

704 AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

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Activated, Mar 1955

Inactivated, Nov 1957

STATIONS

Willow Run AFS, MI

Carmi, IL, 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

4706 Air Defense Wing

58 Air Division, 1 Mar 1956

COMMANDERS

Cpt Walter M Bagot, #1957

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Carmi Air Force Station, the home of the 704th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron is located in Southern Illinois, 3 miles from Carmi, Illinois, a city of 6,000 population. The station is located in the Tri State Area, 40 miles West of Evansville, Indiana, 120 miles East of St. Louis, Missouri, and 300 miles South of Chicago, Illinois. Transportation by rail and bus to all points is available from Carmi.

704th ACFW Squadron: activated Mar 55 at Willow Run AFS, MI, as the 4706th Air Defense Wing; moved to Carmi, IL in summer of 55; transferred to 58th Air Division on 1 Mar 56; inactivated ca. Nov 57.

704 Carmi AFS, IL TPS-1D 1956 1957 Was a "slave site" ("manned gap-filler") to the 784th AC&W Squadron at Fort Knox (Snow Mtn. AFS), KY. Closed due to budgetary cuts. Scheduled to become an unmanned gap-filler radar site P-70A, but did not.

Site Location App 2 miles east of Carmi, White County, IL, southwest of the intersection of McHenry Road and County road. Prior to 1955, the site was used as farmland. The 12.5-acre site was conveyed to the United States by Warranty Deed, dated 19 March 1955, and to be under the control of the U. S. Air Force. The Air Force used the site for a manned aircraft warning station. The Air Force built 19 structures on the site. Fourteen of the original buildings remain on the site and are in good condition. The four buildings or structures removed are: gate house, hard stand, Mo-Gas storage and pump, radar tower.

On 5 September 1958, the Air Force declared the 12.5-acre site excess and transferred it, along with all buildings and personal property located on the site at the time of transfer.

GSA conveyed the site to Wayne Industries, Inc. by Quitclaim Deed dated 1 December 1958, which included all buildings and personal property located on the site. GSA took back a Purchase Money Mortgage from the Grantee effective 10 October 1958. A perpetual easement for ingress and egress to maintain and operate power lines and other utility services was maintained by the Government. In March of 1959 Wayne Industries, Inc. was declared in default on the mortgage note and subsequently foreclosure proceeding followed.

On 22 January 1960, GSA transferred the site, by Assignment of Purchase Money Order, to Carmi Industrial Sites Corporation, then known as Carmi Industrial Association.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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