

24th WEATHER SQUADRON



LINEAGE

Constituted the 24th Weather Squadron on 28 October 1943
activated 1 November 1943
disbanded on 7 September 1944
reconstituted the 24th Weather Squadron on 18 May 1948
activated 1 June 1948
inactivated 18 November 1957
activated 28 February 1961
organized 8 July 1961

STATIONS

Great Falls, Montana, 1 November 1943.
Seattle, Washington, on 27 November 1943
Kelly AFB, Texas, 1 June 1948

Brooks AFB, Texas, on 20 November 1948
Kelly 24 October 1950.
Randolph AFB, Texas, on 16 May 1952
Randolph on 28 February 1961

Great Falls, MT, 1 Nov 1943-27 Nov 1943
Kelly AFB, TX, 1 Jun 1948-20 Nov 1948
Brooks AFB, TX, 20 Nov 1948-24 Oct 1950
Kelly AFB, TX, 24 Oct 1950-16 May 1952
Randolph AFB, TX, 16 May 1952-18 Nov 1957
Randolph AFB, TX, 8 Jul 1961

ASSIGNMENTS

Army Air Forces Weather Wing 1 November 1943
103d Weather (later the 2103d Air Weather Group 1 June 1943

2059th Air Weather Wing 24 October 1950
8th Weather Group [AFCON] 20 May 1952
8th Weather Group [AFCON] 8 July 1961
7th Weather Wing 8 October 1965
3d Weather Wing 30 June 1972
5th Weather Wing 1 January 1976
3d Weather Wing 1 April 1980

COMMANDERS

Cpt Bernard Puin, 1 Nov 1943
Maj Louis D. Laurin, 1 Jun 1948
LTC Lawrence A. Atwell, 24 Oct 1950
Maj Griffin H. Wood, 23 Jan 1951 (temporary)
LTC Rufus G. Bounds, 5 Feb 1951

23 Feb 51	Maj Griffin H. Wood
7 May 51	Maj Wilfred M. Martin, Sr. (temporary)
10 Aug 51	LTC August W. Throgmorttm
22 Aug 54	LTC Robert B. Hughes
23 Jun 56	LTC Nicholas J. Gavares
8 Jul 61	Col John C. Scales
15 Aug 62	Col Carl E. Wagner
1 Aug 65	LTC Morris H. Newhouse
20 Aug 65	Col Nicholas J. Gavares
1 Jul 66	Col Arthur Yorra
28 Aug 68	Col LeRoy P. Brunner
24 Jun 70	Col William C. Anderson
4 Jun 73	Col Eugene C. St. Clair
1 Sep 75	Col Loren L. Lorenzen
26 Jun 80	Col Donald E. Smith
29 Jul 83	Col Arthur L. Boright
12 Jun 86	Col John P. Upchurch

LTC Robert B. Hughes, #1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Apr 1978—31 Mar 1980

EMBLEM

FIRST EMBLEM: Approved on 1 November 1944

SECOND EMBLEM: Approved on 16 September 1968

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

FIRST EMBLEM: This design is intended to have special significance with reference to this particular weather squadron. The chief points are mountains in the background, barren terrain, and sudden closing in of the weather. The character of the little Indian is typical of the region in which the 24th is located, and he is used as observer-forecaster. The broad grin and snap of the fingers shows that he considers a forecast a "cinch." However, it is obvious that he is only considering the fair weather cumulus. Just behind him is a terrific system on the point of closing in the station and mauling him in the bargain. The sun is laughing at the ironic humor of the situation, having seen this happen many times before in this western section. The little cumulus is departing in a hurry. Hence, the features in the design are typical of this weather region in particular—the mountains, the "obvious" but "wrong" forecast teased on present weather, and the sudden appearance of bad weather from the blue.

SECOND EMBLEM: The blue background depicts the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, with the two shades of blue indicating the unit's night and day operation. The bolts allude to the speed at which weather conditions change. The six stars, two and four, represent the squadron's numerical designation, and also denote that weather support is a 24-hour-a-day job. The anemometer symbolizes the integral role which the squadron plays in Air Weather Service. The emblem Force colors of golden yellow and ultramarine blue.

MOTTO**NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

1 Feb 1989 Contractors began building a new squadron operations center that would also house three tenant organizations: the 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, the 53d Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, and the 24th Weather Squadron.

Det 1, Randolph AFB, TX

Det 2, Columbus AFB, MS

Det 7, Mather AFB, CA

Det 9, Maxwell AFB, AL

Det 11, Reese AFB, TX

Det 12, Sheppard AFB, TX
Det 15, Vance AFB, OK
Det 17, Williams AFB, AZ
Det 20, Laughlin AFB, TX
Det 22, Keesler AFB, MS

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Sources
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