

## 743 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

743 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron  
Activated, 1 Feb 1953  
Redesignated 743 Radar Squadron (SAGE)

### STATIONS

Campion AFS, AK

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

### EMBLEM



#### **MOTTO**

NOLI ME TANG ERE--do not tread on me

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

743 Campion AFS, AK TPS-1D; FPS-3S, FPS-6, FPS-20, FPS-6B

FPS-93A, FPS-90 Apr-52 1985 TPS-1D removed Dec. 1958. Now closed. Was replaced by new site at Galena Airport; however, the Galena long-range radar site likewise is now closed.

The outbreak of hostilities in Korea prompted the immediate requirements for a forward fighter-interceptor field and an Aircraft Control and Warning Station, Construction on this station started on 25 June 1950 and the station became fully operational on 1 July 1952. This station is named for First Lieutenant Alan Campion, Radar Observer, who lost his life in an F-94 accident near the Campion station on 26 November 1950. The station has been called 142d ACW Squadron and Galena 2; however, to avoid confusion with Galena Air Base, a forward fighter base, the 11th Air Division proposed the name Campion Air Force Station; USAF provided the redesignation in April 1954.

The 743d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron is one of several similar squadrons within the Alaskan Air Command. These stations guard the Alaskan perimeter in support of the air defense of the North American continent. Campion performs the functions of a NORAD Control Center. There are four centers in the Alaskan NORAD Region.

The mission of the Campion NORAD Control Center is to maintain effective air surveillance, provide rapid identification of all air traffic and coordinate the employment of air defense weapons within its area of responsibility. It exercises operational control over its subordinate

Direction Center (Kotzebue), and Surveillance Stations (Cape Lisburne and Tin City) and coordinates with adjacent NCCs to insure continuity of action and effective weapons employment. The 743d ACW Squadron is responsible for custody maintenance of all station property and equipment, administration, logistical support, and training of all personnel, both military and civilian.

Campion Air Force Station is located 9 miles east of the village of Galena and Galena Air Base, We are situated on the North bank of the Yukon River. It is about 240 miles due west of Fairbanks, Alaska, and approximately 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle. The village of Galena is home for approximately 250 Alaskan Indians.

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