



AIRMAN SPOTLIGHT

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Q: How does your job support the 557th Weather Wing's mission?

Key words from the 557th mission statement are "anytime, everywhere, and around-the-clock." As a forecaster at the 28th, we accomplish our mission on the other side of the world. This requires us to be vigilant 24/7 to ensure the safety of our customer and the mission gets accomplished.

Q: What do you find most rewarding about your work?

Making a good forecast. No one would argue that it feels good to nail some outflow winds, but the most rewarding thing for me is saying "it isn't going to happen" and then it doesn't.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge in the military, and how did you overcome that challenge?

My biggest challenge has been connecting with peers who are significantly younger. As a 31 year old A1C, I'm simply at a different life stage than most of my peer group. However, they have taught me a lot and I think we can all learn a lot from the younger generation if we take the time to get to know them. Listening and not judging is the solution.

Q: What has been your most memorable experience in the military?

My most memorable experience was being selected for band flight at BMT and thinking for the first 2 days that I am no longer in Weather... I'm now in the Air Force Band.

Q: What is one piece of information or advice you would pass on to new Airmen joining the 557th Weather Wing's team?

Stay flexible. Sometimes it will feel like you're drinking from the fire hose, but the key is to roll with the punches and keep putting one foot in front of the other. Trouble occurs when we get bogged down, halt, and stop making decisions. Keep plugging away and you'll be fine.