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NEW WINGS — Brig. Gen. Albert J. Kaehn Jr., Air Weather Service commander, receives his non-rated officer aircrew member badge from Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Military Airlift Command commander in chief. (U.S. Air Force photo)

AWS commander wears new wings

Brig. Gen. Albert J. Kaehn Jr., Air Weather Service commander, is the first person in the Military Airlift Command to receive wings as a non-rated officer aircrew member.

Gen. Robert E. Huyser, MAC commander in chief, presented the wings to General Kaehn during the Volant Rally commanders' conference at Scott AFB, Ill., Oct. 16.

Aerial reconnaissance weather officers were authorized to wear an aviation badge until 1959 when the Air Force discontinued the practice.

Since then, no new officers were allowed to wear wings. MAC succeeded in restoring the officer badge in 1978.

Criteria for basic wear of the badge is three years of service and two years of flying. To be eligible for senior wear the

officer must have seven years in service and five years flying. For a chief badge, the officer must have 15 years service and 10 years flying.

General Kaehn began his military career in 1952. In April 1956, he was assigned to the 42nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Spangdahlem, Germany, as a weather officer aircrew member.

A few months later he met the criteria for award of an aviation badge.

Between April 1956 and March 1959 he performed aerial reconnaissance aircrew duties in WB-26, T-33, and WB-66D aircraft. He flew 565 hours during his career as a non-rated officer aircrew member.

The non-rated officer aircrew wings are not yet available in clothing stores.

Chief helps Korean orphans

When CMSgt. Don Sowalskie was first a member of Det. 18, 30th Weather Squadron, Yongsan Army Installation, Korea, in 1968, he was one of the biggest boosters of the unit's project to support the Young Saeng Orphanage near Kimpo Airport in Seoul, Korea.

Since then, Chief Sowalskie has bounced between assignments back in the States, along with a four-year tour in Korea.

During all that time the chief said he never forgot about his friends at the Korean orphanage.

It was while he was stationed at Air Force Global Weather Central, Offutt AFB, Neb., in 1976 that he talked about the orphanage.

He got AFGWC people interested in the 90 Korean youngsters who called Young Saeng their home. That was the year of the first Christmas drive to benefit the children.

From that effort four years ago, the drive to give the children a happier Christmas has grown.

Last year's collection included contributions from people at Air Weather Service



KOREAN CHRISTMAS — An Air Weather Service member plays Santa Claus for a group of children at the Young Saeng Orphanage in Korea. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Headquarters, USAF Environmental Technical Applications Center — both at Scott AFB, Ill. — and AFGWC.

The most recent drive netted more than 2,000 pounds of clothing and toys for the orphans. This year's effort will conclude in November.

Chief Sowalskie is now stationed at the 30th WS in Seoul once again spearheading efforts to help the children.

Det. 18 and other 30th WS people visit the orphanage regularly and provide money for picnics and other special outings.

Besides the Christmas clothing and toy donations from AWS Headquarters, USAFETAC and AFGWC, donations for the orphanage are also solicited for a traditional Christmas meal and party for the children.

Field exercises

Det. 10, Army go to 'war'

By Capt. John M. Brown

Det. 10, 5th Weather Squadron, Fort Benning, Ga., deployed a five-member weather team (WETM) Sept. 9 for a four-day field exercise with 450 Army people from the 197th Infantry Brigade.

Deploying with the WETM for the first time was the MSQ-10 Radioteletype Facsimile Set, a van previously operated by the 232nd Combat Communications Squadron, a unit of the Alabama Air National Guard.

On loan from the 232nd, WETM people were trained in recent months to operate high frequency radios, converters for both facsimile and teletype equipment and unfamiliar Navy UXH-2C facsimile recorders.

Operating five days per week, the WETM operated the van in garrison for several weeks before field deployment and developed an

operationally proficient team of operators.

In field conditions, the WETM was required to operate on a 24-hour basis providing current hourly observations for the exercise area on Fort Benning and selected sites in Europe.

Forecasts were required three times daily and requested in various formats.

These included tailor-made decision assistance for tactical airstrikes, reconnaissance flights both day and night, air assault missions flown by Army helicopter crews, and smoke and chemical operations.

The team intercepted via HF radio a total of 472 facsimile charts and operated another communications net simultaneously consisting of telecopier materials from the Navy Atlantic Fleet Weather Central at NAS Norfolk, Virginia.

These telecopier products

enabled WETM forecasters to brief worldwide deployment weather, as two-times-daily surface pressure charts for both hemispheres were received and analyzed.

Information was then passed hourly to the Tactical Operations Center and the Battlefield Information Collection Center where it was posted and passed to field battalions "fighting" the war.

Ceilings primarily ranged from 100 to 2000 feet. Visibilities remained below one-half mile more than 50 percent of the time.

Air strikes were delayed, reconnaissance almost completely eliminated and many helicopter assault missions canceled.

At the conclusion of the exercise, weather people recorded absolutely no maintenance down time on the MSQ-10, no equipment failures and no injuries to WETM members.

Command line...

Practice is the key to readiness in AWS

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Lew Allen Jr. devoted a significant part of his major policy address to the Air Force Association Convention in September to Southwest Asia and the Persian Gulf. Focus with me on the following excerpt from that address.

"In recognition of what is at stake in the Persian Gulf region, we have levied even more stringent requirements on our forces for immediate responsiveness and staying power than called for in our NATO planning.

"I underscore, however, that these new readiness and sustainability standards simply require improvements in a force that already possesses considerable capability.

"It should be clearly understood that this nation can mount, project and employ an expeditionary force of substantial consequence and, with global reach, with great dispatch.

"No prospective aggressor can ignore the effectiveness with which Air Force units — active, Guard and Reserve — deploy from the United States to worldwide locations.

"We have focused deployment and training exercises this year to improve and demonstrate our capabilities for operations in Southwest Asia. And I am very

proud, as you should be, of the response from the total Air Force."

Those words "total Air Force" include Air Weather Service, you and me. Each of us plays a vital role in being able to do what General Allen indicates our nation will call upon us to do.

And remember, in this column last month, I stated that readiness was perishable — you buy it and pay for it every day.

It's like the big Texan with a violin asking the diminutive garment worker in New York City's west side, "How do I get to Carnegie Hall?" The reply came back, "Practice, my boy, practice!"

That's what we have to anticipate doing in our weather support business.

For example, in deployments to Egypt and Saudi Arabia, our Air Force people have shown that they can operate sophisticated equipment in the Middle East, and we've been a part of that team.

If we are to maintain and demonstrate a firm determination to protect the free world's interests in this region, I believe we must anticipate active participation in future deployments and training exercises.

I want to be sure we get to play actively, at every level, in

each event.

It was a year ago in this column that I urged an aggressive initiative of more frequent deployment of our people to forward areas with the forces they routinely support.

In last month's column, I reported to you that our responses, across all wings, to both planned exercises and real-world unprogrammed situations, have been on the mark, on time.

But let's not get lulled into a feeling that we are at a particular level of readiness and can afford to coast. Not so. Remember, readiness is perishable.

We've got to continue being aggressive in our mobility, readiness and deployment initiatives.

To be sure everyone understands AWS policy in this regard and why I feel so strongly about this, let's review the bidding:

•We have a responsibility to our customer — he'll need us enroute and when he gets to his final destination. He deserves first-class weather support.

•If indigenous weather information is available, we have the job of tailoring that to the specific needs of the system(s) we're supporting.

•Deployment to a location with an existing military

weather station may still require wing weather officer deployment; new unit arrivals may cause a significant increase in workload at that forward area base.

•Even if climatology for the forward area base indicates good flying weather most of the time, remember the basic fact that we need to train like everyone else.

Put another way, I worry about "aging" our force just as flying unit commanders worry about "aging" their crews in the cockpit.

•We need the experience of working away from home station, encountering problems not experienced in the Continental U.S. and learning how to iron them out or work around them (good ol' American ingenuity!).

•We need to interact directly with indigenous weather services, assessing their capabilities and learning their techniques developed locally. (Remember, in Korea we've got 30 years of experience in our people — one year at a time!)

•We need to test our concepts for weather support for a wide variety of operations, in different parts of the world. Integral to this is the evaluation of weather communications — what works and what doesn't.

•We need to develop a



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AWS commander

mentality in our force that tactical, strategic and Army forces need tailored weather support wherever they go.

The list does on and on. But I want everyone to understand what we are doing, why, how and the contribution we make.

We need to continue to train, learn, practice and develop. We've got to articulate our position on deployment at all levels of the supported command.

Most of all, our people have got to know why they are there, and they must be visible and immersed in the operation. Play these reasons against General Allen's statement above, and I'm sure you'll come out where I do.

I'm proud of all of you — like Tug McGraw of the Phillies, you've always been able to reach back and come up with a little more. That's why you are special Americans — and our nation loves you for it. Keep pitchin'!



CMSgt. G.M. Horn
AWS enlisted advisor

subject was nearly always found to have straight nines, often awarded by the same boss who was now calling for a replacement on the basis of incompetence! In these cases, you will be encouraged, just like a bad bartender, to drink your mistakes.

Detailed workshop minutes will be out soon — can't guarantee they'll keep you awake, but I recommend them to help while away a midshift. We'll appreciate feedback, so call, write, semaphore — whatever. Let's keep the lines open.

Enlisted line...

Manning, retention head advisors' agenda

Your wing enlisted advisors skipped the parade and celebrated Columbus Day this year by traveling to the Scott campus for another workshop. You'll see details in the soon-to-be-released workshop report, but here are a few of the more exciting issues.

Manning. As usual, the prime topic. Enlisted forecaster strength is about 81 percent, but, according to our best (and most hopeful) guess, forms the bottom of a "barogram v" there. Get well estimate: early 1983.

By "get well" we're talking 100 percent (1,600 spaces, 1,600 faces), so everything between here and there has got to be better.

Increased flow through the forecaster school (from 240 to 288 a year), the drop in officer-to-NCO conversions and (we hope) an increase in second-term and career reenlistments are the keys to success here.

Retention. Because our retention rates lie at the heart of our manning problem, they were also the subject of considerable discussion.

There's been a lot of action directed here — pay and compensation, citizen awareness (especially congressional awareness), various other gradual improvements in the military lifestyle — but there remains a lot to do.

USAF is upgrading its career advisor program to increase its effective strength, for one thing, and moving career advisors from the bowels of the CBPO to a position up front where we can find them.

They'll get more training in things they need to know, and lean more toward becoming "in-service recruiters" than mere data dispensers. There's a lot more to recruiting than passing out handbills and

pamphlets (unit career advisors please note).

When it comes right down to it, keeping our good people on board is the only way we can all help climb out of this manning box. We've got to keep on taking care of each other and creating a work and play environment in which people want to remain.

Station Chief Assignments. In the pioneer days of the program, station chiefs were handpicked. But now that there are about 160 station chief slots, they're filled by Palace Weather about the same way other jobs are, with what most of us thought was reasonable success.

It was with some surprise, then, that we got recent suggestions to return to "selective assignment" for station chiefs.

The first thing to do, of course, was define the scope of the problem; i.e., how many

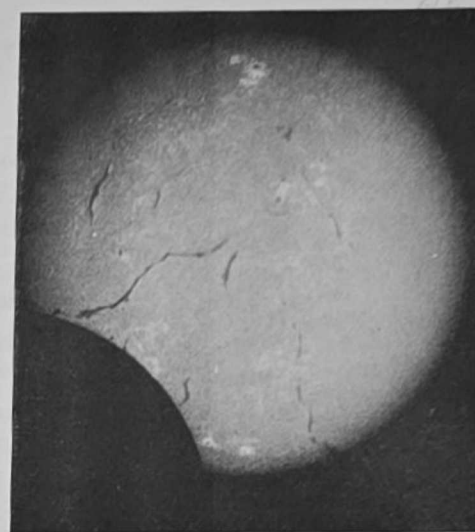
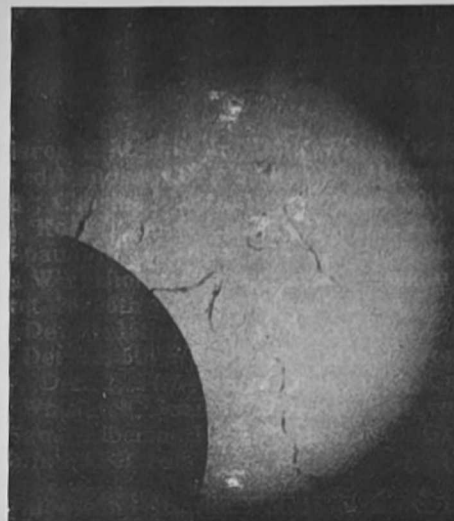
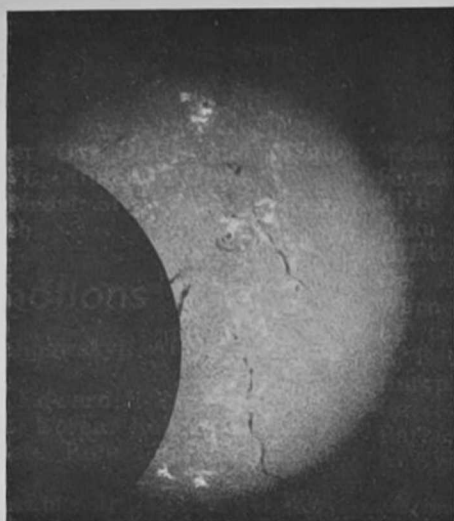
station chiefs have failed? Answer so far as we can determine: less than 10.

Over a period of several years, we can't say that's cause for panic. So we vote to retain the status quo, with a few reservations and notes of caution.

When we say that Palace Weather doesn't "handpick" station chiefs, we don't mean there isn't some degree of quality control involved. Some QC is applied when making selections for any high responsibility, "up front" job. Basically, that QC is based on APRs and other known experience identifiers.

For example, a search for a station chief needed at a "big and busy" detachment would probably skip over a candidate whose APR profile looked like a zip code, and especially one with low marks for leadership and management.

Upon investigation, the



PARTIAL ECLIPSE — About 30 percent of the solar disk is obscured by the moon during a partial eclipse recorded Aug. 10 through the

Solar Optical Observing Network telescope at the USAF Solar Observatory at Haleakala, Hawaii. The station is manned by Det. 6, 1st

Weather Wing. TSgt. Johnny J. Jones, Det. 6 solar analyst, set up the cameras. (U.S. Air Force photos)

Fraser visits observatory

The joint Air Weather Service-Australian Ionospheric Prediction Service Learmonth Solar Observatory was dedicated last summer and treated to a visit by the Australian prime minister.

Det. 9, 1st Weather Wing and IPS people man the observatory that has been in operation since April 1979. The dedication was June 5, and Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser visited July 4.

Representatives from all organizations involved in the Learmonth Observatory's establishment attended the dedication ceremony.

These included Col. Norman Rauscher, 1st WW commander; Dr. David Cole, IPS director; Ron Goleby, Australian Department of Science and Environment; Col. Gene Taft, representing the Pacific Air Command commander in chief; and

Capt. George Noggle, commander of the nearby H. E. Holt Naval Communications Station.

Also at the ceremony were many guests from the communications station and the town of Exmouth.

After the formalities, Capt. Joe Bassi, TSgt. Dick Richard and TSgt. Mike Springer took visitors on observatory tours. They also answered questions about the station's function and telescope systems.

Prime Minister Fraser was also welcomed on his Fourth of July visit by Det. 9, IPS and Operating Location G, 1957th Communications Group.

He was briefed on the observatory's history and function by joint managers Dr. David Cornelius of IPS and Capt. Ken Eis, Det. 9 commander.

Dr. John Kennewell and

Captain Bassi explained how the optical and radio solar telescopes work to the official group.

A small flare that occurred while the party was in the optical telescope building livened up the affair.

Members of the prime minister's party included the Fraser family, Member of Parliament Mick Cotter, Senator A. Rocher and Australian news representatives.

Local government officials from the H. E. Holt Naval Communications Station also accompanied Prime Minister Fraser on the observatory tour.

The observatory was just one of many stops on the prime minister's Australian Northwest Cape tour. He also stopped in Exmouth, where most people of the cape and U.S. military people live.



DEDICATORS — Visitors and station managers discuss the dedication ceremony at the Learmonth Solar Observatory, Australia. They are from left Dr. David Cornelius, joint manager; Ron Goleby, Australian Department of

Science; Col. Norman Rauscher, 1st Weather Wing commander; and Capt. Ken Eis, joint manager and Det. 9 commander. (U.S. Navy photo by PO Mike Griffiths)



RECORD RADIOSONDE — This plaque presented to Air Weather Service states, "Presented June 24, 1980, to the Air Weather Service in recognition of the friendly cooperation and support that helped to make it possible for the VIZ Manufacturing Company to build 4,000,000 radiosondes." AWS flies about 5,000 of these instruments a year. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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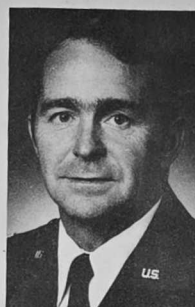
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AWS salutes...

Information for salutes should be sent by unit public affairs people to MAC/PAM, Scott AFB, IL 62225. Anything received by the 10th of the month is printed in the following month's AWS Observer.

Abbreviations used in this column are AWS — Air Weather Service; HQ — Headquarters; AIN — Army Installation; AAF — Army Airfield; AFS — Air Force Station; CCAF — Community College of the Air Force; WW — Weather Wing; WS — Weather Squadron; AFGWC — Air Force Global Weather Central; USAFETAC — U.S. Air Force Environmental Technical Applications Center; WRS — Weather Reconnaissance Squadron; BTZ — Below the Zone; OL — Operating Location; and OLC — Oak Leaf Cluster.

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal: MSgt. David J. Kumer, Lt. Col. Eugene T. Gray (2nd OLC), Lt. Col. Jere A. Devilbiss, Lt. Col. Don R. Baker (2nd OLC), Lt. Col. Jack L. Buckingham (1st OLC), Maj. Jack W. Carter (2nd OLC), Maj. Norman W. Stoldt, Maj. Bernard C. Diesen, III, Maj. Donald L. Best (1st OLC), MSgt. David A. Rosser, Lt. Col. Max H. Peek, Maj. Kenneth F. Champagne, Capt. Lawrence R. Latimer, MSgt. Jerome E. Painter, Lt. Col. Charles M. McDonald (3rd OLC), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Capt. Donald J. Greene, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Lt. Col. John H. Wylie, (1st OLC) HQ AWS; MSgt. Richard H. Prewitt, Det. 5, 9th WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; SSgt. Ronald E. Smith, Det. 11, 25th WS, Cannon AFB, N.M.; Lt. Col. David L. Nelson and Lt. Col. Robert Hedenberg, 9th WS, March AFB, Calif.; Maj. Richard Vogt, Det. 15, 9th WS, Grand Forks AFB, ND; Maj. Fred R. Sanders Jr., Det. 20, 24th WS, Laughlin AFB, Texas; Capt. Edmond Daszewski and MSgt. Roger Brunquell, USAFETAC; Maj. John P. Cipriano, Det. 21, 2nd WW, Kapaun AS, Germany; Capt. Billy A. Woolley, Det. 20, 24th WS, Laughlin AFB, Texas; Capt. Robert E. Wilt, Det. 17, 24th WS, Williams AFB, Ariz.

Air Medal: Lt. Col. John W. Pavone (5th OLC), TSgt. Ronald A. Kopitz (5th OLC), and Sgt. Suzanne K. Wesselman (1st OLC), Det. 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; SSgt. Krista E. Johnson (1st OLC), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

Joint Service Commendation Medal: Lt. Col. James M. Plummer, Det. 6, 2nd WW, Vaihingen, Germany.

Air Force Commendation Medal: TSgt. Earl W. J. Scheider, (2nd OLC), Det. 15, 30th WS, Osan AFB, Korea; Capt. Steven C. Shiffler (1st OLC), Det. 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; SSgt. Joseph L. Pugliese, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Capt. Donald L. Boucher (3rd OLC) and TSgt. John E. Gunderson (1st OLC), Det. 15, 30th WS, Osan AFB, Korea; Capt. Denzil W. Miller (2nd OLC) and Capt. Merrilee A. Powell, HQ AWS; A1C Lorin N. Johnson, Det. 10, 7th WS, Kitzingen AIN, Germany; MSgt. Stephen R. Hardt (1st OLC), Det. 7, 3rd WS, Langley AFB, Va.; SSgt. Wayne A. Goldlin (1st OLC), 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; TSgt. Richard A. Deneka, Det. 5, 9th WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; SSgt. William H. Taylor, Det. 11, 25th WS, Cannon AFB, N.M.; TSgt. Lewis Whitacre (1st OLC), Det. 10, 30th WS, Kunsan AB, Korea; Maj. Estel P. Stogsdill (1st OLC) and 1st Lt. Michael J. Stanley, 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; TSgt. Lawrence A. Lebsack (1st OLC) and MSgt. Finley H. Dula (1st OLC), Det. 2, 3rd WW, South Hamilton, Mass.; MSgt. David A. Coulombe (3rd OLC), Det. 8, 26th WS, Griffiss AFB, N.Y.; SSgt. Krista E. Johnson (1st OLC), SSgt. Raymond A. Pollett, TSgt. James G. Benedict, Capt. Dale E. Dunford, TSgt. James N. Horne, III, Capt. Felix D. Quinn, SSgt. Brian C. Langley, Sgt. Gregory E. Nelson, TSgt. William C. Schreffler (1st OLC), Capt. John H. Feckter, TSgt. Edward R. Flenz (2nd OLC), TSgt. Gerald C. Markwell (1st OLC), SSgt. Ricky G. Kackley (1st OLC), SSgt. Raymond J. Tenpenny, Capt. Minnis U. Mansur (1st OLC), SSgt. Kenneth B. White, SSgt. Andrew S. Galbraith (1st OLC), SSgt. Richard L. Burlingame, 1st Lt. Cheryl G. Souders, MSgt. Dennis A. Pukall (1st OLC), MSgt. Leon H. Lamb, TSgt.

Manfred K. Hellwagner (1st OLC), and MSgt. Donald R. Hagen, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

Army Commendation Medal: SrA. Mark C. Reed, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

Promotions

To colonel: Serhij Pilipowskyj, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

To lieutenant colonel: Edward J. Perantoni, Det. 15, 30th WS, Osan AFB, Korea; Robert G. Curry, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Robert Borkowski, 30th WS, Yongsan, Korea.

To major: Forrest E. Luke Jr., Det. 4, 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Frederick P. Milwer, Det. 5, 9th WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

To captain: Steven J. Naglic, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Alan R. Shaffer, Det. 7, 24th WS, Mather AFB, Calif.; Richard B. French, Robert S. Hoffman, and David L. Homan, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Robert L. Miller and Terry Laing, Det. 15, 30th WS, Osan AFB, Korea; Steven C. Shiffler, Det. 4, AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; Shirley J. Nichols, 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

To first lieutenant: Randolph A. Fix, Bruce S. Fraser, Lon E. Loomis, John J. Skorusa Jr., Allan M. Weiner, Richard Bensinger, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Kenneth E. Wimsatt, USAFETAC; Vanessa L. Griffing and Elizabeth A. Ayers, Det. 21, 2nd WW (EFU), Kapaun AS, Germany; Joseph C. Borja, Det. 7, 5th WS, Fort Ord AIN, Calif.; Joseph Iannuzzo, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.

To chief master sergeant: Harvey D. McInnis, Elmer P. Bush.

To senior master sergeant: Herbert W. Barnes, 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Wayne S. Boytim, Det. 17, 28th WS, RAF Upper Heyford, England; David A. Coulombe, Det. 8, 26th WS, Griffiss AFB, N.Y.; John A. Machian, Wotan L. Heatwole, Teddy L. Ford, Harold D. Ashcraft, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

To master sergeant: William M. Fleshood, Billy D. Richardson, Joseph E. Murphy, Albert H. Mongeon, James E. Klucas, Jaime A. Garcia, David E. Buerk, Ronald J. Adams, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Rodney L. Thacker, Det. 7, 24th WS, Mather AFB, Calif.; Herbert F. Ringsdorf, Det. 17, 24th WS, Williams AFB, Ariz.; Russell E. Warner, Det. 2, 17th WS, Travis AFB, Calif.

To technical sergeant: Randall L. Hoopes, USAFETAC; James W. Garrett, Det. 22, 24th WS, Keesler AFB, Miss.; Robert L. Delling, Det. 10, 7th WS, Kitzingen AIN, Germany; Daniel R. Berube, Det. 27, 12th WS, Hancock Field, N.Y.; Michael R. Pukajlo, OL-D, Det. 27, 12th WS, Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y.; George K. Strunk, Det. 11, 7th WS, Coleman Barracks, Germany; James R. Lively, William H. Russell, Lucian R. Turner, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Robin L. Barclay, Det. 25, 31st WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

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Wash.; Clarence Mathis Jr., 30th WS, Yongsan, Korea; Reed Knudson, Det. 5, 9th WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; Charles H. Brantley, Det. 15, 30th WS, Osan AFB, Korea; Janet L. Noe, Det. 21, 2nd WW (EFU), Kapaun AS, Germany; Sandra B. Davidson, Det. 11, 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Leonard E. Warner, Det. 26, 26th WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.; O. C. Lawrence, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.; Clifton E. Butler, Det. 11, 5th WS, Fort Sill, Okla.; Toni D. Humphrey, Det. 2, 17th WS, Travis AFB, Calif.; Garret C. Whitlatch, John D. Robinson, Steven L. Parker, Sam Liberto III, Stephen G. Green, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

To sergeant: Brian P. Burke, Det. 15, 30th WS, Osan AFB, Korea; John P. Zunino, Det. 2, 11th WS, Eielson AFB, Alaska; James R. Buckles and Dennis A. Rucker, Det. 4, 28th WS, RAF Bentwaters, UK; Jenice D. Dorf, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Stephen E. Schroeder, Det. 22, 24th WS, Keesler AFB, Miss.; David P. Seibert, Det. 11, 25th WS, Cannon AFB, N.M.; Ronald J. Kurer, USAFETAC; Randy A. Foster and Steven W. Krull, Keith A. Hermanson, Johanna S. Carlson, Terry A. Causey, Scott R. Connelly, David J. Edmonds, Edward C. Miles, Sergio A. Rubio, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

To senior airman: Charles M. Drake, Mark L. Elyea, Peggy A. Erickson, Edgar T. Fleenor, Vincent J. Shuler, Patrick S. Wardwell, Anita Bailey, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Ronald W. Newman and Bryan K. Goforth, Det. 11, 7th WS, Coleman Barracks, Germany; Kathy J. Schmit, USAFETAC; Gilbert C. Hine Jr., 1st WS, MacDill AFB, Fla.; Tommy Winn, Det. 21, 5th WS, Hunter AAF, Ga.; Jean A. Mar, Det. 12, 26th WS, Plattsburch AFB, N.Y.; David V. Wold, Det. 1, 9th WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Thomas R. Pilling, OL-A, Det. 10, 7th WS, Wertheim AIN, Germany; Terry V. Bola, Det. 1, 11th WS, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Michael A. Lindsey, Det. 4, 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Ramona H. Murphy, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.; Lucinda R. Armitage, Nia Bogert and Roger Jones, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

To airman first class: Vaye M. Castillo, Stephen Chrysostom, Stephen R. Defeo, Daniel A. Donahue, Janice S. Gomez, David B. Lewis, Douglas Maldonado, Carole A. Parris, Ronald F. Sinnard, Phillip A. Suarez, Mark E. Testroet, Robert A. Tillisch, Donald R. Warren Jr., AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Larry D. Curtis, Det. 17, 24th WS, Williams AFB, Ariz.; Robert A. Russ and Cornelia U. Sim, Det. 26, 26th WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.; Robert Strong, Vickie Paschal, Brian Boughton, Maverick Uy and Wayne Barnum, Det. 5, 9th WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; Rick A. Suggs, Det. 1, 9th WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Steven G. Croxton, Ronald L. Hoover and Berry C. Ward, Det. 21, 5th WS, Hunter AAF, Ga.; Charles E. Carter, Det. 14, 17th WS, Norton AFB, Calif.; James E. Rhodes, Det. 22, 24th WS, Keesler AFB, Miss.; Drew A. Bryant, Det. 17, 9th WS, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.; Thomas Odenkirk, Phillip W. Dixon and Eugene J. Lancour, Det. 14, 5th WS, Fort Hood, Texas; Mark S. Kulick, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Peter J. Rahe and Sandra A. Lewis, Det. 7, 5th WS, Fort Ord AIN, Calif.; John A. Diorio and Keith D. Anderson, Det. 8, 26th WS, Griffiss AFB, N.Y.; Robert J. Harris, Det. 10, 7th WS, Kitzingen AIN, Germany; David A. Brann, Det. 27, 12th WS, Hancock Field, N.Y.; Todd L. Bills, Corrine E. Genise, Sam S. Gomez, John A. Kulias, Richard S. Merritt, Michael A. Whitley, Bruce J. Babcock, Robert G. Otterson, Jeffery D. Pell, Jay S. Reed, Rodney A. Robinette, Tyrone Smalls, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

To airman: John W. Hampshire, Det. 7, 24th WS, Mather AFB, Calif.; Miako L. Demelo, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.; Craig A. Steffen and Zoltan K. Kocz, USAFETAC; Rodney P. Jacques, Det. 7, 3rd WS, Langley AFB, Va.; Mark A. Byrd, Det. 32, 3rd WS, MacDill AFB, Fla.; John F. Sheehy, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Joseph T. Kelly III, Offutt AFB, Neb.

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AWS salutes...

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Education

Capt. Robert J. Brotze, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., completed Air Command and Staff Course by seminar. TSgt. James L. Reardon, also AFGWC, completed Bachelor of General Studies Degree requirements via Operation Bootstrap.

TSgt. James Reardon, SSgt. Ivan A. Friend and SSgt. John P. Boggs, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., were selected for Officer Training School.

SSgt. John E. Beaton, Det. 6, 26th WS, Pease AFB, N.H., graduated from Weather Forecaster School.

SSgt. Roger D. Burgett graduated from NCO Leadership School, Class 80-F, with Instructor Abilities Award, Drillmasters Award, and the Academic Achievement Award. A1C Amy E. Diebel graduated from Chanute AFB, Ill., Observers School. Both are assigned to Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.

SSgt. Susan M. Reyes, USAFETAC, was a distinguished graduate of Class 80-6, 22nd Air Force NCO Leadership School, Norton AFB, Calif.

MSgt. Dennis L. Yuhas received his Bachelors of Science in Business/Economics from Rollins College; SSgt. Bridgett Edwards received a Bachelors of General Studies /Social Science from Rollins College; SSgt. Joseph L. Pugliese is attending North Carolina State University to pursue an Electrical Engineering Degree under the Airmen Education and Commissioning Program; and Sgt. Patrick L. Ashton graduated from weather forecaster school, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.

TSgt. Richard S. Silva, Det. 14, 5th WS, Fort Hood, Texas, was a distinguished graduate of Class 80-6, TAC NCO Academy, Bergstrom AFB, Texas. SSgt. David T. Alexander, Det. 14, 5th WS, completed PME Phase II.

Sgt. Ronald L. Gage, Det. 10, 7th WS, Kitzingen AIN, Germany graduated from 21st Air Force NCO Leadership School.

TSgt. Richard R. DesJardin was distinguished graduate in the weather forecaster school at Chanute AFB, Ill. Sgt. William L. Stricklin also graduated from weather forecaster school. Both are assigned to Det. 20, 17th WS, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Maj. Richard A. Rasmussen, Det. 20, 17th WS, Little Rock AFB, Ark., completed the Air War College by seminar.

SSgt. Jerome B. Black, Det. 11, 25th WS, Cannon AFB, N.M., graduated from Air Force NCO Leadership School at Cannon AFB.

TSgt. Larry R. Olson, Det. 20, 17th WS, Little Rock AFB, Ark., completed NCO Leadership school.

Maj. William A. Mork completed Air Command and Staff Course by correspondence; MSgt. Jack L. Christopher completed Senior NCO Academy by correspondence; TSgt. Charles R. Hunter graduated Honor Graduate from Observer School; SSgt. Jeffrey B. Dunn was honor graduate from Forecaster School; SSgt. Gary E. Solanick was distinguished graduate from forecaster school; SSgt. David E. Rogers was distinguished graduate from forecaster school. All are assigned to Det. 2, 17th WS, Travis AFB, Calif.

SSgt. Clifton E. Butler, Det. 11, 5th WS, Fort Sill, Okla., was awarded an Associates in Applied Sciences in weather technology; was honor graduate of Class 80-6, 22nd Air Force NCO Leadership School and won the Speech Proficiency Award for his class.

SSgt. Scott M. Hill, Det. 21, 2nd WW (EFU), Kapaun AS, Germany, completed NCO Leadership School in residence.

SSgt. Michael R. Gottschall and SSgt. Stephen Scheckler, Det. 1, 15th WS, Andrews AFB, Md., graduated from forecaster class. Sergeant Gottschall was honor graduate; Sergeant Scheckler was distinguished graduate.

SSgt. Joseph B. Bowers, Det. 15, 25th WS, Luke AFB, Ariz., was a distinguished graduate of the Luke NCO Leadership school.

TSgt. Dick Rickard, Det. 9, 1st WW, Learmonth, Australia, recently completed MAC NCO Academy at Kadena AFB.

SSgt. Robert M. McGonigle, Det. 15, 28th WS, RAF Mildenhall, was a distinguished graduate from the 3rd AF NCO Leadership School, RAF Wetherfield, England.

Capt. Jerry S. Johnson, Det. 14, 31st WS, Hahn AB, Germany, graduated from Troy State University with a degree in International Relations.

TSgt. James H. Lincoln graduated from MAC NCO Academy (West), Norton AFB, Calif.; SSgt. Daid R. Schaffter made the dean's list at Franklin University. Both are assigned to Det. 18, 26th WS, Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio.

TSgt. Francisco Balleste-Baeza, Det. 25, 5th WW, Howard AFB, Panama, completed his Associate Degree in Applied Sciences with the Community College of the Air Force. He also attended the SAC NCO Academy at Barksdale AFB, La.

SSgt. Charlie Shivers Jr., OL-D, Det. 27, 12th WS, Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y. was a distinguished graduate of the MAC NCO Leadership School, Dover AFB.

2nd Lt. Christopher R. Tschan, Det. 3, HQ AWS, Sunnyvale AFS, Calif., completed Squadron Officer's School by correspondence.

Capt. Richard A. Wohlman, Det. 4, HQ AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam, completed Squadron Officer School in residence.

A1C Glenn T. Hamasaki, Det. 7, 5th WS, Fort Ord AIN, Calif., was selected for an Air Force ROTC four year scholarship. He will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa and majoring in electrical engineering. He is slotted a navigator slot after completion of school.

The following officers completed the Air Force Institute of Technology basic meteorology program at Texas A & M University: and assigned to indicated locations:

2nd Lt. Larry G. Bickerstaff, Fort Hood, Texas; 2nd Lt. Kenneth J. Compton, Loring AFB, Maine; 2nd Lt. Charles T. Doolittle, Griffiss AFB, N.Y.; 2nd Lt. Scott A. Gibbons, USAFETAC; 2nd Lt. Terry Huber, Kelly AFB, Texas; 2nd Lt. Charles J. Kennedy, England AFB, La.; 2nd Lt. Edward R. Lebb, Altus AFB, Okla.; 2nd Lt. Harold L. Massie, AFGWC, 2nd Lt. Sandra J. Sylvia, AFGWC; 2nd Lt. Michael K. Walters, AFGWC.

Sgt. David Becker, Det. 24, 26th WS, K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich., completed 21st AF NCO Leadership School, and received the Commandant's Award.

Unit Honors

Senior NCO of the Quarter: MSgt. Donald O. Novak, AFGWC; MSgt. Rod Gaudreau, Det. 18, 28th WS, RAF Fairford, UK.

NCO of the Quarter: SSgt. Kim J. Runk, Det. 11, 17th WS, McChord AFB, Wash.; TSgt. Constance L. Watson, Det. 25, 31st WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany; SSgt. Manuel M. Vela Jr., Det. 2, 17th WS, Travis AFB, Calif.; SSgt. Augustine A. Huerta, Det. 17, 24th WS, Williams AFB, Ariz.; SSgt. Reed Knudson, Det. 5, 9th WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; TSgt. David F. Conroe, AFGWC.

Airman of the Quarter: Amn Evonne Reihke, Det. 11, 17th WS, McChord AFB, Wash.; SrA Gerard Shea, Det. 24, 26th WS, K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich.; SrA Theo Hayward, Det. 18, 28th WS, RAF Fairford, UK; A1C Wayne Barnum, Det. 5, 9th WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; Amn Jeffrey P. Massa, AFGWC.

Junior Officer of the Quarter: Capt. Larry R. Johnson, AFGWC; 1st Lt. Mark Adams, Det. 15, 30th WS, Osan AFB, Korea.

Forecaster of the Quarter: Sgt. Brian T. Sheehan, Det. 6, 26th WS, Pease AFB, N.H.; SSgt. David B. Meek, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.

Observer of the Quarter: SrA Timothy J. Smith, Det. 6, 26th WS, Pease AFB, N.H.; Sgt. Terry L. Abrams, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.

Weatherperson of the Quarter: SSgt. Amos Walker, Det. 6, 3rd WS, Shaw AFB, S.C.

NCO of the Month: Sgt. Robert L. Graham, Det. 9, 7th WW, Scott AFB, Ill.; TSgt. Richard A. Larsen, Det. 6, 26th WS, Pease AFB, N.H.

Airman of the Month: A1C Steven G. Gruber, Det. 9, 7th WW, Scott AFB, Ill.

Special Honors

1st Lt. Leo L. Lynn Jr., Det. 8, 26th WS, Griffiss AFB, N.Y., was elected treasurer of the Base Junior Officers' Club.

MSgt. Finis R. Herron, Det. 21, 2nd WW (EFU), Kapaun AS, Germany, selected as 5th WW Safety NCO of the Year.

1st Lt. Jerry D. Rand, Det. 20, 17th WS, Little Rock AFB, Ark., selected as U.S. Jaycees "Outstanding Young Man of America."

TSgt. Charles H. Myers, Det. 16, 25th WS, Nellis AFB, Neb., was selected as the 25th WS executive support specialist for 1980.

Patricia L. Nun, 25th WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas, was selected as the 5th WW Outstanding Civilian Executive Support Technician for 1980.

MSgt. Leonard C. Hume, Det. 4, AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam, was named one of the MAC Outstanding Airman for 1980 and also awarded the AWS Senior NCO of the Year - 1979.

Amn Matthew G. Caldwell, Det. 75, 3rd WS, Hurlburt Field, Fla., completed basic airborne school at Fort Benning, Ga., and was awarded the parachutist's badge.

Capt. Mike Neyland, 9th WS, March AFB, Calif. was selected as the AMS Riverside/San Bernadino Chapter, Meteorologist of the Year.

Civilian Honors

Gabriel M. Wallace, 2nd WW Aerospace Sciences Division, Kapaun AS, Germany; Ann Murdock, 2nd WW Operations Division, received an Outstanding Performance Rating and the Sustained Superior Performance Award.

Helen Severit and Phyllis Eggemeyer, HQ AWS, received special achievement awards for sustained superior performance.

Phyllis Eggemeyer, Mary Jane Holtgrave, Rita Markus and Delores McAlexander, HQ AWS, received outstanding performance ratings.

Joyce E. Haigh, Det. 6, 26th WS, Pease AFB, N.H. promoted to GS-5.

Births

May: SSgt. and Mrs. Jarslow Sukmanowsky, Det. 14, 31st WS, Hahn AB, Germany, a girl, Sonja Marina.

June: Sgt. and A1C James and Vivian Pollock, Det. 14, 31st WS, Hahn AB, Germany, twin boys, Justin and Frederick. Capt. and Mrs. John Wedo, AFGWC, a girl, Andrea Marie. 1st Lt. and Mrs. David Homan, AFGWC, a son, Michael William. A1Cs Dave and Patti Johansen, AFGWC, a son, Christian Gabriel. 1st Lt. and Mrs. Gregory D. Wilke, Det. 21, 2nd WW, Kapaun AS, Germany, a girl, Stacy Nicole. A1C and Mrs. John V. Werner, Det. 21, 5th WS, Hunter AAF, Ga., a girl, Virginia.

July: SSgt. and Mrs. Carlos M. Renta, 1st WS, MacDill AFB, Fla., a girl, Kristin Marie. Sgt. and Mrs. Tony Northington, Det. 6, 26th WS, Pease AFB, N.H., a girl. SSgt. and Mrs. David P. Seibert, Det. 11, 25th WS, Cannon AFB, N.M., a boy, Matthew David. Sgt. and Mrs. Dennis D. Simpson, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla., a girl, Summer Lee. Sgt. and Mrs. Paul J. Bernacchio, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla., a boy, Caleb Michael. SSgt. and Mrs. Gregory J. Dillon, Det. 8, 26th WS, Griffiss AFB, N.Y., a boy.

August: SSgts. Vicki and Jay Edwards, a boy, John. Mother is an observer with Det. 3, 9th WS, Fairchild AFB, Wash. SrA Karen and SSgt. David Ulich, a girl, Jennifer. Mother is an administrative technician with Det. 16, 9th WS, Dyess AFB, Texas. SrA and Mrs. Ronald C. Faverey, Det. 32, 3rd WS, MacDill AFB, Fla., a girl, Elaine. Sgt. and Mrs. Daniel K. Porter, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla., a boy, David Allen. 1st Lt. and Mrs. Gerald F. Laszakovits, Det. 25, 31st WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany, a boy, Eric John.

Weathermen work to avoid surprises

By John Glass
Stars and Stripes

In April, a sandstorm in the Iranian desert was a critical factor in having to abort the attempt to rescue the American hostages in Tehran, military officials have said.

At the field training exercise Certain Rampart 1980, held in September in Middle Bavaria, officials wanted no surprises from the weather.

To avoid them, they employed an Air Weather Service forecast team to give them weather information around the clock.

Lt. Col. Robert W. Endlich headed the weather team. "Our job," he said, "is to provide weather observations, forecasts and weather decision

assistance to the VII Corps commander and his staff, and to subordinate commanders and units in the field."

Colonel Endlich said he and three other 7th Weather Squadron airmen are permanently assigned to the VII Corps at Kelly Barracks near Stuttgart, but, for the exercise, were augmented at Katterbach, Germany, by weathermen from the Air Force and Army.

"We also have nine members of an Army weather team from the 17th Field Artillery Brigade helping us.

"They're located in a service area about three miles from here, and are providing us upper-air soundings by releasing weather balloons

and then tracking them on radar.

"This gives us not only the upper wind speeds, but also the temperature and humidity aloft."

Colonel Endlich said that an exercise of that magnitude, with 40,000 participants and billions of dollars' worth of equipment, calls for detailed weather planning.

In order to provide it, the colonel briefed Lt. Gen. Julius W. Becton Jr., VII Corps and exercise commander, and his staff daily.

For several months before the exercise, Colonel Endlich explained the weather picture in central Bavaria and told them what to expect during the operation.

"Knowing what the weather will be helps the general and his staff decide on the exercise scenario," said Colonel Endlich.

"For instance, if we had heavy rains forecast for a certain part of the exercise area, we wouldn't want to run tanks in that area any more than was necessary, because of the maneuver damage they would cause.

"Additionally, if you were having heavy rains, you would want to be extremely careful about scheduling a bridging exercise over a major stream or you might get it washed out or have someone injured.

"Two things we (VII Corps) are concerned with during the exercise are safety and

keeping maneuver damage to a minimum."

Colonel Endlich said that working in the field is very different from being on an Air Force base. "In an Air Force unit you normally operate from a fixed base. Here we operate with Army tactical and communications equipment.

"We start out with just an empty van, so in order to make it into a weather forecasting station, we have to do some major modifications."

The colonel said these modifications include building consoles, installing receiving and transmitting equipment, and building map tables and boards.



FLOWERS FOR A LADY — Brig. Gen. Paul W. Kadlec presents the floral centerpiece to AB Norma Tamez, junior member of the mess at the AWS enlisted dining-out at Scott AFB, Ill. Airman Tamez is escorted by TSgt. Steve Glauberg, mister vice. (U.S. Air Force photo)

A first-time affair

Enlisteds dine out at Scott

Air Weather Service held its first all-enlisted dining-out at Scott AFB, Ill., Sept. 5 at the Scott NCO Open Mess.

Persons attending came from AWS Headquarters, USAF Environmental Technical Applications Center, 7th Weather Wing and the Weather Training Branch at Chanute AFB, Ill.

There were also many at-

tending from the retired community. The goal was to signify and sustain the "AWS Family" concept of the Air Weather Service tradition.

Brig. Gen. Paul W. Kadlec, mobilization assistant to the AWS commander, was guest speaker for the occasion.

Among the guests were Brig. Gen. Albert J. Kaehn Jr., AWS commander, and Mrs. Kaehn;

CMSgt. Charles Walther, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service senior enlisted advisor, and Mrs. Walther; CMSgt. Paul Cleary, 37th Aeromedical Airlift Squadron senior enlisted advisor, and Mrs. Cleary; and CMSgt. Bert Grigsby.

Another dining-out is scheduled for April.

Sports round-up

McGuire, Chanute triumph

Det. 10, 15th Weather Squadron, and 15th WS Headquarters joined to win the McGuire AFB, N.J., intramural team tennis championship.

Strong and consistent play by A1C William S. Roche, SSgt. Anthony Yarn, 1st Lt. Paul J. Goldmann and 2nd Lt. Michael D. McAtee lead the team to an undefeated season.

Weather finished with a 9-0-2 record.

Capt. William A. Anderson and 2nd Lt. Jeffrey H. Zautner filled out the team when shift work and leave kept the starters away.

Team coach Sergeant Yarn attributed the squad's success to inter-team playoffs and practices. "We weren't individually the best team on base, but we had the most depth."

The team received embroidered jackets for their efforts at a sports banquet honoring McGuire athletes.

AWS almost a champ

Students attending the weather technician course emerged as slow-pitch softball runners-up in a tournament at

Chanute AFB, Ill.

Playing for the 3343rd Student Squadron, the students compiled a 19-5 record to place second in regular season action.

They lost an early-round game in the subsequent double-elimination tournament, but held on to bow out in the final game.

The team consisted of SSgt. Steve Thornsberry, Air Force Global Weather Central, Offutt AFB, Neb., coach; Sgt. Chester Ritchey, Vandenberg AFB, Calif., pitcher; SSgts. Steve Sheckler, Andrews AFB,

Md., and Tom Dunker, Moody AFB, Ga., catchers; SSgt. Lee Bruce, MacDill AFB, Fla., first base; SSgt. Gene Newman, Keesler AFB, Miss., second base; SSgt. Mike Gottschall, Andrews, right field; SSgts. David Knieff, Ellsworth AFB, S.D., and Steve Rosemier, Griffiss AFB, N.Y., centerfield; Sgt. Russ Jackson, Shaw AFB, S.C., left field; TSgt. Mike Gravier and Sgt. Sonny Bernal, McChord AFB, Wash., short field; and SSgt. Terry Thrasher, Hill AFB, Utah, short stop.

Airmen qualify for SRBs

Air Force has announced that AFSC 251XX is one of 57 skills picked to claim selective reenlistment bonuses in the newly created Zone C.

Weather people will be eligible for the Zone C bonus at multiple of one. To qualify, an airman must:

•Have completed at least 10, but no more than 14 years from his or her enlistment date or beginning of extension.

•Reenlist or extend for at least three years. This coupled with existing active service must add up to at least 14 years active duty.

The Zone C SRB will pay for obligated service through 16 years. Airmen in AFSC 251XX are also eligible for an SRB in Zones A (first term) and B (second term), both at multiples of one.

Personnel shorts...

Did you know that:

*A recent market-basket survey of eight military communities showed average commissary savings of more than 25 percent? Documented savings ranged from 21.5 percent at Scott AFB, Ill., to 30.2 percent at Bolling AFB, D.C. All comparisons were based on exact matches of merchandise. Neither the four percent commissary surcharge nor supermarket sales taxes were considered.

*AFSC 251XX is one of 57 skills picked to claim selective reenlistment bonus in the newlycreated Zone C for people with 10-14 years of service?

*The U.S. Navy celebrated its 205th birthday Oct. 13?

*Clothing allowances were boosted effective Oct. 1? The new standard male rate is \$7.50; female, \$7.20. Old rates: \$6.30 and \$6.

*The revised 251XX specialty training standard

that, if approved, would require lengthening the forecaster school to 20-plus weeks, still lacks air staff approval and the required manpower spaces? It's estimated that October 1981 is the earliest date the course could be changed from TDY to PCS.

*Military Airlift Command management engineering teams are beginning a comprehensive manpower study of selected Air Weather Service detachments? Object: A new manpower standard for the base weather station.

*The AWS Enlisted Team includes 241 70XXX (administration) and 122 511XX (computer) people? There are about 50 others in 10 different nonweather specialties.

*Applications for the Feb. 23, 1981, Airman Education and Commissioning Program Selection Board have to be in by Jan. 23? See your base education office.