

3rd WEATHER SQUADRON



LINEAGE

Third Weather Squadron constituted, 24 Jun 1937
Activated, 1 Jul 1937
Redesignated 3rd Weather Squadron, Regional, 16 Jun 1942
Redesignated 3rd Weather Squadron, 1 Nov 1943
Disbanded, 7 Sep 1944
Reconstituted 3rd 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

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

2102nd Air Weather Group, 5 Sep 1951
2nd Weather Group, 20 Apr 1952
5th Weather Wing, 8 Oct 1965-30 Jun 1972
5th Weather Wing, 1 Jan 1975-30 Sep 1991
3rd Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

COMMANDERS

Cpt Leon W. Johnson, 1 Jul 1937
Cpt Sidney A. Ofsthun, 1 Jul 1940
LTC Col Lewis L. Mondell Sep 1942 (temporary)
Col Sidney A. Ofsthun, Dec 1942
LTC Oscar A. Heinlein, 1 Mar 1944
LTC Louis A. Gazzaniga, 5 Sep 1951
LTC Dillard N. Thompson, 20 Aug 1954
LTC Elwyn A. Moseley, 22 Sep 1954
LTC Eugene A. Carter, 1 Jul 1958
LTC Frank S. Savage, 22 Aug 1958
LTC Robert B. Hughes, Aug 1962
LTC 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
LTC William M. Dinkins, 1 Jan 1975
LTC Roger F. Strand, 1 Jul 1975
LTC Phillip W. West, 5 Jun 1977
LTC Ernie R. Dash, 7 Oct 1979
LTC John H. Bradham, 6 Aug 1982
LTC Kenneth P. Freeman, 13 Jul 1984
LTC Joseph D. Dushan, 15 Mar 1986
Lt Col Petrocco

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1972

1 Apr 1978-31 Mar 1980

1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985

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

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)

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OPERATIONS

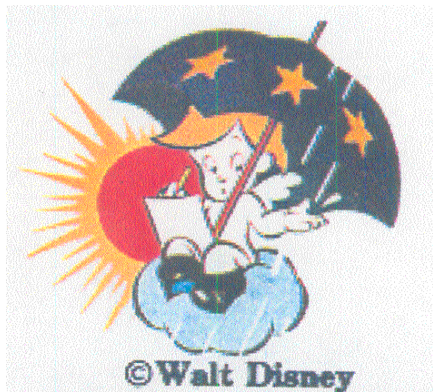
3d Weather Squadron mission is to deliver superior weather capability when called to support any worldwide land or air component tasking.

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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