

2020 NEWS:

ANNUAL US AIR FORCE WEATHER AWARDS for 2019

Each year, HQ USAF selects winners for the Air Force Weather (AFW) Annual Awards. The Outstanding Individual and Unit Awards for 2019 have been announced by Mr. Ralph Stoffler, HQ USAF Director of Weather. The Air Weather Association (AWA) Directors will also provide special recognition to the individual AFW award winners. They will be honored with the AWA John and Barbara Collens Award for being *the best of the best*.

Major General (Ret) John W. Collens III, Commander of the Air Weather Service (1974-1975), formally founded the AWA in 1987. He and his wife Barbara led the association to many successes including supporting fund-raising efforts for individual and group causes (caring for our own), organizing AWA reunions every two years and growing the membership. They accomplished this all in the spirit of "*Serving the Present – Remembering the Past – Air Force Weather*". General Collens retired from the AWA Board of Directors at the end of 1994. To remember and honor the great unselfish work of both he and his wife, the annual AWA Awards to Outstanding Air Force Weather personnel were named the AWA John and Barbara Collens Awards. The Awards consist of a *congratulatory letter, \$100 check and a free lifetime AWA membership*.

THE 2019 AIR FORCE WEATHER INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

AIR FORCE WEATHER AIRMEN OF THE YEAR **SrA Hannah Arreguini**, 86th Operations Support Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

AIR FORCE WEATHER NCO OF THE YEAR **TSgt James Hale**, 97th Operations Support Squadron, Altus AFB, OK

AIR FORCE WEATHER SNCO OF THE YEAR **MSgt Cassandra Lenz**, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK

AIR FORCE WEATHER Company Grade Officer OF THE YEAR **Capt Jeremy Mayo-Johnson**, 14th Weather Squadron, Asheville, NC

AIR FORCE WEATHER Field Grade Officer OF THE YEAR **Maj A. Breen Williams**, 26th Operational Weather Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA

AIR FORCE AIRMAN OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **SSgt Rocco Gatta**, Detachment 3, 7th Weather Squadron, Vicenza, Italy

AIR FORCE NCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **TSgt Matthew M. O'Neill**, 612th Air Base Squadron, Soto Cano AB, Honduras

AIR FORCE SNCO OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **MSgt Steven Stolze**, Detachment 3, 18th Weather Squadron, Fort Stewart, GA

AIR FORCE Company Grade Officer OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **Capt Stuart Miller**, Detachment 3, 3rd Weather Squadron, Fort Bliss AIN, TX

AIR FORCE Field Grade Officer OF THE YEAR FOR ARMY WEATHER SUPPORT **Maj Brian DeCicco**, 607th Weather Squadron, Camp Humphreys, South Korea

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR (CATEGORY I) **Mr. Hye Deuk Bae**, 607th Weather Squadron, Camp Humphreys, South Korea

AIR FORCE WEATHER CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR (CATEGORY II) **Mr. Philip Hayes**, Air Force Technical Application Center, Patrick AFB, FL

THE 2019 UNIT AWARDS:

AIR FORCE WEATHER ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR BELOW SQUADRON LEVEL **48th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight**, Lakenheath, UK

AIR FORCE WEATHER SQUADRON OF THE YEAR **96th Weather Squadron**, Eglin AFB, FL

The AWA Directors on behalf of all AWA members congratulate and thank all USAF Weather Award winners (individual and unit) for accomplishing outstanding service - *well above and beyond!*

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Other NEWS:

Subject: AWA member Al Peterlin requesting help in his study of human health and weather impacts **Date:** January 31, 2020 at 2:03:52 PM EST

Over the past 10 years my main interest has been weather, real-time, as it impacts human health. I have daughters who suffer migraine headaches at times. I noticed that weather played a significant role. I now have developed several algorithms to predict real time weather impacts on human health. I will be putting up a web site in a month or two. I already started 2 groups on human health on LinkedIn.

Here's my request. Since it is a rather hard sell to get physicians and others to see what weather can do, I thought I might ask some people with a weather background if they have any family member who thinks weather plays a role in headache, arthritis, even COPD, etc. What I am looking for is a **several weeks to a month or two** of a **diary** just letting me know how they felt, headache, sluggish, pain from arthritis with the specific location and date. I will not keep any personal info. If I could get one person from each state, it would be really helpful.

In any case, I know this may not be possible, but I thought I'd bounce it off AWA members.

Any help, comments or questions to apeterlin@wxops.com would be sincerely appreciated!

All the best,
Albert Peterlin

AWA MEMBERSHIP

AWA is an all-volunteer, nonprofit association, alive and well since its beginning in 1987 (from discussions at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Air Weather Service). Lifetime membership is still only \$9.00 but may have to be increased due to increasing mailing and printing costs. This will be discussed at the reunion. Membership is open to civilian and military personnel who serve, or have served, in a USAF, ANG or USAFR weather unit including aerial reconnaissance or a weather training unit, regardless of AFSC/MOS, and to the surviving spouse. Membership is Lifetime. No annual dues. **Please help recruit new members!**

The membership applications can be copied from the AWA website at www.airweaassn.org or contact your volunteer board of directors at AirWeaAssn@aol.com or 434-296-2832 and we'll send you applications.

Please also help keep the AWA database current. If you have any changes to your name, last rank held, spouse's name, mailing address, telephone number or e-mail address, send changes to: steve_walden@msn.com or AWA, 1697 Capri Way, Charlottesville VA 22911-3534 or call Kevin Lavin at 434-296-2832. The AWA Board of Directors also needs help in finding lost members. The list is posted on the AWA website. If you know anyone on the list, please ask them to send in their current information or let us know about them.

Sad news unfortunately keeps increasing as many members depart much faster than new members join. The In Memoriam list shows many that were in WW II. Many alumni associations that started in WW II have also seen marked changes. The 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) has their latest news at: <http://6thweathermobile.org/>. The combined 15th and 20th Weather Squadron Alumni Association is closed and their treasurer, Walter Hahn, recently sent a \$1,000 check to AWA "In Honor of All Members of the 15th and 20th Weather Squadrons Association, both Past and Present" as part of their deactivation process.

Upcoming Anniversaries:

1 July 2020 -- 83rd Anniversary of Air Force Weather and 33rd Anniversary of Air Weather Association

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Currently, the members of the all-volunteer AWA Board of Directors are:

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All Board members work from their homes. The Chairman's home is considered the AWA main office for correspondence.

The AWA Board of Directors needs members to help in all tasks and to take over as some current members would like to retire. **Please consider volunteering to join the Board.** We'd appreciate hearing from you!