FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WEATHER SUPPORT

- WHAT ARE THE WEATHER STATION'S HOURS OF OPERATION?: The Fort Campbell Weather station is open during standard weekdays (24/5) & closed on weekends as well as DONSA's (Day Of No Scheduled Activity) & Federal Holidays unless otherwise directed (See Paragraph 2).
- 2. HOW DO WE GET SUPPORT FOR WEEKENDS AND SCHEDULED EXERCISES?: An SAR (Special Assistance Request) will be filed with the respective CAB SWO <u>at least 1 week prior</u> to said events in order to designate personnel for the specified mission, or a flight request may be made through the 15 OWS.
- 3. WHAT ARE THE INSTANCES IN WHICH A DD175-1 IS LEGALLY REQUIRED FOR A FLIGHT?: <u>Per CAMREG 95-1 (Chapter 2-5), DD175-</u> <u>1's are provided for ALL instrument (IFR) & VFR cross-country flights</u> (outside of the Local Flying Area – see reference picture below). For standard VFR flights outside of Zone-1, only a verbal briefing is required (See Paragraph 4 for additional information). All weather briefings are documented by the respective weather forecaster(s) & are stored for up to 60 days. In the event that said documentation is requested for official purposes, please contact the Lead Meteorologist.



- 4. UNDER WHICH CIRCUMSTANCES CAN A DD175-1 BE FILED FOR A VFR FLIGHT?: Yearly certifications, pilot-in-command evaluations, goggle flights (use of night vision devices), weather briefs filed 24 or more hours in advance, & any planned operations cleared through the respective CAB SWO are exceptions that can & will be made.
- 5. WHAT IS THE DESIRED LEAD TIME FOR A DD175-1 & WHEN IS THE EARLIEST IT CAN BE PROVIDED?: <u>Per CAMREG 115-1 (Chapter 2-1 Section D)</u>, weather briefings require a MINIMUM of 60 minutes of lead time on standard fair weather days and may not be provided more than 90 minutes before the designated takeoff time. Do take into consideration that on days where there is significant weather occurring, briefings will take longer to complete. Ideally, the earlier a request is made, the more precedence it will take. Also, a brief submitted 60 minutes prior as opposed to 90 minutes will cover a mission 30 past the takeoff time in the event of maintenance issues or other unforeseen circumstances. Any changes made to the tail numbers, locations, or times will be submitted upon immediate notification in order to ensure that the requested brief is sent in a timely manner or that another brief may be prepared in the event that a mission has been cancelled & will be re-filed.

6. WHERE ARE LOCALLY-GENERATED WEATHER PRODUCTS

FOUND?: Flimsies for all flight zones as well as solar/lunar data can be located on the Fort Campbell Portal <u>(Garrison \rightarrow Directorates \rightarrow Weather)</u> If unable to view these products, please contact the respective S3 office or fellow personnel with access to the Portal as we cannot disseminate the products outside of our designated distribution list without prior approval.

7. <u>IN THE EVENT OF MISSION-LIMITING WEATHER, WHAT ARE THE</u> <u>PROPER CHANNELS OF OBTAINING WEATHER UPDATES?</u> Contact flight operations, air traffic control, or the emergency operations center first before contacting the weather station as said personnel will receive watches/warnings through IWWC & will be able to transmit them to all necessary agencies. Also be sure to monitor weather products as they are subject to change during these events & frequent attempts to solicit information from the weather flight will only delay garrison-wide dissemination of critical information to all supported units & individuals.