

626 AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

626 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
Activated 17 Nov 1950

STATIONS

McChord AFB, WA, 22 Jun 1948-1 May 1949
Shemya AFB, AK, 15 Aug 1946-26 Mar 1948
Elmendorf AFB, AK, 17 Nov 1950-8 Dec 1952

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The radar sites were operated and maintained by aircraft control and warning squadrons. The 626th (Fire Island) was activated 17 November 1950. It was followed by the activation of the following squadrons on 8 December 1952: 705th (King Salmon), 708th (Indian Mountain), 710th (Tin City), 711th (Cape Lisburne), 712th (Northeast Cape), 717th (Tatalina), 719th (Spar-revohn), 794th (Cape Newenham), and 795th (Cape Romanzof). The 743rd (Campion) and 744th (Murphy Dome) were activated 1 February 1953. They replaced two National Guard units—the 142nd and 143rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadrons.

Other aircraft control and warning squadrons were activated to maintain and operate the radar sites that came on line after the initial 12. The 720th (Middleton Island) was activated 8 September 1955, the 748th (Kotzebue) and 709th (Fort Yukon) on 8 January 1957, the 713th (Bethel) and 793rd (Ohlson Mountain) on 8 February, and the 718th (Unalakleet) in April 1957.

626 Fire Island AFS, AK

CPS-6B, FPS-8, CPS-4, FPS-20A, FPS-6B (FPS-7 planned)

Sep-51 late 1969

USAF site shared with Army for Nike missile-defense system (Anchorage Defense Area). Transferred to the FAA after site closure. FAA terminated use when new radar site at Kenai became operational in 1980.

626th Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron

29 April, 1947 – 1 May, 1949

Located: Ladd Field, Alaska

Mission: 20 May 1947, to establish, maintain and conduct basic radar school at Ladd Field. Also to operate a detachment at Fort Richardson, Alaska

Notes: Began 24 hour operations on 26 March 1948 until 28 April 1948

Assigned: 8 March 1948, attached to the 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, McChord, Air Force Base, Washington.

Note: Instructions concerning Squadron from Group Mission, March 1949:

The 626th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 531st Aircraft Control and Warning Group, currently attached to the 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group, will establish a modified Control Center in building #207 on McChord AFB, Washington for receiving and plotting information received from the Air Defense Control Center at Silver Lake and radar training sites at McChord AFB, Washington. Establish and operate the following at McChord AFB, Washington:

(1) AN/CPS-1 in the vicinity of building #513,

(a) Establish and operate a modified Air Defense Direction Center therein.

(2) AN/CPS-5 in the vicinity of building #545.

(3) AN/CPS-5 in the 100 area.

Reorganized: June 1948, as a Squadron of the 531st Aircraft Control and Warning Group, McChord Air Force Base, Washington.

Deactivated: 26 April 1949, started and finished on 1 May 1949, some personnel transferred to 505th Aircraft Control and Warning Group

Commanders:

1948, Major Donald E. Good

1948, Major John Kerech

Equipment:

1949, AN/CPS-1 Serial No. 7

Detachment

Location: Fort Richardson, Alaska

ALASKA. United States Air Force. Radar Sites. The All Alaska Radar Sites Yahoo Group is hosted by 714th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Cold Bay Alaska; host internet reunion site for all USAF Radar Sites in Alaska. Did you serve at these RADAR SITES: 713th Bethel, 743rd Campion, 711th Cape Lisburne, POW-1 Cape Lonley, 794th Cape Newenham, 795th Cape Romanzof, Liz-A Cape Sabine, 714th Det 3 Cape Sarichef, Clear, 714th Cold Bay, DEW Line, 714th Det 2 Driftwood Bay, Eareckson AFS - Shemya, Elmendorf AFB Air Defense Operations Center, 626th Fire Island, 709th Fort Yukon, Galena, Liz-B Icy Cape, 708th Indian Mountain, 705th King Salmon, 748th Kotzebue, Ladd AFB, 720th Middleton Island, 744th Murphy Dome, 714th Det 1 Nikolski, Nome AFB, 712th Northeast Cape, 937th Ohlson Mountain, Oliktok - POW2, POW-Main Point Barrow, LIZ-2 Point Lay, 714th Det 5 Port Heiden, 714th Det 4 Port Moller, 719th Sparrevohn, 717th Tatalina-Takotna, Thornborough AFB, 710th Tin City, 715th Umiat, or 718th Unalakleet?

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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