

823 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

823 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
Redesignated 823 Radar Squadron (SAGE)

STATIONS

Geiger Field, Spokane, WA
Mica Peak AFS, Washington

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC R. A. Hume, #1963

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

823rd Radar Sq (SAGE): activated 8 Apr 55 at Geiger Field, WA, assigned to 9th AD; moved to Mica Peak AFS, WA in summer of 56; transferred to 25th AD 15 Aug 58; transferred to 4700 AD Wg 1 Sep 58; site redesignated Geiger Field, WA in early 1959; redesignated Spokane IAP, WA in Aug 60; transferred to Spokane ADS 15 Mar 60; redesignated from AC&W Sq to 823rd Radar Sq (SAGE) 1 Sep 60; transferred to Seattle ADS 1 Jun 63; transferred to 25th AD 1 Apr 66; inactivated 1 Jul 75.

WASHINGTON- Mica Peak

Manned by the 823rd AC&W Squadron, this radar became operational in 1958 with AN/FPS-20 search and AN/MPS-14 radars. In 1959 the station received an AN/FPS-6A height-finder radar and began performing air traffic control duties for the FAA. In 1962 the search radar was upgraded and redesignated as an ANIFPS-67. A year later, the AN/FPS-6 was upgraded into an AN/FPS-90 search set. The 823rd was inactivated in July 1975. The FAA assumed control of the station in 1979 and the Air Force maintained the height-finder tower until 1988. As of 1995 the FAA operated an AN/FPS-67B set at this site.

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