

# 176 AIR CONTROL SQUADRON



## MISSION

## LINEAGE

176 Air Control Squadron

## STATIONS

*Kulis ANGB, Anchorage, AK*

Elmendorf AFB, AK

## ASSIGNMENTS

## MISSION EQUIPMENT

AN/FYQ-93

AN/FYQ-156 Battle Control System-Fixed (BCS-F)

## COMMANDERS

LTC Samuel S. Walker, Jr.

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

13 Aug 1967 - 21 Aug 1967

1 Jan 1976 - 31 Dec 1976  
1 Jan 1978 - 31 Dec 1978  
1 Jul 1982 - 8 Nov 1983,  
1 Jul 1994 - 30 Jun 1996  
1 Oct 1999 - 30 Sep 2001

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

Eyes of the North

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

In 2001, the 611 ACS began a four-year transition to the Alaska Air National Guard. On 1 Oct 2004, the 611 ACS was officially inactivated and the 176 ACS was ceremonially recognized.

The facility, called a Region Air Operations Center is part of the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region. The guard members who staff it work closely with active-duty members of the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force and a Canadian Forces Air Command detachment to detect and intercept any intrusion into U.S. or Canadian airspace.

Approximately 150 Alaska Air National Guardsmen assigned to the 176<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron performed a daily air sovereignty mission in support of the Alaskan Regional Air Operations Center on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Created to defend against potential bomber attacks from now-former Cold War foes, the Air Control Squadron, today, keeps tabs not only on continued probing by the Russians, it also identifies and directs response to incursions of other unknown aircraft into Alaska airspace. In 2011, the Air Control Squadron was credited with 13 intercepts and 24 aircraft operations.

The 176<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron maintains the highest NORAD mission readiness status and is continually recognized for its outstanding performance. In February 2011, the 176<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron received a rating of "Mission Ready," the highest rating available. Also noteworthy in 2011, the 176 ACS participated in an exercise called Vigilant Eagle. Two of its members were deployed to Russia for this unique Joint-NORAD exercise.

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