

## 777 RADAR SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

777 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron  
Redesignated 777 Radar Squadron

### STATIONS

Klamath, CA

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

Maj George K. Frankovich, #1954  
Maj K. L. Lawrence, #1963

### HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

### EMBLEM



**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

**CALIFORNIA**

LP-33/P-33/Z-33/J-83 – Klamath/Crescent City

Beginning in April 1952, the 777th AC&W Squadron began operating AN/FPS-3 and AN/FPS-4 radars at this northern California coastal site. In 1956 the Air Force added an AN/GPS-3 to the facility. By 1958 an AN/FPS-20 and AN/FPS-6 had replaced the initial pair of radars. During the following year, an AN/FPS-GA height-finder radar replaced the AN/GPS-3. During 1960 the 777th became a SAGE radar squadron. This meant the radar data was now being fed to a Region Command and Control Center. By the end of 1961, the AN/FPS-20A had been upgraded and redesignated as an AN/FPS-66. By 1966 there was an AN/FPS-27 long-range, height-finder radar in operation there. The site came under TAC jurisdiction beginning in 1979. In the 1980s much property was turned over to the National Park Service. The operations area became a FAA/USAF joint-use facility. In 1995, the FAA operated an AN/FPS-66A search set.

777th Radar Sq (SAGE): assigned 1 Jan 51 at Klamath AFS, CA, assigned t.o 542nd AC&W Gp; transferred to 28th AD 6 Feb 52; transferred to 25th AD 1 Mar 59; transferred to Portland ADS 1 Mar 60; redesignated from AC,F4W Sq to 777th Radar Sq (SAGE) 15 Jul 60; transferred to 26th AD 1 Apr 66; reassigned to 25th AD 15 Sep 69.

777 Klamath AFS (Crescent City), CA      FPS-3; FPS-4; GPS-3; FPS-66; FPS-6; FPS-6A / FPS-90; FPS-26A      FPS-27; FPS-90; FPS-26A. FPS-64A; FPS-116 (JSS).      Apr-52 mid      1990's  
 Transferred to FAA on 1 Oct 1979; renamed "Crescent City." Site replaced by FAA/USAF JSS site at Rainbow Ridge, CA, with ARSR-4 (site J-83A). The 777th Radar Squadron was reactivated at the OTH-B (West) radar facilities.

In 1951, this site was first established as a Lashup-Permanent site, LP-33, operating an AN/TPS-1B radar. The site then became a part of the Permanent radar network. Beginning in April 1952, the 777th AC&W Squadron began operating AN/FPS-3 and AN/FPS-4 radars at this northern California coastal site. In 1956 the Air Force added an AN/GPS-3 to the facility. By 1958 an AN/FPS-20 and AN/FPS-6 had replaced the initial pair of radars. During the following year, an AN/FPS-6A height-finder radar was added, later modified to an AN/FPS-90. The AN/GPS-3 was removed. During 1960 the 777th became a SAGE radar squadron. By the end of 1961, the AN/FPS-20A had been upgraded and redesignated as an AN/FPS-66. An AN/FPS-26 height-finder radar was added in the 1963/1964 time frame. By 1966 there was an AN/FPS-27 long-range search radar in operation there, and the AN/FPS-66 was subsequently retired. The site came under TAC jurisdiction beginning in 1979. In the 1980s much property was turned over to the National Park Service. The operations area became a FAA/USAF joint-use facility. In 1995, the FAA operated an AN/FPS-66A search set in the old AN/FPS-27 tower. The Klamath

Crescent City radar site has since been 'replaced' by the FAA/USAF JSS site at Rainbow Ridge, CA (J-83A), operating an ARSR-4.

The site has 4 bachelor officer quarters. Three airmen dormitories at the station were recently renovated. Each dorm houses 19 people in single rooms. The NCO dorm houses 6 people. All of the dorms have washers and dryers and the officer and NCO quarters have kitchen facilities.

The site has a small well stocked commissary and the base exchange has been rated the best one of its size in the command. The chefs have a combined total of more than 125 years experience and serve their cuisine in an attractive dining hall.

Two medical technicians handle minor problems at the sites medical aid station. A civil service physician in Crescent City treats serious cases or refers the patient to Beale or Travis AFB, California.

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