

3 COMBAT WEATHER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

Third Weather Squadron constituted, 24 Jun 1937
Activated, 1 Jul 1937
Redesignated 3 Weather Squadron, Regional, 16 Jun 1942
Redesignated 3 Weather Squadron, 1 Nov 1943
Disbanded, 7 Sep 1944
Reconstituted 3 Weather Squadron, 10 Aug 1951
Activated, 5 Sep 1951
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1972
Activated, 1 Jan 1975
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1991
Activated, 1 Jul 1994
Redesignated 3 Combat Weather Squadron, 18 Sep 2020

STATIONS

Barksdale Fld, LA, 1 Jul 1937
Duncan (later, Kelly) Fld, TX, 1 Mar 1941-7 Sep 1944
Pope AFB, NC, 5 Sep 1951
Shaw AFB, SC, 26 Aug 1954-30 Jun 1972
Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan 1975-30 Sep 1991
Fort Hood, TX, 1 Jul 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Corps, 1 Jul 1937

Director of Weather, Army Air Forces, 9 Mar 1942

Army Air Forces, 29 Mar 1943

Flight Control Command, 13 Apr 1943

Weather Wing, Flight Control Command (later, Army Air Forces Weather Wing), 19 May 1943-7
Sep 1944

2102 Air Weather Group, 5 Sep 1951

2 Weather Group, 20 Apr 1952

5 Weather Wing, 8 Oct 1965-30 Jun 1972

5 Weather Wing, 1 Jan 1975-30 Sep 1991

3 Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

COMMANDERS

Capt Leon W. Johnson, 1 Jul 1937

Capt Sidney A. Ofsthun, 1 Jul 1940

Lt Col Lewis L. Mondell Sep 1942 (Temporary)

Col Sidney A. Ofsthun, Dec 1942

Lt Col Oscar A. Heinlein, 1 Mar 1944

Lt Col Louis A. Gazzaniga, 5 Sep 1951

Lt Col Dillard N. Thompson, 20 Aug 1954

Lt Col Elwyn A. Moseley, 22 Sep 1954

Lt Col Eugene A. Carter, 1 Jul 1958

Lt Col Frank S. Savage, 22 Aug 1958

Lt Col Robert B. Hughes, Aug 1962

Lt Col Everett W. Powell 8 Jul 1966 (Temporary)

Col Robert M. Hoffman, 16 Jul 1966

Col Walton L. Hogan, 2 Sep 1968

Col John A. Samotis, 30 Nov 1971

Lt Col William M. Dinkins, 1 Jan 1975

Lt Col Roger F. Strand, 1 Jul 1975

Lt Col Phillip W. West, 5 Jun 1977

Lt Col Ernie R. Dash, 7 Oct 1979

Lt Col John H. Bradham, 6 Aug 1982

Lt Col Kenneth P. Freeman, 13 Jul 1984

Lt Col Joseph D. Dushan, 15 Mar 1986

Lt Col Petrocco

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Iraq: Iraqi Surge

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Meritorious Unit Awards

1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

1 Jun 2012-31 May 2013

1 Jun 2013-31 May 2014

1 Jun 2015-31 May 2016

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1972

1 Apr 1978-31 Mar 1980

1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985

1 Jun 1986-31 May 1988

1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990

23 Feb-1 May 1991

1 Jul 1994-31 May 1996

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1997

1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000

1 Jun 2000-31 May 2002

25 Jan 2008-31 May 2009

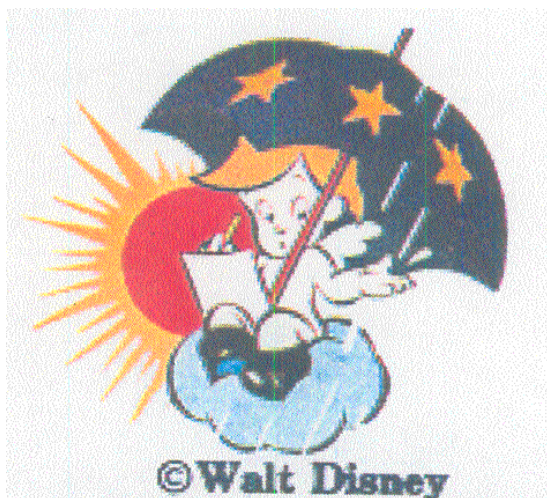
1 Jun 2009-31 May 2010

1 Jun 2010-31 May 2011

1 Jun 2011-31 May 2012

1 Jun 2014-31 May 2015

EMBLEM



The unit officially adopted Cupid from Walt Disney's Fantasia as their emblem in June 1943. Cupid, jotting down the weather forecast while sitting on a cloud between the sun and rain is wearing a "Sherlock Holmes" hat, symbolizing the unit's mission of weather investigation and prediction. This emblem was designed by the Walt Disney Company and was licensed to the U.S. Government on 15 April 1943 for the sum of one dollar, and it remains today as it was originally designed. (Approved, 24 June 1943)



Approved, 23 Aug 1996

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

3 Weather Squadron mission is to deliver superior weather capability when called to support any worldwide land or air component tasking. The mission is tied to the function of providing direct weather support to III Corps, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Armor Division, 1st Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division and their respective Brigades. Another integral piece of the mission is training Battlefield weather forces to deploy in support of combat operations. Since the buildup of forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3d Weather Squadron has had a constant presence in Iraq, providing mission critical weather intelligence for Commanders to enable effective operations.

Det 1, Shaw AFB, SC

Det 2, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Det 3, Myrtle Beach AFB, SC

Det 5, England AFB, LA

Det 6, Homestead AFB, FL

Det 7, Langley AFB, VA

Det 9, Tyndall AFB, FL

Det 23, Moody AFB, GA

Det 31, Fort Polk, LA

Det 32, MacDill AFB, FL

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