

## 785 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

785 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron  
Redesignated 785 Radar Squadron (SAGE)

### STATIONS

Finley, ND

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

### EMBLEM



## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The 785th AC&W Squadron began operating an AN/FPS-3 and AN/FPS-5 from this site in April 1952. In 1957 an AN/FPS-6 replaced the AN/FPS-4 height-finder radar and an AN/FPS-8 saw brief service. At the end of 1958 this site was operating an AN/FPS-20 radar. A second height-finder was added during 1959. At the end of 1959, Finley became a SAGE system input provider. In 1962 this station went operational with an AN/FPS-35 search radar. During 1963 this set was complemented by AN/FPS-6 and AN/FPS-90 height-finder radars. The site was transferred to the TAC in October 1979.

785th Radar Sq (SAGE): activated 10 Apr 51 at Finley AFS, ND, assigned to 543rd ACW Gp; transferred to 31st AD 6 Feb 52; transferred to 29th AD 16 Feb 53; transferred to 31st AD 1 Mar 56; transferred to 29th AD 1 Jan 59; transferred to Grand Forks ADS ca. Apr 59; redesignated from ACW Sq to 785th Radar Sq (SAGE) 15 Jan 60; transferred to Duluth ADS 4 Sep 63; transferred to 29th AD 1 Apr 66; reassigned to 28th AD 15 Sep

785th REUNION - A BIG SUCCESS! JUNE 15, 16, AND 17th were busy days here in Finley! Approximately 175, 785ers returned for the reunion. It was great fun! Day one began with registration and the flag raising ceremony followed by a social at the American Legion! Attendees returned from all eras of the base. Much back slapping and hugging was seen! Great stories were told of good and not so good times at the base.

Day two was the wonderful parade which took on a patriotic theme in honor of our returning guests from the 785th. The Meet & Greet brought friends out from the community to become reacquainted with those they knew but hadn't been in touch with in years! Disappointment in the condition of the base was seen in the faces of those who toured the site. Spirits improved with the banquet that evening. The Legion was nearly filled to the brim! Great music, speakers and food!

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