

## 6<sup>th</sup> WEATHER SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

Air Corps Detachment, Weather, Panama constituted, 15 Nov 1940

Activated, 11 Dec 1940

Redesignated 6 Air Corps Squadron, Weather (Regional Control), 18 Nov 1941

Redesignated 6 Army Air Forces Squadron, Weather Regional Control, 1 May 1942

Redesignated 6 Weather Squadron, 14 Sep 1942

Redesignated 6 Weather Squadron (Mobile), 1 Aug 1952

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### STATIONS

Albrook Field, Canal Zone

Patrick AFB, FL, 1 Apr 1950

Tinker AFB, OK, 20 May 1952

Eglin AFB, Florida, 28 June 1985

### ASSIGNMENTS

Panama Canal Air Force (later Caribbean Air Force, and Sixth Air Force)

8 Weather Group [AFCON], 14 Jan 1946

Air Weather Service, 2 May 1951

6 Weather Group, 20 May 1952,

Air Weather Service, 20 Jan 1953

4 Weather Group, 1 Nov 1956

6 Weather Wing, 8 Oct 1965  
7 Weather Wing, 1 Jul 1971  
5 Weather Wing, 30 Jun 1972  
7 Weather Wing, 1 Jan 1976

## **COMMANDERS**

Capt James B. Baker, 1940  
Lt Col Chester W. Cecil, 6 Jul 1942  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ralph W. Beatty, 26 Aug 1942  
Capt William F. Gannon, 19 May 1943  
Capt Bryan F. Smith, 20 Jun 1944  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Robert E. Kennedy, 23 Jun 1944  
Maj Lloyd H. Mager, 2 Sep 1944  
Maj George W. Moxon, 20 Jun 1946  
Maj Ralph P. Thompson, 1 Sep 1948  
Lt Col John A. Haas, 11 Apr 1948  
Lt Col Ralph G. Suggs, 5 Apr 1950  
Maj Mark J. Brown, Jr., Aug 1951  
Lt Col William S. Barney, 20 May 1952  
Lt Col Ernest J. Fawbush, Sep 1954  
Lt Col Bernard Pusin, Sep 1955  
Lt Col Eugene T. Early, 12 Feb 1958  
Lt Col Bernard Pusin, 8 Sep 1958  
Lt Col David C. Barrow, 25 May 1961  
Lt Col Elwyn A. Moseley, 8 Aug 1961  
Lt Col David C. Barrow, 27 Feb 1962  
Lt Col Elwyn A. Moseley, 22 Aug 1962  
Lt Col Robert W. Vincent, 3 May 1967  
Col Frank Z. Kamer, Jr., 5 Jul 1967  
Col Howard D. Turner, 2 Jun 1970 (Temporary)  
Col Howard D. Turner Oct 1970  
Col Norman L. Clark 1 Jun 1974  
Lt Col Ivan L. Johnson, 1 Jun 1978  
Lt Col Ronald R. Brown, 11 May 1979  
Lt Col Don R. Van Leuven, 10 Aug 1979  
Lt Col Vincent P. Grocki, 2 Sep 1983  
Lt Col David O. Roark, 17 Jun 1985  
Lt Col Thomas W. Utley, Jr., Jun 1987

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II, 7 Dec 1941-2 Mar 1946

### **Campaign Streamers**

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1964-30 Jun 1966

1 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1969

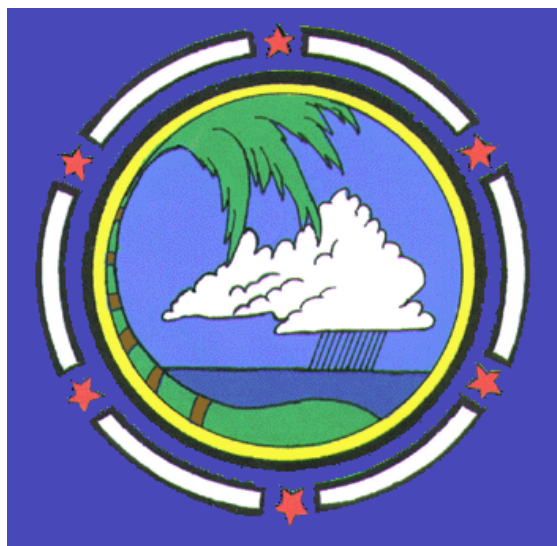
1 Jan 1970-31 Dec 1971

1 Jul 1972-30 Jun 1973

1 Jul 1973-31 Dec 1974

1 Jul 1977-30 Jan 1979

### EMBLEM



6<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron, first emblem: The insignia is representative of weather phenomena in the tropical regions. The six red stars spaced equidistant around the border of the disc depict the numerical designation of the squadron. (Approved, 14 Dec 1943)



6<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron, second emblem: The American bald eagle symbolizes the strength, speed, and alertness of the United States and the 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile). The "tornado alley" and the atomic energy projects supported by the squadron are symbolized by the tornado funnel and atom nuclear symbol. The ground mobile device portrays an important item of equipment. Severe weather warning is symbolized by the cloud and lightning. (Approved, 20 Aug 1956)

### **MOTTO**

WILLING AND ABLE

### **OPERATIONS**

Thirteen airmen from 6 Weather Squadron on temporary duty at Beale AFB, CA to study fog and stratus conditions concerning visibility and atmospheric conditions from ground level to levels over 100,000 feet. 1965

Det 9, Scott AFB, IL

Det 23, Kirtland AFB, NM

Det 75, Hurlburt Field, FL

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### Sources

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