

17th WEATHER SQUADRON



LINEAGE

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

STATIONS

McClellan Field, CA
Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, CA, on 26 October 1942
Auckland, New Zealand, on 22 November 1942
Noumea, New Caledonia, 20 January 1943
Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii 20 November 1944
Travis AFB, CA, 15 January 1970
Travis AFB, CA 1 April 1980

ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces, 18 Sep 1942
United States Air 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

COMMANDERS

Cpt Ernest W. Ruppelt, 18 Sep 1942

Cpt Claude N. Hall, 1943

Maj Dewitt N. Morgan, Jun 1944

Cpt Andrew G. Irick, Sep 1944

LTC Anthony J. G. Timmermans, 15 Jan 1970

LTC Roddee E. Lord (Temporary), 27 Nov 1970

Col James E. Smith, 7 Dec 1970

LTC Clarence A. B. Warfel, 1 Apr 1980

LTC Bobby D. Underwood, 1 Jun 1981

LTC Thomas K. Klein, 26 Jul 1982

LTC Jerry E. Albrecht, 6 Jun 1983

LTC Gerald J. Gayvert, 21 Jun 1985

LTC Joseph J. Butchko, 1 Sep 1986

HONORS

Service Streamers

Asiatic-Pacific Theater, World War II, 7 Dec 1941-2 Mar 1946

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. A modification to change the square shape to a round-disc shape was approved on 9 Jun 1982 for the 17th Weather Squadron. The significance remains the same. (Approved, 8 July 1944)

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OPERATIONS

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



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