

744 AIR DEFENSE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

744 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron activated, 1 Feb 1953
Redesignated 744 Air Defense Squadron

STATIONS

Murphy Dome, AK

ASSIGNMENTS

531 Aircraft Control and Warning Group
11 Tactical Control Wing, 1989

MISSION EQUIPMENT

Early Equipment: CPS-6B, FPS-8, FPS-20, FPS-6
Final Equipment: FPS-93A; FPS-117

COMMANDERS

Maj Newton, 1956
LTC Ord Fink
Cpt Dominic Delise, 1957

LTC Julius D. Shiver, 1960
LTC Chiles, 1961
LTC Kidd, 1962
Col Underwood, 1963
LTC Willie Weed,
LTC Ruick, 1964
Col Samuel Tidwell, 1966
Col Billy Clemons, 1967
LTC Schanberger, 1968
Col King
Col John P. Looney, 1970
Col Kaphammer, 1973
Mahaffee
Col Holland, 1976
Col Arthur Stamps, 1977
LTC Kelenhofer, 1978
LTC LTC Green, 1979
LTC Owens, 1980

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
13Aug 1967-21 Aug 1967
1 Jan 1976-31 Dec 1976
1 Jan 1978-31 Dec 1978
1 Jul 1982-8 Nov1983
1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996
1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2001

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OPERATIONS

The mission of the 744 ACWS was to support, administer and train assigned personnel to perform air defense missions, support tactical missions as directed by HQ AAC, and operate and maintain the Murphy Dome Air Force Station.

Provides mission ready personnel to operate and maintain the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region Air Operations Center. Integrates fixed and airborne radar into the NORAD Global Command and Control System. Conducts 24-hour Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region and Eleventh Air Force air sovereignty and theater air control operations.

744th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron was activated at Murphy Dome, 1 Feb 1953 with an authorized strength of 249 personnel.

In the early 1980s, construction began on a new North American Aerospace Defense Command Region Operations Control Center at Elmendorf AFB, which would be responsible for managing all air defense operations in Alaska, making all manned remote radar sites redundant. The 744 ACWS was selected to man the Region Operations Control Center, which achieved full operational status on 15 September 1983.

744 Murphy Dome AFS, AK CPS-6B, FPS-8, FPS-20, FPS-6 (FPS-7 planned, not installed)
FPS-93A; FPS-117 Sep-51 USAF site shared with Army for Nike missile-
defense system (Fairbanks Defense Area). CPS-6B removed July 1958, FPS-8 removed 4Q 1960.
The AN/FPS-117 radar was installed in the summer of 1992. Now considered a Long Range
Radar Site (LRRS).

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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