

9 OPERATIONAL WEATHER SQUADRON



MISSION

The 9 Operational Weather Squadron was responsible for producing and disseminating mission planning and execution weather analyses, forecasts, and briefings for Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Guard, Reserve, USSTRATCOM, and USNORTHCOM forces operating at 40 installations/sites in a 4 state region of the Southeastern United States.

LINEAGE

9 Weather Squadron, Regional constituted 20 Jul 1942
Activated, 27 Jul 1942
Redesignated 9 Weather Squadron, 1 Jul 1943
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1972
Activated, 1 Jan 1975
Inactivated, 31 May 2008

STATIONS

Morrison Field, FL
Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, 8 Dec 1946
March AFB, CA, 15 Jun 1948
March AFB, CA 1 Jan 1975
Shaw AFB, SC

ASSIGNMENTS

Directorate of Weather, Army Air Forces, 27 Jul 1942
Army Air Forces and attached to the Flight Control Command, 29 Mar 1943
Flight Control Command on 13 April 1943

Weather Wing, Flight Control Command (later Army Air Forces Weather Wing), 19 May 1943
Air Transport Command, and attached to the Caribbean Wing, 1 Jul 1943
Army Air Forces Weather Wing (later, Army Air Forces Weather Service), 6 Dec 1943
 remained attached to the Caribbean Wing, Air Transport Command.
8 Weather Group [AFCON], 21 Dec 1945
101 Weather (later the 2101 Air Weather) Group, 15 Jun 1948
2059 Air Weather Wing, 24 Oct 1950
2101 Air Weather Group, 16 Sep 1951
1 Weather Group, 20 Apr 1952
3 Weather Wing, 8 Oct 1956
3 Weather Wing, 1 Jan 1975
1 Weather Group, 20 Jul 2006 – 31 May 2008

COMMANDERS

LTC Carl W. Carlmark, 27 Jul 1942
Cpt H. B. Skinner, 2 Aug 1942
Cpt Frederick A. Matchinski, 28 Aug 1942
Cpt John C. Shiner, 1 Jul 1944
Col John K. Arnold, Jr., 18 Sep 1944
Maj Isadore Irving Porush, 11 Aug 1945
Maj Marshall V. Jamison, 14 Oct 1945
Unknown, 1946-1948
Cpt Valentine J. Descamps, 15 Jun 1948
Maj Charles R. Dole, 1 Jul 1948
Maj Albert Criz, 12 Jul 1948
Maj Silver R. McFall, Sep 1949
LTC Herbert W. Davis, 1950
Maj Silver R. McFall, 10 May 1951
LTC Virgil E. Sandifer, 20 Jul 1951
LTC Gerald D. Crary, Jr., 5 Oct 1953
LTC Charles R. Dole, 7 Dec 1953
LTC Lynn T. Irish, 21 Feb 1955
LTC Joseph M. Bird, 25 Aug 1958
LTC Robert F. Neeley, 3 Nov 1959
LTC Arnold E. Hull, 10 Dec 1959
Col Paul X. Geary, Jr., 7 Jul 1964
Col Lewis J. Neyland, 10 Apr 1967
LTC Joseph L. Skeldon, 19 Jan 1968
Col Hubert E. Harvey, 4 Mar 1968
Col Charles O. Jenista, Jr., 1 Jul 1969
LTC Joseph B. Saccone, 21 May 1971
Col Glenn B. Rumley, 1 Jan 1975
Col Billy L. Moore, 21 Jun 1975
LTC Thomas L. Harris, 22 Jul 1977

LTC John R. Sweeney, 21 Mar 1979
LTC Peter F. Abt, 1 Apr 1982
LTC William D. Klein, 31 Jul 1984
LTC James A. Phillips, 25 Jun 1986

HONORS

Service Streamers

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

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Oct 1960-31 Jan 1963

1 Jul 1976-30 Jun 1978

EMBLEM

The 9 Weather Squadron was responsible for base or post forecasting, developing weather products, briefing transient aircrews, and weather warnings for all of their geographical units. Using automatic observing systems located at all military installations and communicating with their combat weather flights, the squadron was able to 'watch' the weather in their entire area of responsibility from one central location.



First emblem; the basic figure with directional arrows indicates the three main air routes served

by the squadron. The cloud depicts the squadron's strength behind the hurricane danger symbol. The blue portrays the tropical sky behind the wind vane which indicates the weather mission of the organization. (Approved, 24 Jun 1945)



Second emblem; against the background of blue, which depicts the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, the directional arrowhead represents the three main air routes served by the unit when it was organized in 1942. The stars allude to the squadron's mission of support for Strategic Air Command with the number of stars indicating its numerical designation, the large star denoting its Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, The fleur-de-lis and the three-cup anemometer are emblematic of the Air Weather Service's worldwide mission. The three lightning bolts symbolize the powerful forces served by the squadron a part of the 3d Weather Wing. The hurricane symbol represents the tropics, the unit's first area of operations. The emblem bears the national colors of red, white, and blue and the Air Force colors of golden yellow and ultramarine blue

MOTTO

SEMPER SPECTANS--Always alert

OPERATIONS

Det 1, Offutt AFB, NE

Det 2, Castle AFB CA

Det 3, Fairchild AFB, WA

Det 5, Malmstrom AFB, MT

Det 7, March AFB, CA

Det 11, Beale AFB, CA

Det 16, Dyess AFB, TX
Det 17, Ellsworth AFB, SD
Det 21, Minot AFB, ND

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNIT HISTORIES

Created: 2 Mar 2012

Updated: 8 Apr 2024

Sources

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

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