

4712 AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

4712 Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron
Activated, 1 Mar 1954
Inactivated, 8 Mar 1955

STATIONS

Otis AFB, MA
McClellan AFB, CA, 25 May 1954-8 Mar 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

EC-121

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The Sacramento Air Materiel Area received responsibility for yet another aircraft in 1953, one for which McClellan employees developed a remarkable fondness—the RC-121 Constellation, affectionately known as the "Connie". The USAF announced on September 20, 1953, the activation of the 4701st Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEWC) Squadron at McClellan AFB. Already in June 1953, the base awarded a contract for the construction of nose docks and shop buildings for this new Air Defense Command unit. Officers and men began arriving in October and on December 21, 1953, a solitary C-121 emerged from the grey winter sky and touched down at McClellan.

On May 25, the Air Defense Command transferred the 4712th AEWC Squadron to McClellan.

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