

1 WEATHER GROUP



MISSION

The 1 Weather Group is comprised of six operational weather squadrons providing timely, accurate, relevant & actionable information advantage through environmental data around the clock in support of joint warfighters worldwide. Operation Weather Squadrons are optimized to employ non-traditional means to provide information and services that maximize employment of environmental impacts across geographic and functional combatant commands planning and execution cycles.

Professional meteorologist and weather technicians continuously monitor any terrestrial and space weather activity. They're responsible for producing and disseminating mission planning and execution weather analyses, forecasts, and briefings for Air Force, Space Force, Army, Guard and Reserve forces operating around the world providing installation commanders advanced warning of severe weather to protect personnel, weapon systems and infrastructure.

Around the world, Operation Weather Squadrons are assigned specific areas of expertise to address problem sets from the National Defense Strategy and core meteorological functions and have the capability to distribute operations across the enterprise enhancing the Group's survivability and lethality. Operation Weather Squadrons are assigned to an array of in-place forces to provide characterizations, threat assessments or other functions in support of directed energy weapons, hypersonic vehicles, long range fires and other emerging DoD capabilities.

LINEAGE

1 Weather Group constituted, 29 Aug 1945
Activated, 20 Sep 1945
Became inoperative (a paper organization), 1 Jan 1948
Inactivated, 31 May 1948
Activated, 20 Apr 1952
Inactivated, 8 Oct 1956
Activated, 16 Jun 1966
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1972
Activated, 15 Jun 1992
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1994
Activated, 3 May 2006

STATIONS

Adjacent to Fort William McKinley, Manila, Philippines, 20 Sep 1945
Tokyo, Japan, 16 May 1946
Offutt AFB, NE, 20 Apr 1952
Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam, 8 Jul 1966
Fort McPherson, GA, 15 Jun 1992–1 Jul 1994
Offutt AFB, NE, 3 May 2006

ASSIGNMENTS

43 Weather Wing, 29 Sep 1941
Headquarters Army Air Forces Weather Service, 15 Oct 1945
Air Weather Service, 20 Apr 1952
1 Weather Wing, 8 Jul 1966
Air Combat Command, 15 Jun 1992–1 Jul 1994
Air Force Weather Agency (later 557 Weather Wing), 3 May 2006

COMMANDERS

LTC Merrill E. Marston, 24 Sep 1945
Col James T. Seaver, Jr., 20 Apr 1952
Col Frederick J. Cole, Jun 1953
Col David L. Hopkins (temporary), 23 May 1955
Col Fredrick J. Cole, 11 Aug 1955
Col David L. Hopkins (temporary), Jan 1956
Col Frederick J. Cole, 28 Jan 1956
Col Lewis J. Neyland, 8 Jul 1966
Col Robert B. Hughes, 1 Mar 1967
Col Edwin E. Carmell, 22 Jul 1967
Col Griffin H. Wood, 14 Jan 1968
Col Daniel B. Mitchell, 12 Jan 1969
Col Leonard E. Zapinski, 7 Jan 1970
Col Wilson V. Palmore, 16 Dec 1970
Col Mortimer F. Bennet, 10 Mar 1971

Col Boyce M. Smith, 2 Dec 1971
Col Berry W. Rowe, 22 Jan 1972

HONORS

Service Streamers

Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam Air Offensive
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III
Vietnam Air/Ground
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV
TET 69/Counteroffensive
Vietnam Summer-Fall
Vietnam Winter-Spring
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Southwest Monsoon
Commando Hunt V
Commando Hunt VI
Commando Hunt VII

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award "V" Device
1 Jan-31 Dec 1971
1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1972

Meritorious Unit Awards
1 Jun 2015-31 May 2016
1 Jun 2020-31 May 2021

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
8 Jul 1966-1 Jul 1967
2 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1969
1 Jul 1970-30 Jun 1972
1 Apr 2007-31 Dec 2008
1 Jun 2018-31 May 2020

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, with Palm
8 Jul 1968-30 Jun 1972

EMBLEM



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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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