

607th WEATHER SQUADRON



MISSION

The 607th Weather Squadron (607 WS) of the U.S. Air Force has overall responsibility for planning, providing, and/or arranging weather support for the United States Army during armistice conditions in Korea. 607 WS and elements of the US Navy and US Marines support the 73rd Weather Group Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF), Combined Meteorological and Oceanographic (METOC) Officer (CMO) and subordinate squadrons during exercises and contingencies. The 607 WS commander is the Joint METOC Officer or JMO and the senior US METOC officer for the entire Korean Theater of Operations (KTO).

The 607 WS is functionally organized to provide weather support to Headquarters, United Nations Command/US Forces Korea (UNC/USFK) and subordinate Air, Ground, Naval, Marine and Special Operations Component Commands.

In-theater units provide weather support at 15 locations in the ROK. Five locations support the U.S. Army's 2 Combat Aviation Brigade and 2nd Infantry Division (United States) and three units support combined/joint operations during exercises and contingencies. These units would be augmented by weather forces attached to and supporting inbound combat units in contingencies/war.

The 607 WS is divided into two main functional areas: staff support, and the weather team for Seoul AB East at K-16. The TFU provides weather forecast products for Korea and the adjacent waters. The staff form the nucleus of the Combined Meteorological Forecast Unit (CMFU) during exercises/contingencies. Forecasters assigned to the staff also prepare television and radio weather forecasts on the American Forces Korean Network (AFKN). USAG Humphreys is the regional briefing station for the Korean Theater of Operations. The 607WS staff areas of expertise include operations, forecasting, observing, plans, communications, mobility/readiness, security, scientific services, administration, training and logistics.

The 607 WS staff provides direct support to the UNC/USFK and 8th US Army (EUSA). They maintain liaison with US Navy weather support activities and also coordinate weather support with the 73rd Weather Group (73WG) of the ROK Air Force and ROK Navy. The combat weather team provides briefing, observing, and staff weather support, including limited observing support at H-264 helipad.

LINEAGE

607th Weather Squadron constituted, 12 Dec 1994
Activated, 15 Dec 1994

STATIONS

Yongsan AI, South Korea, 15 Dec 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

607th Air Support Operations Group, 15 Dec 1994

COMMANDERS

LTC Tom Schott, 1997
LTC Michael L. Davenport, 1999
LTC Kevin P. Callahan, 2001
LTC Mark B. Miller, 2003
LTC Leanne Siedlarz, 2005
LTC Robert T. Swanson, 2007
LTC Travis A. Steen, 2009
LTC Edward C. Harris, 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
[15 Dec 1994]-30 Jun 1995
1 Jul 1995-30 Jun 1997
1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001

EMBLEM

On a disc as a Taeguk, Gules and Azure, an equilateral triangle point to base parted per graft of the second, Celeste and Vert, charged with an anemometer pallwise Or, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "EYES ON THE FRONT" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "607TH WEATHER SQUADRON" in Black letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Taeguk represents the balance of forces in nature that make all military weather operations necessary. The triangle divided into three colors symbolizes air, land and sea operations relevant to weather support. The anemometer symbol is indicative of meteorological support provided by the unit. (Approved, 2 Jan 2003)

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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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The Institute of Heraldry. U.S. Army. Fort Belvoir, VA.