

## AIR FORCE GLOBAL WEATHER CENTRAL



### **MISSION**

The Air Force Global Weather Central provides U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army with global information and products relating to past, present, and future states of the aerospace environment. It is the Air Weather Service manager for the collection and dissemination of aerospace environmental data and provides and arranges for meteorological aerospace environmental support to Air Weather Service units, and other Department of Defense and government agencies as directed by the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

### **LINEAGE**

Air Force Global Weather Central established, 18 Mar 1969  
Activated, 8 Jul 1969

### **STATIONS**

Offutt AFB, NE

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

6 Weather Wing, 30 Jun 1972  
Air Weather Service, 1 Aug 1975

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Ralph J. Steele, 8 Jul 69  
Col Daniel B. Mitchell, Jun 70  
Col John C. Ball, Jan 73  
Col Richard A. Johnston, Feb 73  
Col Herbert A. Million, 31 Aug 75  
Col Alphonse Gargiulo, Jr., 28 May 76  
Col Arthur Bidner, 15 Jun 78

Col George E. Chapman, 22 Jun 81  
Col Dale C. Barnum, 23 Jul 82  
Col David L. Donley, 20 Jul 84  
Col John W. Diercks, 3 Jul 86  
Col Adrian A. Ritchie, 7 Jun 89

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
8 Jul 1969-30 Jun 1970  
1 Jul 1971-31 May 1973  
1 Jul 1980—30 Jun 1982

### **EMBLEM**

The globe symbolizes Air Force Global Weather Central's worldwide interests, the two colors indicate 24-hour-a-day, around-the-clock support. The latitude and longitude lines symbolize its ability to provide tailored support to specific areas or points worldwide. The electric signals symbolize its central role in tying everything together, as well as the speed and efficiency with which weather support is provided to all users. The satellite is used to gather meteorological and solar data and to communicate weather data worldwide. Computers are used to process raw environmental data and to produce meteorological analysis and forecasts. The anemometer symbolizes the collection of conventional weather data which is still the heart of meteorology. The three stylized aircraft symbolize the support provided to the aerospace forces of today and tomorrow. The general color scheme is designed to resemble the Air Weather Service shield. The colors used represent the following: ultramarine blue for daylight operations as well as the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations; dark gray for nighttime operations; and golden yellow for the sun and the excellence of Air Force personnel. (Approved, July 1976)

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

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#### Sources

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