

719 AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

719 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
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STATIONS

Sparrevohn AFS, AK

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

CPS-5; CPS-4; FPS-3, FPS-20A; FPS-6
FPS-93A; FPS-90; FPS-117

The AN/FPS-117 radar was installed in the summer of 1984. Now considered a Long Range Radar Site (LRRS).

710th AC&W Sq., Sparrevohn. Like many other AAC sites, Sparrevohn AFS is split into two sections, with the radar towers and the men who operate them on top of the highest available peak, and the support section at the foot of the mountain. The two camps are connected by a 2 1/2-mile road, but 719th AC&W Sq. personnel say even the mountain goats hesitate before using it. The main connection between the two camps is "Kitty," a mechanical tram that swings travelers from one camp to the other in enclosed cars. Sparrevohn, about 200 miles west of Anchorage, has highly variable weather. Generally, spring means fog and rain, summers are warm and clear, and winter brings plenty of snow and wind. A fish camp is maintained where arctic grayling are plentiful. Weather permitting, mail comes in from Elmendorf twice a week; bad weather may sometimes keep planes from landing at the site for as long as 10 or 12 days.

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