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Richard J. Vogt is currently the Deputy Director of the Radar Operations Center, Norman, Okla., and is also the officer in charge at Headquarters Air Force Weather Agency (AFWA). He has held these positions since October 1993. The NEXRAD Radar Operations Center provides depot-level, life-cycle support to the national network of 166 WSR-88D NEXRAD radars, operated by the United States Air Force, Federal Aviation Administration, and NOAA National Weather Service.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Vogt entered active duty in October 1967, and was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Officer Training School. He then worked in munitions development with the Air Force Systems Command at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., including temporary duty in Southeast Asia.

In 1972, he was assigned to Offutt AFB, Neb. as a forecast production team chief at Air Force Global Weather Central and later joined the staff as a production management officer. He was assigned to the Republic of Korea in 1976, first supporting Army aviation at Camp Humphreys and then as scientific services officer for 30th Weather Squadron in Seoul. Returning to AFGWC in 1977, he served as a severe weather forecaster and operations officer in charge of establishing a new contingency support cell.

Vogt served as commander, Detachment 15, 9th Weather Squadron at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. from June 1980 to July 1983, supporting Strategic Air Command aircraft and missile operations. He was next assigned to Headquarters Air Weather Service at Scott AFB, Ill., where he served as chief, Central Support Division.

In December 1984, Vogt assumed command of the newly-reactivated 20th Weather Squadron at Yokota AFB, Japan, directing environmental services to Army and Air Force forces throughout the Western Pacific. In May 1988, he graduated from Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Vogt was then assigned to 4th Weather Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo. as chief, Operations Division, directing operations of worldwide solar observatories, space launch and on-orbit support, and activation of the new Space Forecast Center.

In July 1990, he was assigned to the 2nd Weather Wing, Kapaun AS, GE, as the vice commander. Vogt assumed command of the 2nd Weather Wing in July 1991, and on September 30, 1991, he presided over the wing's inactivation and assumed the duties as Director of Weather, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He assumed the position as Deputy Director of Weather, DCS/Plans and Operations, Headquarters United States Air Force in June 1992 and served in this position until his retirement from active duty in February 1993.

Vogt is a member of the American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Association. In November 2001, he received the Department of Air Force Special Act Award.

