

17th OPERATIONAL WEATHER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE¹

17th Weather Squadron (Regional Control) constituted, 31 Aug 1942

Activated, 18 Sep 1942

Disbanded, 10 Feb 1945

Reconstituted and redesignated 17th Weather Squadron, 24 Jul 1969

Activated, 15 Jan 1970

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1972

Activated, 1 Apr 1980

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1991

Redesignated 17th Operational Weather Squadron, 12 Oct 2000

Activated, 27 Oct 2000

STATIONS

McClellan Field, CA, 18 Sep 1942

Auckland, New Zealand, 22 Nov 1942

Noumea, New Caledonia, 20 Jan 1943

Hickam Field, Territory of HI, 29 Nov 1944

Travis Air Force Base, CA, 15 Jan 1970

Travis Air Force Base, CA, 1 Apr 1980

Hickam Air Force Base, HI, 27 Oct 2000

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, AL.

ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces, 18 Sep 1942

United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, 20 Jan 1943

Thirteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1943

United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, 20 Dec 1943

Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Area, 1 Aug 1944

1st Provisional Weather Group, 4 Sep 1944

7th Weather Wing, 15 Jan 1970

7th Weather Wing, 1 Apr 1980

502nd Air Operations Group, 27 Oct 2000

COMMANDERS

Capt Ernest W. Ruppelt, 18 Sep 1942

Capt Claude N. Hall, 1943

Maj Dewitt N. Morgan, Jun 1944

Capt Andrew G. Irick, Sep 1944

Lt Col Anthony J. G. Timmermans, 15 Jan 1970

Lt Col Roddee E. Lord (Temporary), 27 Nov 1970

Col James E. Smith, 7 Dec 1970

Lt Col Clarence A. B. Warfel, 1 Apr 1980

Lt Col Bobby D. Underwood, 1 Jun 1981

Lt Col Thomas K. Klein, 26 Jul 1982

Lt Col Jerry E. Albrecht, 6 Jun 1983

Lt Col Gerald J. Gayvert, 21 Jun 1985

Lt Col Joseph J. Butchko, 1 Sep 1986

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



The four stars and the blue background represent the Southern Cross constellation and the midnight sky, as observed in the area where the squadron is stationed. The red lightning flash against the yellow, sky denotes the sudden tropical storms common to that region. The white anemometer, the universal symbol of weather forecasting, depicts the squadron's function. (Approved, 8 July 1944)

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OPERATIONS

The 17th Operational Weather Squadron at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, has completed its consolidation of weather units in the Pacific region with the recent inactivation of the 11th OWS at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. The 17th OWS began this consolidation, an effort designed to save money and manpower, in 2006, merging with the 20th OWS formerly at Yokota AB, Japan. Airmen of the 17th now provide all weather support for US Pacific Command, US Forces Korea, PACAF, US Army Pacific Command, PACOM Special Operations Component, and US Pacific Fleet.

Det 1, Tinker AFB OK

Det 2, Travis AFB, CA

Det 4, Altus AFB, OK

Det 6, Hill AFB, UT

Det 7, Kelly AFB, TX

Det 8, McClellan AFB, CA

Det 11, McChord AFB, WA

Det 14, Norton AFB, CA

Det 20, Little Rock AFB, AR

Det 29, Buckley ANGB, CO