

765 AIR DEFENSE GROUP

MISSION

The mission of the 765th Air Defense Group is to provide search and height radar to the semi-automatic ground environment system in the 21st NORAD Region, and to provide ground-to-air communications and aircraft control as a backup to the SAGE system. The Back-Up Interceptor Control system is used as a back-up for SAGE in air defense. The Group also provides support to Detachment 6, 4783rd Surveillance Squadron, a tenant unit operating SLBM detection equipment, and maintains an operating location at Bangor International Airport.

LINEAGE

765 Air Defense Group activated, 1 Mar 1970

STATIONS

Charleston AFS, ME

ASSIGNMENTS

21 Air Division

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

In September of 1972 the 765th Air Defense Group was placed in a semi-active mode of BUIC III operations, along with the other BUIC sites throughout the country. In January of 1974 BUIC III was deactivated and the unit became the 765th Radar Squadron. Detachment 6, which was located at Charleston Air Force Station, became operational in 1967 as part of the 71st Missile Wing, McGuire AFB, New Jersey.

One of seven SLBM detachments, it was administratively under the command of the 14th Missile Warning Squadron located at MacDill AFB, Florida and the 14th Aerospace Force (ADCOM) with headquarters at Ent AFB, Colorado. The 765th Operating Location AA (OLAA) was located at Bangor International Airport and was formed in June of 1971. Facilities were owned and operated at Bangor by the 765th Radar Squadron under the operational control of OLAA.

The SLBM detection system guarded the eastern, western, and southern approaches to North America. The AN/FSS-7 radar was used to search for, and track missiles. Squadron Headquarters was located at Tampa, Florida, and the SLBM detection system was linked to the NORAD Combat Operations Center, SAC Command Post, and the National Military Command Center in Washington, D.C.

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