

## 30<sup>th</sup> WEATHER SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

30<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron constituted, 29 Aug 1945  
Activated, 20 Sep 1945  
Inactivated, 9 Nov 1949  
Activated, 16 Nov 1950  
Inactivated, 8 Aug 1959  
Activated, 5 Oct 1962  
Organized, 8 Nov 1962  
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1971  
Activated, 1 Sep 1976  
Inactivated, 1 Jun 1992  
Activated, 1 Jul 1992

### STATIONS

Harmon Field (later, AAB; AB; AFB), Guam, 20 Sep 1945  
North Guam, AFB, Guam, 25 Oct-9 Nov 1949  
Seoul, South Korea, 16 Nov 1950  
Taegu, South Korea, 22 Dec 1950  
Seoul (later, Seoul AB), South Korea, 3 Jul 1951  
Osan-ni (later, Osan) AB, South Korea, 25 Jan 1954  
Moriyama AS, Japan, 9 May 1957

Komaki AB, Japan, 27 Jul 1957  
Yamato AS, Japan, 10 Mar 1958-8 Aug 1959  
Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, 8 Nov 1962-1 Jul 1971  
Yong San Reservation AI, South Korea, 1 Sep 1976-1 Jun 1992  
Vandenberg AFB, CA, 1 Jul 1992

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Weather Group, 20 Sep 1945  
1<sup>st</sup> Weather Group, 1 Aug 1946  
1<sup>st</sup> Weather Group (later, 2100 Air Weather Group), 1 Jun 1948  
2143<sup>rd</sup> Air Weather Wing, 23 Oct-9 Nov 1949  
2143<sup>rd</sup> Air Weather Wing, 16 Nov 1950  
1<sup>st</sup> Weather Wing, 8 Feb 1954  
10<sup>th</sup> Weather Group, 18 Feb 1957-8 Aug 1959  
1<sup>st</sup> Weather Wing, 8 Nov 1962  
1<sup>st</sup> Weather Group, 8 Jul 1966-1 Jul 1971  
1<sup>st</sup> Weather Wing 1 Sep 1976  
Pacific Air Forces, 30 Sep 1991  
5<sup>th</sup> Air Control Group, 15 Apr-1 Jun 1992  
30<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, 1 Jul 1992

The 1<sup>st</sup> Weather Group to which the squadron was assigned on 1 Aug 1946 was a T/O&E unit which inactivated on 31 May 1948. The 1<sup>st</sup> Weather Group (later 2100 Air Weather Group), to which the squadron was assigned on 1 Jun 1948, was a T/D unit with no lineal descent from the previous group. Neither of these two groups was manned during the period that the squadron was assigned.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

43<sup>rd</sup> Weather Wing, 1 Jan 1946-3 Jun 1948  
43<sup>rd</sup> Weather Wing [later, 2043<sup>rd</sup> Air Weather Wing; 2143<sup>rd</sup> Air Weather Wing], 3 Jun 1948-22 Oct 1949)

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Weather Wing to which the squadron was attached on 1 Jan 1946 was a T/O&E unit which inactivated on 3 Jun 1948. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Weather Wing (later, 2043<sup>rd</sup> Air Weather Wing; 2143 Air Weather Wing), to which the squadron was attached on 3 Jun 1948, was a T/D unit organized on 1 Jun 1948 as a paper unit which absorbed personnel and equipment of the inactivated T/O&E wing on 3 Jun 1948. There is no lineal connection between the two wings.

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Edward A. Adelberg, 7 Oct 1945  
Cpt Clarence E. Erickson, 24 Nov 1945  
Maj J. Vern Hales, 28 Jan 1946  
Maj Ross A. Somers, 17 Jul 1946

Maj Archie M. McFarland, 22 Nov 1948  
Maj Kenneth Linder, 16 Nov 1950  
LTC George E. Rath, 19 Jun 1951  
LTC Carl E. Wagner, 16 Feb 1952  
LTC Eugene H. Karstens, 20 Feb 1953  
LTC Max M. Station, 19 Jan 1954  
LTC Olav Njus, 1 Jan 1955  
LTC Bernard Pusin, 1 Jun 1955  
LTC Glen A. Hoglund, Jun 1955  
LTC Charles G. Vaughn, 28 May 1956  
LTC Alfred E. Crisi, 16 Aug 1956  
LTC Dillard N. Thompson, 5 Jul 1957  
LTC James V. Carroll, 31 Jul 1958  
LTC Chandler R. Brown, 8 Nov 1962  
LTC Lewis L. Howes, 31 Dec 1963  
LTC Hal R. Montague, 28 Mar 1964  
LTC Thomas W. Lane, 16 Apr 1964  
Col Alexander Kouts, 21 Mar 1965  
Col Lewis J. Neyland, 21 Mar 1966  
LTC Edward T. Badger, 6 Jul 1966  
Maj Allan B. Milloy, 12 Aug 1966  
LTC George B. Skinner, 5 Sep 1966  
LTC Gordon W. Schmal, 14 Aug 1967  
LTC Roy A. Wegener, 8 Aug 1968  
LTC Edward R. Dvorak, 29 Jul 1969  
LTC Norman J. Clark, 2 Apr 1970  
LTC Alfred C. Molla, Jr., 1 Jul 1970  
LTC Joseph D. Saccone, 1 Aug 1970  
Col Robert E. Julian, 1 Sep 1976  
Col Vernon M. Malahy, Jr., 17 Jul 1978  
Col Allan C. Ramsay, 2 Jun 1980  
Col John W. Diercks, 8 Jul 1981  
Col John H. Wylie, Jr., 18 Jul 1983  
Col John A. Odland, 28 Jun 1985  
Col Randolph W. Ashby, Jun 1987

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

World War II Asiatic Pacific Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

CCF Intervention

First UN Counteroffensive

CCF Spring Offensive

UN Summer-Fall Offensive  
Second Korean Winter  
Korea, Summer-Fall 1952  
Third Korean Winter  
Korea, Summer 1953

Vietnam Advisory 1961-1965  
Vietnam Defensive 1965-1966  
Vietnam Air 1966  
Vietnam Air Offensive 1966-1967  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II 1967-1968  
Vietnam Air/Ground 1968  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III 1968  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV 1968-1969  
TET 69/Counteroffensive 1969  
Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969  
Vietnam Winter/Spring 1969/1970  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970  
Southwest Monsoon 1970  
Commando Hunt V 1970-1971

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

1 May 1963-30 Apr 1964

1 May 1964-7 Jul 1966

8 Jul 1966-1 Jul 1967

1 Jan-30 Jun 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

16 Nov 1950-31 May 1951

Mar-Oct 1956

2 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1969

1 Jul 1970-1 Jul 1971

1 Sep 1976-30 Jun 1978

1 Jul 1981-30 Jun 1983

1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988

1 Nov 1991-30 Sep 1993

1 Oct 1994-30 Sep 1996

1 Oct 1996-30 Sep 1997

1 Jan-31 Dec 1997

1 Jan 1998-30 Sep 1999

1 Jan-31 Dec 2000  
1 Oct 2000-30 Sep 2001  
1 Oct 2001-30 Sep 2002

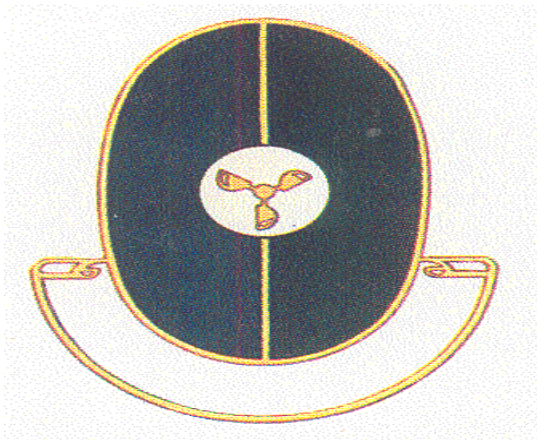
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations

[16] Nov 1950-30 Jun 1951  
16 Mar 1951-30 Sep 1952  
1 Oct 1952-27 Jul 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

1 Apr 1966-1 Jul 1971

## **EMBLEM**



The anemometer represents the Air Weather Service. The colors blue and green represent the Air Force and Army, both of which are supported by this organization. (Approved, 20 Nov 1963)

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

When the 30th Weather Squadron activated in November 1950, it took over Korean weather stations from the overextended 20th Weather Squadron. The squadron headquarters served at Seoul except for the period from December 1950 to July 1951 when enemy troops in or near the South Korean capital forced it to function at Taegu. The 30th managed many mobile detachments all over Korea to provide weather information to the Fifth Air Force, Eighth Army, and other UN forces. By the end of the war these detachments had served at 20 different locations around Korea, including some in the north when UN troops were there. In addition to the detachments, the squadron deployed a number of two-man teams with portable weather stations. Some of these teams served with UN ground units in forward areas, on islands off the Korean coast, or at airfields where full detachments were not required. In late 1951, the 30th Weather Squadron began training Korean observers and forecasters, whose work eventually allowed the squadron to

reduce the number of its detachments. The squadron served the U.S. Eighth Army so well in Korea that the Department of the Army subsequently decided to rely on the Air Force for weather services.

Det 10, Kunsan AB, South Korea

Det 15, Yongsan, South Korea

Det 18, Yongsan, South Korea

Det 19, Pyongtaek, South Korea

Det 20, Tongduchon-ni, South Korea

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