

848th AIR DEFENSE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

848th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron activated, 25 Aug 1951
Redesignated 848th Air Defense Squadron, 22 Nov

STATIONS

Misawa, Japan
Clark AB, Philippines, 18 Oct 1958-20 Dec 1962
Wallace AS, Philippines, 20 Dec 1962

ASSIGNMENTS

MISSION EQUIPMENT

Early Equip: GPS-4; FPS-20; FPS-6 (2)
Final Equip: FPS-20; FPS-6

COMMANDERS

Maj Lloy C. Willis, 1951
LTC Hatcher, 1954
Cpt Orien W. Gross

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

CALL SIGN

Kidskin; Musketeer; Corncrib; Live Oak

OPERATIONS

848th AC&W Squadrons tasked with the air defense of Hokkaido, the northernmost Japanese home island, and the training of the Japanese Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) to take over the operation and maintenance of the radar sites.

Tasked with both training the JASDF staff to take over the operation of the site and running a 24/7 air defense operation. To accomplish this we gave the JASDF staff OJT training while using them as the crews to operate the site. There were instances where senior JASDF NCOs were subordinate to lower ranking USAF Crew Chiefs but this was the only way to get both tasks, active air defense and training, accomplished.

USAF personnel were responsible for the training of JASDF in their specialties such as Radar Maintenance, Radio Operations and Maintenance and Security. The housekeeping functions such as Supply and Food Service were separate. About the only thing we did not share with the Japanese was Crypto Operations and some classified reports that we generated on a monthly basis.

Detachment (Site) 16

Note: 25 August 1951, became part of 848th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron

Detachment (Site) 18

Equipment: 1951, AN/TPS-1B; 1951, SCR-270

Detachment (Site) 29

Okushiri Shima, Japan

Equipment: SCR-270 (February 1952)

Detachment 30

(Misawa, Rumoi ?), Japan

Equipment: TPS-1B

Site closed: January 1955

Detachment (Site) 32

Detachment (Site) 36:

Activated: 17 June 1951, Arimo-Saki, Hokkaido, Japan southeastern tip of Hokkaido

Equipment: SCR 270DA, February of 1952,

Equipment: TPS-10



Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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