908 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

908 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron Redesignated 908 Radar Squadron (SAGE) Inactivated

STATIONS

Great Falls AFB, MT, 12 Aug 1953-25 Sep 1954 Dobbins AFB, GA, 25 Sep 1954-8 Sep 1968

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORSService Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

This site became operational in 1956 when the 908th AC&W Squadron activated AN/MPS-8 and AN/MPS-11 radars. By 1963 these radars had been removed in favor of a pair of AN/FPS-6 heightfinder radars and an FAA ARSR-1A radar. Starting in 1959, Marietta also performed air traffic control duties. In 1962 the station joined the SAGE system. The 908th was deactivated in September 1968.

908th Radar Sq (SAGE): activated 25 Jun 53 at Willow Run Aprt, MI, assigned to 30th AD; moved to Great Falls AFB, MT and transferred to 29th AD 12 Aug 53; moved to Dobbins AFB, GA and transferred to 35th AD 25 Sep 54; moved to Site at Marietta AFS, GA in summer of 56; transferred to 32nd AD 15 Nov. 58; transferred to Montgomery ADS 1 Jul 61; redesignated from ACW Sq to 908th Radar Sq (SAGE) 1 Apr 62; reassigned to 32nd AD 1 Apr 66; discontinued 8 Sep 68,

908 Marietta AFS, GA ARSR-1A; FPS-6 (2) ARSR-1E; FPS-6 (2) 1959 + 08-Sep-68 The 908th AC&W Sq. first operated about a mile to the east of this SAGE radar site beginning 1956, and first was known as "Dobbins AFB." This radar site remains an active FAA site.

History of Marietta AFS, GA

There were two locations. The first site became operational in 1956 when the 908th AC&W Squadron activated an AN/MPS-11 search radar, later an AN/FPS-8 and an AN/TPS-10. Circa 1958 an AN/FPS-6 was added. In 1961 the unit relocated to the second site about a mile to the west where the FAA had installed an ARSR-1A radar in 1959. The Air Force added two AN/FPS-6 height-finder radars at the new radar site. In 1962 the station joined the SAGE system. The ARSR-1A was upgraded to an ARSR-1E in 1964. The 908th was deactivated in September 1968. The FAA still operates the ARSR-1E.

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