



Darlene Parrow is shown here at the time of her promotion to Captain, in 1987. General Chapman and Darlene's father, Art Parrow, each attached a set of Captain's bars.

Darlene Parrow announces retirement

Darlene Parrow, daughter of Art and Enid Parrow of Vernonia, in a ceremony at Hanscom Air Force Base, retired from 20 years of service in the United States Air Force with the rank of captain.

Parrow enlisted in the U.S. Air Force following graduation from Oregon State College in Monmouth, where she majored in secondary/physical education. She received her basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and weather training at Chanute Air Force Base.

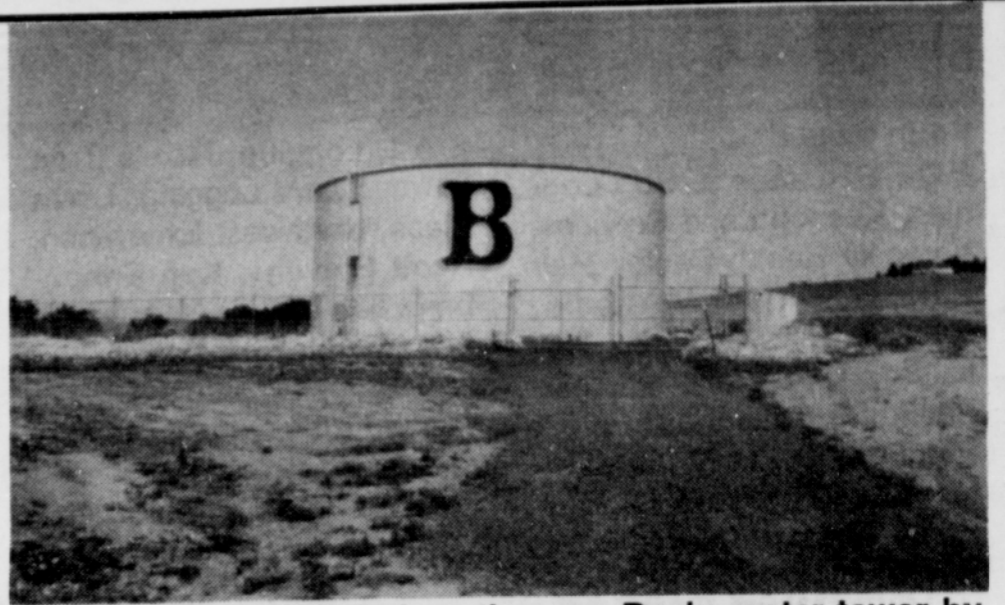
Weather observing and forecasting became her career throughout her years of service as a non-commissioned officer until 1983 when she was commissioned as a second lieutenant. In 1987

she achieved the rank of captain. Her retirement culminated a career that included tours of duty at Travis Air Force Base, California; Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea; Vandenberg Air Force Base, California; England Air Force Base, Louisiana; Scott Air Force Base, Illinois and Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts.

Parrow has received many commendations for her work in tactical weather observing systems, both as a non-commissioned officer and a commissioned officer and for her contribution as a distinguished coach in athletic programs, being inducted into the New Agenda Northeast, Women's Hall of Fame.

Captain Parrow's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Organizational Excellence with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Good Conduct Award, with two oak leaf clusters and the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star.

Parrow plans to resume her academic pursuits at the University of Massachusetts to obtain her masters degree in education, then to a second career in education and coaching.



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