

Air Force Weather Agency



The Air Force Weather Agency traces its lineage to the Army Air Corps Weather Service. The Army Air Corps organized this service within the Weather Section of the Office of

the Chief of the Army Air Corps on July 1, 1937, when the Air Corps assumed responsibility for weather services from the U. S. Army Signal Corps. Oversight of the Air Corps Weather Service remained at the headquarters through the establishment of Headquarters, Army Air Forces, in 1941 and continued into the early years of World War II. On March 29, 1943, the Air Staff transferred administration of the Army Air Corps Weather Service to the headquarters of the newly created Flight Control Command.

The official lineage of the Air Force Weather Agency began on April 14, 1943, with the activation of the Weather Wing of the Flight Control Command. On May 3, 1943, the headquarters of the Weather Wing relocated from Washington, District of Columbia, to Asheville, North Carolina. However, on July 6, 1943, Army Air Forces returned control of weather services to the Air Staff, and on July 1, 1945, the Army Air Forces redesignated the Weather Wing as Army Air Forces Weather Service.

On January 7, 1946, the headquarters of the Army Air Forces Weather Service moved from Asheville, North Carolina, to Langley Field, Virginia. Soon thereafter, on March 13, 1946, Army Air Forces redesignated the organization the Air Weather Service and re-subordinated the service to the Air Transport Command. Along with the Air Transport Command, the Air Weather Service headquarters relocated to Gravelly Point, Virginia, on June 14, 1946.

On June 1, 1948, Air Weather Service was transferred to the Air Force's newly established Military Air Transport Service (which was redesignated Military Airlift Command on January 1, 1966). Headquarters, Air Weather Service, moved concurrently with Military Air Transport Service, to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, on December 1, 1948.

Air Weather Service headquarters moved with Military Air Transport Service to Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, on June 23, 1958, where it remained for more than three decades. On April 1, 1991, the Air Force designated Air Weather Service a field operating agency of Headquarters, United States Air Force. With this change Air Weather Service divested itself of nearly all its subordinate organizations. The Air Force redesignated Air Weather Service as the Air Force Weather Agency on October 15, 1997. Concurrent with this, Headquarters, Air Force Weather Agency, moved to Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

Designations

- ✓ Weather Wing
14 April 1943
- ✓ Army Air Forces Weather Service
1 July 1945
- ✓ Air Weather Service
13 March 1946
- ✓ Air Force Weather Agency
15 October 1997

Stations

- ✓ Washington, District of Columbia
14 April 1943
- ✓ Asheville, North Carolina
3 May 1943
- ✓ Langley Field, Virginia
7 January 1946
- ✓ Gravelly Point, Virginia
14 June 1946
- ✓ Andrews AFB, Maryland
1 December 1948
- ✓ Scott AFB, Illinois
23 June 1958
- ✓ Offutt AFB, Nebraska
15 October 1997

Assignments

- ✓ Flight Control Command
14 April 1943
- ✓ Hq, Army Air Forces
6 July 1943
- ✓ Air Transport Command
13 March 1946
- ✓ Military Air Transport Service
(later Military Airlift Command)
1 June 1948
- ✓ Hq, United States Air Force
1 April 1991

Commanders

- Col (later Lt Gen) William O. Senter
14 April 1943
- Col James W. Twaddell, Jr.
15 March 1945
- Brig Gen (later Lt Gen) Donald N. Yates
1 July 1945
- Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) William O. Senter
1 August 1950
- Maj Gen (later Lt Gen) Thomas S. Moorman, Jr.
23 April 1954
- Col (later Brig Gen) Norman L. Peterson
28 March 1958
- Maj Gen Harold H. Bassett
13 November 1958
- Brig Gen Norman L. Peterson
1 November 1959
- Brig Gen Roy W. Nelson, Jr.
13 March 1963
- Maj Gen Russell K. Pierce, Jr.
6 October 1965
- Brig Gen William H. Best, Jr.
27 July 1970
- Brig Gen (later Maj Gen) Thomas A. Aldrich
30 July 1973
- Brig Gen (later Maj Gen) John W. Collens III
15 February 1974
- Brig Gen Berry W. Rowe
6 August 1975
- Brig Gen Albert J. Kaehn, Jr.
17 August 1978
- Brig Gen George E. Chapman
30 July 1982
- Brig Gen John J. Kelly, Jr.
1 July 1988

- Col George L. Frederick
21 March 1991
- Col Frank J. Misciasci, Jr.
28 May 1993
- Col Joseph D. Dushan
18 May 1995
- Col John L. Hayes
15 October 1997
- Col Charles W. French
25 September 1998
- Col Robert H. Allen
13 November 2000
- Col Charles L. Benson, Jr.
5 August 2002
- Col John M. Lanicci
2 June 2004

Ranks are highest held during specified period of command followed in parentheses, where appropriate, by highest rank attained during career.

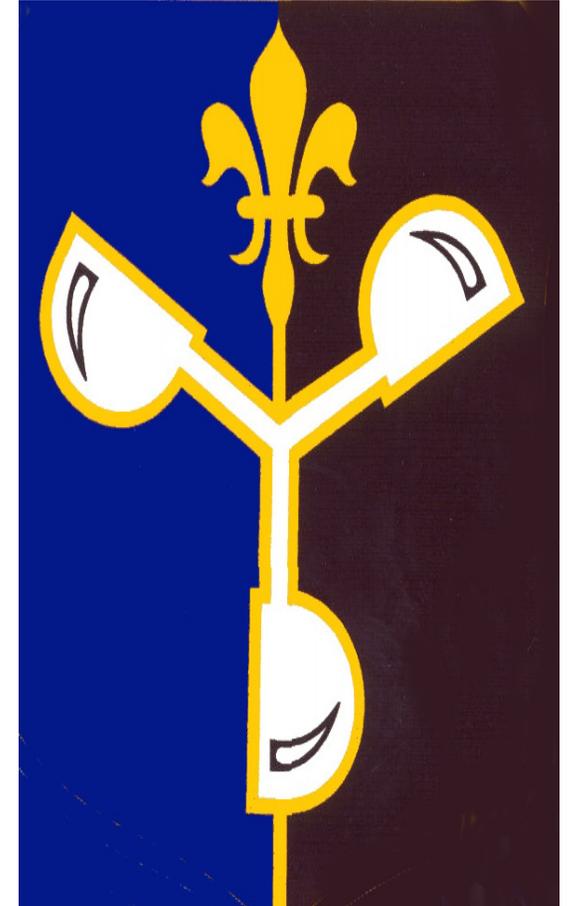
Awards

World War II American Theater Streamer Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

- 1 May 1984 - 30 Apr 1986
- 1 May 1986 - 30 Apr 1988
- 1 Jan 1991 - 30 Apr 1992
- 1 Sep 1993 - 30 Sep 1995
- 1 Oct 1995 - 30 Sep 1996
- 1 Sep 1996 - 30 Sep 1998
- 1 Oct 1998 - 30 Sep 1999
- 1 Oct 1999 - 30 Sep 2001
- 1 Oct 2001 - 30 Sep 2003

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