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Weather Officer

Females were first accepted into the ROTC program in 1972-73. At that time, I was a sophomore enrolled in Meteorology at Penn State University. I decided to enroll in the ROTC program thinking that I would have a guaranteed weather forecasting job when I graduated. I did not envision I would make a career in the Air Force as a Weather Officer; however, I did serve “all in” for 20 years.

I overcame years of sexism and prejudice against female authority. Despite this, I made Major and was finally awarded to a command position as the Commander to Maxwell’s Base Weather Station. Being a commander was challenging just as forecasting weather beyond your location. Back then weather models were crude and radar was vintage from the 1950s.

Overall, I had challenging assignments, free dental and health benefits, and lived in numerous locations including Seoul, ROK.



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