

Stanley C. Christmas Biography

Stanley graduated from North Texas State University in 1963 with a BA degree in political science. He joined the Air Force and received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1964. He served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer from 1967 to 1973. In 1969 to early 1970 he served at U-Tapao Airfield, Thailand with the B-52 bombers.

In 1970, Stanley decided to follow his true passion, meteorology. After spending three years attending night school at the University of Colorado to obtain the qualifying math and physics, he applied for retraining as a Weather Officer. He was accepted and the Air Force sent him to the University of Texas where he finished the required coursework in 1974. This included 6 hours of graduate level courses. He then transferred to Scott AFB, IL. At Scott AFB, he completed 3 more hours of masters coursework at St Louis University.

In 1976, the post-war Air Force was drawing down. He transferred to the Air Force Reserve as a Weather Officer. He was subsequently stationed at Carswell, AFB, Tx, Shepherd AFB, TX, Barksdale AFB, LA and lastly Hq, Air Weather Service, Scott AFB, IL. In 1988, he retired at Scott AFB with the rank of Lt Colonel.

Stanley decided he wanted to work for the National Weather Service. In February, 1976 he applied to the NWS and was accepted. Stanley was assigned to the Fort Worth WSFO in June, 1976, where he spent his entire 23-year NWS service going from intern to a Forecaster-In-Charge. Stanley retired from the NWS on January 1, 1999. He co-authored, with Kenneth Falk, a Southern Region Tech memo titled "An Intense Heat Checklist Based On The 1980 Heat Wave".

Stanley was instrumental in the resurrection of the AMS /NWS North Texas Chapter in 1982. He served at the first President of the new chapter and has been very active in the chapter since then. In 2006 he was elected Chapter Treasurer and has served in that position until now.