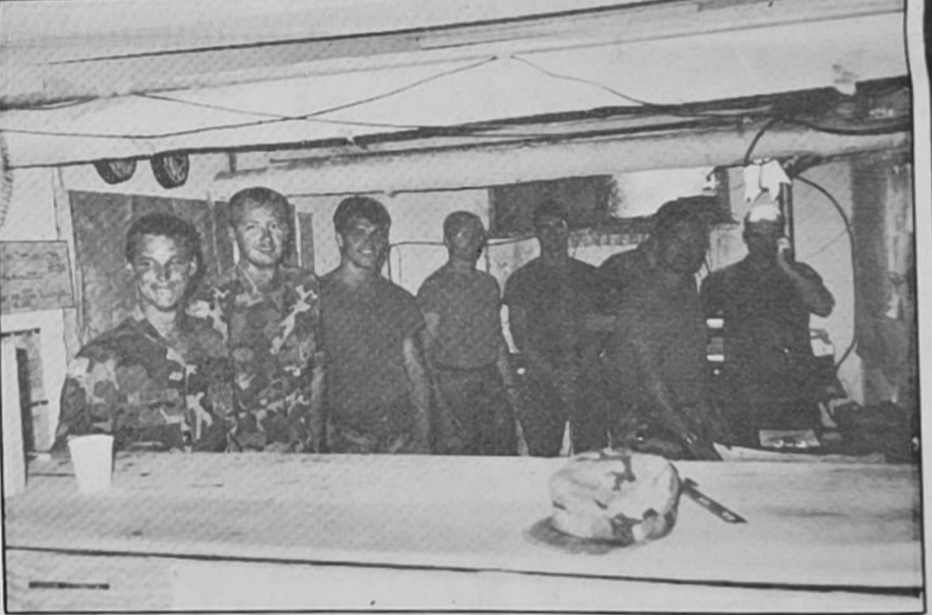


A1C Mike Brown in new ROS. Location of old ROS shown by the arrow.

The E&I team also installed extra cabling to facilitate the installation of FMQ-13 digital wind equipment later this year.

Det. 15 owes many thanks to Col. Elmer C. Lavender, the 313th Tactical Airlift

Group (TAG/CC(MAC) at RAF Mildenhall, Col. Ron Brown (Ret.), former 2WW/CC, and Lt. Col. Bill Smith, former 28WS/CC (now 5WW/DOO), for their active solicitation for accomplishment of the project.



## WX Troops Support Provide Comfort/Proud Force

Duty hours are long and hot—and dusty—for those supporting Provide Comfort/Proud Force. The Silopi, Turkey flight line (above left) supports the relief air operations of up to 14 separate countries. The Post Weather Station (above right) observes and forecasts the skies for the Combined Support Command and the U.S. Army's 4th Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division there. Located in extreme Southeastern Turkey, just a few kilometers north of the Iraqi border, daily temperatures at the time of these photos, on the 4th of July, were already reaching 115 degrees Fahrenheit. Needless to say, our people's favorite off-duty place (photo at right) was in their self-help built pool.

Left to right on the flight line: CMSgt. Danny Milner, AWS Senior Enlisted Advisor, being met by TSgt. Bill Buttner and Capt. Paul Niesen. Left to right in the weather station: TSgt. Bill Buttner (Heidelberg), Sgt. Eddie Hickman (Giebelstadt), A1C Shane Byrd (Kitzingen), SSgt. Ralph Ley (Giebelstadt), Sgt. Jason Oliveira (Giebelstadt), SSgt. Hover Hodge (Giebelstadt), and Capt. Paul Niesen (Hiedelberg). SMSgt. Len Czeipel (Sembach) visiting from the Combined Task Force Tactical Forecast Unit at Incirlik AB, Turkey is partially hidden behind SSgt. Hodge. Left to Right in the pool: Sgt. Jason Oliveira, A1C Shane Byrd and Sgt. Eddie Hickman.

# AWS Salutes

## Medals

### Legion of Merit:

RITCHIE, Col. Adrian A., AFGWC

### Meritorious Service Medal:

BECHTEL, MSgt. Robert A., AFGWC  
 CALDWELL, TSgt. Roger E., AFGWC  
 COLEMAN, Lt. Col. Marvin G., AFGWC  
 COUGHRAN, CMSgt. Benjamin L., 25WS  
 DUSKEY, Capt. John J., AFGWC  
 HANSON, MSgt. Gary I., AFGWC  
 HEMLER, Capt. Michael G., Det. 3, 15WS  
 HOLLIDAY, Lt. Col. Charles R., AFGWC  
 ROSS, Col. Keith C., AFGWC  
 SYLVIA, Capt. Dennis A., 25WS

### Air Force Commendation Medal:

BROWN, MSgt. Anthony J., AFGWC  
 CLEMENT, Lt. Peter C., Det. 3, 5WS  
 DODSON, MSgt. Robert L., AFGWC  
 MAVIS, TSgt. Terry W., Det. 5, 3WS  
 O'SHEA, Sgt. Aaron, Det. 32, 3WS  
 ROGERS, MSgt. Alan R., Det. 21, 5WS  
 RUNGE, TSgt. David C., AFGWC  
 SLOAN, SrA. Timothy A., Det. 6, 5WS  
 STROHM, MSgt. Daniel, Chanute

### Army Commendation Medal:

BALSOMA, SSgt. Thomas C., AFGWC  
 FISHER, TSgt. Mark S., Det. 9, 5WS  
 KEENAN, SSgt. Thomas J., Det. 4, 5WS  
 REID, SSgt. John H. II, Det. 3, 5WS

### Air Force Achievement Medal:

FINK, SrA. Tina M., Det. 6, 5WS  
 GATTON, SSgt. Michele A., AFGWC  
 GUIMOND, Capt. Philip W., Det. 8, 25WS  
 MATHEWS, SrA. Andra, Det. 18, 25WS  
 PINCKNEY, SSgt. Janet D., AFGWC  
 RABES, Sgt. Erik D., AFGWC  
 SMIEJA, Sgt. Gerard D., 11, 17WS  
 STEPHENSON, SSgt. Todd I., AFGWC  
 YONLISKY, SrA. Robert A., Det. 1, 3WS

### Joint Service Achievement Medal:

HIRL, SSgt. Robert L., Det. 12, 25WS  
 RITCHIE, SSgt. Randall E., Det. 15, 15WS

### Army Achievement Medal:

KALLENBACH, 2nd Lt. Randall J., Det. 6, 5WS

### Air Force Good Conduct Medal:

BERG, SSgt. Scot D., Det. 17, 20WS (10LC)  
 BOWMAN, Sgt. Vinco B., Det. 3, 5WS  
 CALLAHAN, A1C Terrance W., Det. 17, 20WS  
 CERASANI, A1C Gina M., AFGWC  
 CORONA, Sgt. George W., Det. 14, 5WS  
 CVITKO, Sgt. Kevin J., Det. 3, 5WS

FRAIZIER, MSgt. Brenda J., Det. 3, 5WS  
 HEIN, TSgt. Richard G., AFGWC  
 HERBERT, CMSgt. Mary F., AFGWC  
 HORGAN, Sgt. Michael A., Det. 1, 15WS  
 KIRBY, SSgt. Bernard O. Jr., AFGWC  
 LANTZ, MSgt. Debra L., AFGWC  
 LOMACK, Sgt. David W., Det. 9, 17WS  
 LUNDBERG, SSgt. David H., AFGWC  
 MICHAEL, Sgt. Philip W., AFGWC  
 MOORE, Sgt. Robert A., Det. 14, 5WS  
 MUMFORD, SSgt. Patrick D., AFGWC  
 MUNGIN, Sgt. Yolanda Y., AFGWC  
 PREWITT, CMSgt. Richard H., AFGWC  
 REDFORD, SSgt. Mark A., AFGWC  
 ROJAS, Sgt. Federico Jr., AFGWC  
 SANDERS, MSgt. Jerry L., AFGWC  
 SMITH, TSgt. David A., AFGWC  
 SPADY, TSgt. Leon O., AFGWC  
 SWEET, MSgt. Ernest E., AFGWC  
 TAPPY, SSgt. Jewel K., Det. 20, 17WS  
 WALLACE, SSgt. Cynthia A., Det. 1, 15WS  
 WEYLANT, SrA. Mark D., AFGWC  
 WORLEY, A1C Frank J., AFGWC

## Promotions

### To Colonel:

TOWNSEND, Ray E., AFGWC  
 WEAVER, William S., 5WS

### To Lieutenant Colonel:

SHAFFER, Alan R., 5WW

### To Captain:

FORREST, Eric C., AFGWC  
 GUIMOND, Philip W., Det. 8, 25WS  
 MONK, Kristina B., AFGWC

### To First Lieutenant:

LEWIS, John M., Det. 8, 5WS  
 MUNOZ, Kay A., Det. 15, 25WS  
 OLSON, William A., Det. 3, 5WS

### To Master Sergeant:

HOSEIN, Faisal, Det. 17, 20WS  
 NORMAN, Arlyn L., AFGWC  
 PRZYBYSZ, Michael J., AFGWC  
 ROTH, Dale S., Det. 1, 15WS  
 SMITH, Suzanne, Det. 17, 20WS

### To Technical Sergeant:

COLLINS, Roswitha N., AFGWC  
 COTE, Curtis P., AFGWC  
 EBARLE, Zofanias E., Det. 11, 17WS  
 GROSS, Lawrence E., Det. 11, 17WS  
 RICKS, Michael A., Det. 8, 25WS  
 RYAN, Charles L., AFGWC  
 YODER, Christina E., Det. 9, 5WS

### To Staff Sergeant:

CROCKENBERG, Michelle T., Det. 14, 17WS  
 LEBRUN, Stephen A., Det. 14, 5WS

### Appointed to Sergeant:

ARNOULD, Stephenie, AFGWC  
 BLOODWORTH, Charles R., Det. 9, 5WS  
 CERASANI, Gina M., AFGWC  
 FIELDS, Laurin C., 5WS  
 JONES, Benjamin W., AFGWC  
 KIMBROUGH, Lori A., AFGWC  
 MEDEIROS, Louis J., AFGWC  
 WEYANT, Mark D., AFGWC  
 WILSON, Roland J., Det. 9, 5WS  
 WORLEY, Frank J., AFGWC

### To Senior Airman:

BOS, Paul P., Det. 11, 17WS (BTZ)  
 KEUP, Bryan C., Det. 1, 5WS  
 MAASDORP, Garrick, Det. 32, 3WS  
 PRICE, Derrick D., Det. 8, 5WS  
 ROYCE, Christopher C., Det. 8, 5WS  
 TERRELL, Dohn L., Det. 14, 17WS  
 WRIGHT, Ralph A., Det. 6, 17WS (BTZ)

### To Airman First Class:

INSLEY, James G. Jr., Det. 10, 15WS  
 MCDUNN, Sean M., 6WS/RAWIN  
 TAFT, Randy C., Det. 21, 5WS  
 WASSON, Traci K., Det. 6, 5WS  
 WEAVER, Scott, Det. 32, 3WS

### To Airman:

BAUM, Kevin F., Det. 6, 5WS  
 SWOB, David L., Det. 2, 17WS  
 TONER, Robert E. III, Det. 14, 5WS

## Unit Honors

### NCO of the Year:

5WW-REID, SSgt. John H. II, Det. 3, 5WS

### Company Grade Officer of the Quarter:

(Jan. - Mar.)

AFGWC-LOGIE, 1st Lt. Bryan D., AFGWC  
 7WW-ROBINSON, Capt. Alan D., 15WS  
 17WW-TOBIN, 2nd Lt. Bridget F., Det. 4, 17WS  
 6WS-KELLY, 1st Lt. Andrew R., Det. 75  
 15WS-ROBINSON, Capt. Alan D., 15WS  
 17WS-TOBIN, 2nd Lt. Bridget F., Det. 4

### Senior NCO of the Quarter:

AFGWC-CARTY, MSgt. John T., AFGWC  
 7WW-LANGLEY, MSgt. Terry W., Det. 75, 6WS

6WS-LANGLEY, MSgt. Terry W., Det. 75, 6WS  
 17WS-CAMPBELL, MSgt. Mark J., Det. 11

### NCO of the Quarter:

AFGWC-CORT, TSgt. David A., AFGWC  
 7WW-PITSENBARGER, Larry A., Det. 21, 17WS  
 6WS-KUREK, TSgt. Daniel R., Det. 75  
 15WS-PITSENBARGER, TSgt. Larry A., Det. 21  
 17WS-HARRIS, TSgt. Jasper E., Det. 6

### Airman of the Quarter:

AFGWC-SrA. Darrin L., AFGWC  
 7WW-PITRE, SrA. Jerry G. Jr., Det. 1, 17WS  
 6WS-MCINNIS, SrA. Timothy J., 6WS/IM  
 15WS-HIGGINS, A1C Dale J. Jr., Det. 1  
 17WS-PITRE, SrA. Jerry G. Jr., Det. 1

### Civilian of the Quarter:

7WW-TERRAYAS, Lydia O., Det. 23, 17WS  
 15WS-KRUZICK, Mary, Det. 1  
 17WS-TERRAYAS, Lydia O., Det. 23

### Senior Parachutist Badge:

FARRIS, SSgt. John D., 6WS/SOWT

## Education

### NCO Academy:

HOUSTON, TSgt. Emanuel M., Det. 18, 25WS

### NCO Leadership School:

BURGE, SSgt. Joseph C., Det. 9, 17WS  
 JOHNSTON, SSgt. Teresa A., Det. 3, 3WS, (DG)  
 LANTON, SSgt. Alvis D., Det. 58, 5WS

### NCO Preparatory Course:

ADAMS, Sgt. Clifford G., Det. 3, 5WS (DG)

### Current Weather Techniques:

FARRIS, SSgt. John D., 6WS/SOWT

### Jungle Survival Course:

GONZALEZ, Sgt. Roland D., 6WS/SOWT  
 LANDECHE, A1C Todd M., 6WS/SOWT

### Observer School:

FARIA, Jose H., Det. 19, 15WS

### Master's Degree to:

TENPENNY, Capt. Raymond J., Det. 13, 25WS

### Associate Degree from CCAF to:

GILMORE, TSgt. Scott A., AFGWC  
 KACZMAREK, MSgt. Martin, Chanute  
 LYNCH, TSgt. James R., Det. 13, 25WS  
 POST, MSgt. Robin, Chanute

### Reenlistments:

BLOODWORTH, Sgt. Charles R., Det. 9, 5WS  
 CERASANI, SrA. Gina M., AFGWC  
 JACOBS, TSgt. Michael L., Det. 14, 5WS  
 PADILLO, SSgt. Stefan J., Det. 1, 5WS  
 SMITH, SSgt. Shawn P., Det. 18, 25WS

### Retirements:

BECHTEL, MSgt. Robert A., AFGWC  
 BRAKEFIELD, MSgt. Gary W., Det. 8, 5WS  
 CALDWELL, TSgt. Roger E., AFGWC  
 COLEMAN, Lt. Col. Marvin G., AFGWC  
 DODSON, MSgt. Robert L., AFGWC  
 DUSKEY, Capt. John J., AFGWC  
 HANSON, MSgt. Gary I., AFGWC  
 HENSON, Lt. Col. James E., 5WW  
 JOHNSON, SSgt. Charlie G. Jr., AFGWC  
 KENDRICK, Maj. Frank L., 3WS  
 MAVIS, TSgt. Terry W., Det. 5, 3WS  
 NAEGELIN, Lt. Col. Calvin C., AFGWC  
 ROSS, Col. Keith C., AFGWC  
 RUDOLPH, MSgt. Dennis J., Det. 21, 15WS  
 RUSSEL, CMSgt. Bruce, 5WW  
 SHORTT, TSgt. Arthur L., AFGWC  
 ST ONGE, Lt. Col. John V., 5WW

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# Debit Scam Can Empty Your Checking Account

By Evelyn D. Harris  
 American Forces Information Service

Don't give out your checking account number to anyone you don't know, warns Brenda Jimenez of the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Scam artists are using elaborate schemes to get the numbers and then steal money or clean out accounts entirely, she explained.

"There are several variations, but they all add up to trouble," Jimenez said. One scheme involves postcards telling the "lucky recipients" they have won a gift check worth \$1,000 or more, and they must call a toll-free 800-number to claim it. Victims who call are asked to pay varying amounts to join a home shopping club offering the prize. The membership fee is charged to their checking account; the prize doesn't show.

Other postcards claim the recipient has won a car, vacation or stereo. In one case, Jimenez said, a "\$495 home entertainment system" turns out to be a cheap boom box and TV projection device — and even this isn't sent unless the victim complains about not receiving it.

In all the schemes, she continued, victims are asked for their checking account number

and the routing and transit number, or RTN, encoded on the bottom of the checks. They are also asked for the number of their last written check, supposedly to verify the account can cover "carrying charges" for the prizes.

Jimenez said one complainant gave the information and then called back to cancel the order and request a refund; he's still waiting for a refund after numerous calls.

Still other operators tell victims they can get a low-interest credit card by answering a few qualifying questions about their financial histories — their checking account number and the number of their last written check — so the account can be charged \$120 to \$180

for services rendered, Jimenez said. For the money, the victim gets a list of financial institutions that offer low-interest cards. Such a list is available for \$1.50 from a non-profit organization, the Bankcard Holders of America, 560 Herndon Parkway, Suite 120, Herndon, Va. 22070. Some people also receive information on repairing their credit records; military financial counselors and local consumer agencies give that same information free.

Jimenez noted that once crooks have a

person's bank information, nothing can stop them from cleaning out an account. The consumer would not become aware of the problem until the monthly statement arrived, and by that time, the scam artist could be long gone. She said such thieves are also hard to catch because they often call or send notices only to victims outside their state, creating jurisdictional problems for law enforcement authorities.

"People have gotten smart about not giving out their credit card numbers, but they aren't aware of the importance of not giving out their bank account numbers," said John Barker of the Alliance against Fraud in Telemarketing, part of the National Consumers League. "Never give out your checking account number. Second, balance your checkbook and check your bank statement every month — one study shows only 43 percent of Americans do. Third, be careful about what you sign — you may be authorizing someone to debit your account. Finally, contact your bank immediately if you think someone has your account number who shouldn't."

"If the caller wants your number and claims to be calling from a bank, hang up and call the bank yourself," Jimenez warned.

# 3rd Weather Wing . . .

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the first to transition into the major commands.

The ceremony proceeded as Colonel Oliver inactivated the 9th, 24th, and 26th Weather Squadrons individually. Each squadron commander told the guests of the pride their people shared in serving under 3WW.

Brig. Gen. Patrick P. Caruana, Assistant Deputy Chief of staff for SAC Operations, officially welcomed 3WW's personnel into SAC. He cited the wing's quality support in peacetime and during Operation Desert Storm where they made up 24 percent of the AOR weather force.

Headquartered at Offutt AFB, 3WW squadrons and

subordinate units covered 38 continental locations with over 760 people providing weather support to SAC, ATC, and AU.

The reorganization of the Air Force led to a restructuring of weather support and thus, the inactivation of 3WW.

Restructured weather support resources now will be owned by mission commanders, but the role of most weather professionals will remain unchanged. Dedicated people will continue to observe and forecast the skies for those who fly and fight and will continue to improve techniques and technology to give our warriors a winning edge in war and peace.



Colonel Oliver and SMSgt. Eddie Grant Jr. retire the 3rd Weather Wing standard after inactivating the command.

# Det. 7, 5WS . . .

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found their customer in an airfield terminal and established a work station.

It took less than two hours between offloading the aircraft to the first tactical observation. The first several

hours of observations were disseminated locally. By sunrise, a landline was located and they were phoning in their initial SITREP and observations to Howard base weather. By the day's end, they had established voice communications via the GOLDWING.

Their station was a tin roof hangar open on three sides which offered little protection from the elements. Task Force Condor was based on the leeward side of a relatively narrow portion of the Panamanian isthmus, about 40 miles from Pacific to Atlantic. The terrain was very mountainous with an 11,400 foot volcano 15 miles to the northwest.

Data was sparse and communications inconsistent. Much of the time, they operated on a single station principle. The WRASSE tactical Satellite Receiver proved useful, providing invaluable METSAT imagery of the area of operation.

Weather support stepped up a notch when Sergeant Kisela and Airman Sloan deployed to the windward side as a Mobile Observing Team (MOT), Jan. 6-7, 1990. Their TACMET consisted of a belt weather kit and TMQ-34 Meteorological Sensing Equipment. Their observations were passed to brigade intelligence at the base camp via Army SATCOM, who in turn passed it to the WETM. The WETM passed it to Det. 25, 5WW, via landline and GOLDWING.

On Jan. 8, 1990, the WETM and about one-third of their supported task force moved to Rio Hato, where they collocated with the Det. 3, 5WS WETM supporting the 7th Special Forces Group. On the 10th, the 7ID WETM returned to Howard, debriefed their customers, then returned to Fort Ord the following day.

During Just Cause, the 20 helicopters of Task Force

Condor logged approximately 1,500 hours of flight time conducting air assault and air mobile operations.

To support them, the five man 7ID WETM performed roughly 400 tactical weather observations, provided 60 forecasts and 300 mission briefings.

While the hardships of those that deployed to Panama were obvious, there were many "behind the scene" heroes, remaining in garrison, who also worked some very long hours, away from their families during the holiday season. Members of Det. 7 who didn't deploy to Panama were a prime example. With less people, duty observers and forecasters went to 12-hour shifts. Major Burnett said, "We worked as a team and accomplished the mission through unity and teamwork. Our success can be directly related to the quality of people in today's Air Weather Service."



Maj. Bill Burnette and TSgt. Jim Roy with GOLDWING antenna.

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