

753 RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE)



MISSION

LINEAGE

753 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron
Redesignated 753 Radar Squadron (SAGE)

STATIONS

Sault Sainte Marie AFS, Michigan

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

753rd Radar Sq (SAGE): assigned 1 Jan 51 at Sault Ste Marie AFS, MI, assigned to 541st ACETW Gp; transferred to 30th AD 6 Feb 52; transferred to 4706th Def Wg 16 Feb 53; transferred to 37th AD 8 Jul 56; transferred to 30th AD 1 Apr 59; transferred to Sault Ste Marie ADS 1 Apr 60; redesignated from AC&W Sq to 753rd Radar Sq (SAGE) 15 Jul 60; transferred to Duluth ADS 1 Oct 63; transferred to 29th All 1 Apr 66; reassigned to 34th AD 15 Sep 69; reassigned to 29th AD 14 Nov 69; reassigned to 23rd AD 19 Nov 69.

The Squadron originated as Detachment 4, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. It was located at the City Airport and opened on June 7, 1950. It was part of a network of early warning radar stations called the "Pinetree Line". It became the 753rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron on December 2, 1950 and moved to "Radar Hill" in 1951. It remained operational until it was de-activated on October 1, 1979.

753 Sault Ste. Marie AFS, MI FPS-3; FPS-5; FPS-20; FPS-35; FPS-6,-6B; FPS-26A FPS-35; FPS-90; FPS-26A 1952 01-Oct-79 After site closure, sections of the AN/FPS-35 radar antenna were sent to Montauk AFS to replace corroded sections of the antenna there (1980).

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An AN/TPS-1C Lashup radar was operational at this site in 1950. This radar was later incorporated into the permanent network. In 1952 the 753rd AC&W Squadron operated AN/FPS-3 and AN/FPS-5 units. During 1956 the Air Force replaced the AN/FPS-5 with an AN/FPS-6 unit. In 1958 this site was operating an AN/FPS-20 radar and soon received a second height-finder radar. In 1960 the site provided data to the regional SAGE command center. In 1963 an AN/FPS-35 replaced the AN/FPS-20A. This facility came under TAC jurisdiction in October 1979.

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