

782 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

782 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
Redesignated 782 Radar Squadron (SAGE)

STATIONS

Rockville AFS, IN

ASSIGNMENTS

58th Air Division

COMMANDERS

Maj George E Beck, #1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Situated among the rolling hills of central Indiana, is the 782d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, and because of its proximity to the nearby community, the site has been named Rockville Air Force Station.

The great pride the men have in their site is reflected in the constant furtherment of beautification. The milder seasons find the Station well landscaped in shrubs and decorated with blooming flowers.

The mission of the 782d, like the other such squadrons in the Division, is a constant vigil against enemy attack combined with constant training missions in conjunction with other military facilities.

The keyword at the squadron is "dedication"— dedication to the nation, and its defense — through the Air Force.

782	Rockville AFS, IN	FPS-10 (2); CPS-6B; FPS-7B; FPS-6 (2)	FPS-7B; FPS-6 (2)	May-
52	25-Jun-66	Rockville GATR site R-23 (R-28?) retained for several years after LRR closure. Former family-housing units were demolished in the 2006 time frame.		

The 782nd AC&W Squadron began operating a pair of AN/FPS-10 radars at this site in May 1952. In the mid / late 1950's, an AN/CPS-6B search radar was in use, according to one veteran. SAGE operations began in 1959. By 1960 the original radars had been phased out and replaced by two AN/FPS-6 height-finder radars and an AN/FPS-7B search radar. Rockville AFS was deactivated on 2 June 1966.

Findings of Fact, Site Location, and Information on Rockville AFS, based on information provided by US Army Corps of Engineers Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) document G05IN0076 of June 1998

Site Location

1-1/2 miles northwest of Rockville, Park County, IN

The former Rockville Air Force Station, also known as Rockville Training Center, consisted of approximately 75.46 acres obtained by direct purchase and Declaration of Taking in 1956. It was declared excess to GSA on October 1966 and conveyed to HEW, which transferred it via quitclaim deed in 1967 to the State of Indiana, Department of Corrections, which uses the site for incarceration of female offenders. There has been extensive site renovation, with the old family housing area still present at the time of the 1998 report.

782nd Radar Sq (SAGE): activated 16 Apr 51 at Rockville AFS, IN, assigned to 541st AC&W Gp; transferred to 30th AD 6 Feb 52; transferred to 4706th Def Wg 16 Feb 53; transferred to 58th AD 1 Mar 56; transferred to 37th AD 1 Sep 58; transferred to 30th AD 1 Apr 59; transferred to Chicago ADS 1 Jun 59; redesignated from ACFW Sq to 782nd Radar Sq (SAGE) 1 Nov 59; transferred to 20th AD 1 Apr 66; discontinued 25 Jun 66.

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