

867 AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

867 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron

Activated, 8 Jun 1955

Inactivated

STATIONS

Dobbins AFB, GA

Flintstone AFS, GA, 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

35 Air Division

58 Air Division, 1 Mar 1956

35 Air Division, 1 Sep 1958

32 Air Division, 15 Nov 1958

COMMANDERS

Maj Charles A Krupski, #1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The 867th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron is located on scenic Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, in the midst of the famous Tennessee resort area.

More than two hundred officers and men are assigned at the 867th in support of the primary mission —the detection and prevention of enemy airborne penetration.

The many assorted recreational facilities of the locale are of great advantage to the personnel of the site and fishing and boating are foremost in activity. The pleasant climate affords almost year-round opportunity for outdoor recreation. A well-planned station provides many of the facilities of a larger base including clubs and services.

867 Flintstone AFS, GA MPS-11; TPS-10D; FPS-6; FPS-8 1956 01-Jun-61
Near Chattanooga, TN, atop Lookout Mountain, on Georgia side.

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History of Flintstone AFS, GA

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Astride the half-mile high west ridge of Lookout Mountain, a long plateau extending southwest from Chattanooga, Tenn. to Gadsden, Ala. stands the 867th ACW Squadron. The site overlooks a sweeping view of scenic Lookout Mountain, of the Chattanooga and Lookout Valleys, historic Chickamauga battlefield, Sand Mountain, the East Tennessee hill chain and the main range of the Great Smokey Mountains.

The station is named for the village of Flintstone, Ga., nearby at the foot of the mountain but not connected by any direct road or communication. The squadron is geographically in Georgia but postally in the town of Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Chattanooga, five miles away in the Tennessee Valley, provides all commercial contacts and is a center of education and recreation facilities.

The 867th presently under the command of Maj. Charles H. Carter, began its fourth fiscal year in July. The squadron came into existence at Dobbins AFB November 7, 1955 as a "paper unit" assigned to the 35th Air Division (Defense), which supplied personnel for the initial manning.

First Lieutenant Don Jones was its first commander, serving until January 1956 when Maj. Charles A. Krupski assumed the position. In March of that year Maj. Krupski supervised the move to the present Flintstone location where the actual buildup of personnel began. With the move the squadron was transferred to the 58th Air Division (Defense) with headquarters at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

The unit was originally assigned the mission of maintaining air surveillance and aircraft control, flight follows, and giving navigational assistance to aircraft. It conducted active air defense operations as an Air Defense Command squadron within a specific area, operating as a Direction Center under the Control Center at division headquarters.

Since Maj. Carter took command October 11, 1957 the squadron has met a series of higher-level changes in assignment and mission. First, the inactivation of the 355th in January 1958 entailed a decline in available aircraft control experience, which squadron training has overcome. This event also led to a change in support base from McGhee-Tyson to Dobbins AFB.

The squadron was reassigned in September 1958 from the 58th to the 35th Air Division (Defense), the present 32D Air Division (SAGE). At this time the squadron was also placed within the new Master Direction Center concept, under the Fort Knox MDC, and later under the Aiken MDC.

Finally, last April the mission was altered to allow exclusively for air surveillance. This caused a drop in personnel, even while the squadron was progressing in other fields.

For example, a new arctic tower has been installed and placed in operation. A multipurpose recreation building, a permanent NCO dormitory and a patio for the NCO Club have also been constructed. The squadron dining hall has been redecorated. Twenty-seven family dwellings are currently being constructed nearby on the mountaintop which will probably be ready for occupancy in October. Much progress is still afoot at the Flintstone Air Force Station as the 867th ACW Squadron looks forward to its future in the SAGE defense system.

867th AC&W Squadron: activated 8 Jun 55 at Dobbins AFB, GA, as the 35th Air Division; moved to Flintstone AFS, GA in fall of 55; transferred to 58th Air Division on 1 Mar 56; transferred to 35th Air Division 1 Sep 58; transferred to 32nd Air Division on 15 Nov 58.

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