

660 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

660 Aircraft Warning and Control Squadron
Redesignated 660 Radar Squadron (SAGE)
Inactivated

STATIONS

Dobbins AFB, GA, 18 Jun 1953-24 Apr 1954
MacDill AFB, FL, 26 Apr 1954-21 Dec 1980

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Maj J. E. Ciccolella
Maj C.F. Baker, #1965

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

This site became the first operational mobile radar under the first phase of the program. Activated by the 660th AC&W Squadron on December 6, 1954, this site initially used an AN/MPS-7 radar. By 1958 this site also had AN/GPS-3 and AN/MPS-14 radars. During the following year the AN/GPS-3 and AN/MPS-7 sets were replaced by AN/FPS-20A search and AN/FPS-6B height-finder sets. In 1960 MacDill became a SAGE system contributor. In 1961 an AN/FPS-7B assumed search duties, and an additional height-finder radar was added in the form of an AN/FPS-26. In 1963 an AN/FPS-90 height-finder radar replaced the AN/FPS-6B. In 1966 the AN/FPS-26 was modified into an AN/FSS-7 SLBM D&W radar, part of the 14th MWS. Around 1966 this became an FAA/ADC joint-use site, and the search radar was modified to an AN/FPS-7E model. In 1979 this site came under TAC jurisdiction, and was deactivated 15 Nov 1980. The FSS-7 remained in use for about a year after the host 660th Radar Squadron deactivated, reassigned as Det 1, 20 MWS. The GATR site was retained until the JSS switch-over (circa 1984), with the radios being maintained by the 1928th Comm. Squadron (AFCC).

660th Radar Sq (SAGE): assigned 1 Jan 51 at Selfridge AFB, MI, assigned to 541st ACFW Gp; inactivated 6 Feb 52; assigned to 35th AD and stationed at Dobbins AFB, GA when reactivated 18 Jun 53; moved to MacDill AFB, FL by 1 Aug 54; transferred to 32nd AD 15 Nov 58; transferred to Montgomery ADS 1 Nov 59; redesignated from AC&W Sq to 660th Radar Sq (SAGE) 1 Mar 61; reassigned 32nd AD 1 Apr 66; reassigned 33rd AD 14 Nov 69; reassigned to 20th AD 19 Nov 69; redesignated 660 Radar Sq 1 Feb 74.

The 660th ACWS was activated on 18 Jun 1953 at Dobbins AFB, GA assigned to the 32 AD. The squadron moved to MacDill a year later. The Squadron was redesignated a radar squadron on 14 Feb 1969. In Dec 1969 the squadron was assigned to the 20 AD.

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