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ANNOUNCEMENT: 1. Announcement is made of the retirement of Captain Norman L. Rheaume, AO 1642493, 379th Operations Squadron, Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan, effective 31 May 1960, after 20 years of active federal military service.

- 2. Captain Rheaume was born 9 November 1917 at Worcester, Massachusetts. He attended Classical High School, Worcester, until November 1933. He enlisted in the United States Army 27 January 1940, and attained the rank of Technical Sergeant, serving in the communications field. He applied for Officer's Candidate School, was accepted and entered the school in October 1942 and graduated as a Second Lieutenant on 19 January 1943. Upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Captain Rheaume was assigned to Camp Pinedale, California, with duty as Message Center Officer. He was shipped overseas in November 1943, to the European Theater where he participated in the Normandy invasion, served in Belgium, France and Germany. He returned to the United States in October 1945 and was separated 23 December 1945. On 5 January 1946, he enlisted again and attained the rank of Master Sergeant while serving on recruiting duty. On February 1951, he was recalled to active duty as a First Lieutenant with duty as a communications officer. On 3 February 1953 he was assigned overseas and served in the Far Eastern Theater until August 1953, duty as communications officer. Captain Rheaume returned to the United States on 20 January 1956 and attended a course of instruction with the New Jersey Telephone Company until May 1957, when he was assigned to Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan, until his retirement.
- 3. Captain Rheaume was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, European Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Occupation Medal, Korean Service Medal with 2 stars, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Armed Forces Longevity Service Award.

4. The entire service of Captain Norman L. Rheaume, has been commendable both as an officer and enlisted man, and has contributed greatly to the mission of the United States Air Force.

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