

## BOSTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR



### **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

4622 Air Defense Wing (SAGE), 1 Jun 1956

Redesignated Boston Air Defense Sector, 8 Jan 1957

Discontinued, 8 Jan 1957

### **STATIONS**

Stewart AFB, NY

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Eastern Air Defense Force

26 Air Division, 18 Oct 1956

### **COMMANDERS**

Col Gladwyn E. Pinkston, #1956

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM



## MOTTO

### OPERATIONS

In 1956 preparation for the introduction of the SAGE system began at Stewart AFB. The 4622d Air Defense Wing (SAGE) was activated on 1 June 1956 and construction was begun on the blockhouse (DC-02) and the installation and testing of the SAGE electronic and data processing equipment which, when made operational made the manual air defense system of the EADF obsolete. DC-02 and Combat Center (CC-04) became operational on 8 January 1957 and the 4622d ADW was redesignated as the Boston Air Defense Sector

SAGE was expensive to operate and on 4 September 1963 the BADS merged with the Syracuse Air Defense Sector (SADS) at Syracuse AFS, New York and the SAGE DC-03/CC-01 located there. The BADS was initially under the 26th Air Division also at Syracuse AFS, but the 26th AD was moved to Stewart after the two Defense Sectors were merged on 15 June 1964.

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