

## 5 OPERATIONAL WEATHER FLIGHT



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

Air Corps Detachment, Weather, Philippines, constituted, 15 Nov 1940  
Activated, 2 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 5 Air Corps Squadron, Weather (Regional Control), 18 Nov 1941  
Inactivated, 2 Apr 1946  
Redesignated 5 Weather Squadron, and activated, 16 Jun 1966  
Organized, 8 Jul 1966  
Inactivated, 1 May 1972  
Activated, 1 Jan 1975  
Inactivated, 15 Jun 1992  
Activated, 1 Jul 1993  
Inactivated, 15 Dec 1994  
Redesignated 5 Operational Weather Flight, 5 Oct 2004  
Activated in the Reserves, 4 Nov 2004

### STATIONS

Nichols Field, Philippine Islands, 2 Jan 1941-2 Jan 1946  
(not manned from 24 Dec 1941-2 Jan 1946)  
Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam, 8 Jul 1966  
Long Binh Army Installation, Vietnam, 3 Jul 1967-1 May 1972  
Fort McPherson, GA, 1 Jan 1975-15 Jun 1992  
Yongsan AB, South Korea, 1 Jul 1993-15 Dec 1994  
Shaw AFB, SC, 4 Nov 2004

### ASSIGNMENTS

20 Air Base Group (Reinforced), 2 Jan 1941-unkn (attached to Philippine Department, 2 Jan 1941-19 Sep 1941)

Philippine Department Air Force [later, Far East Air Force: Fifth Air Force], 20 Sep 1941-Apr 1942)

Philippine Air Depot, 1942-2 Apr 1946

1 Weather Group, 8 Jul 1966-1 May 1972

5 Weather Wing, 1 Jan 1975

Tactical Air Command, 30 Sep 1991

Air Combat Command, 1-15 Jun 1992

7 Air Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993-15 Dec 1994

610 Regional Support Group, 4 Nov 2004

## **COMMANDERS**

Unknown, 2 Jan 1941

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Hervey H. Whitfield, Sep 1941

Not manned, Apr 1942-1946

Lt Col Ralph E. Ruyle, Jr., 8 Jul 1966

Lt Col Richard C. Suehr, 5 Aug 1966

Lt Col William H. Shivar, 8 Aug 1967

Lt Col William E. Cummins II, 6 Aug 1968

Lt Col Loren L. Lorenzen, 1 Oct 1969

Lt Col Chester C. Lukasiewicz, 15 Jul 1970

Lt Col Thomas A. Studer, 1 Jul 1971

Lt Col William C. Montgomery, 1 Jan 1975

Col Boyce M. Smith, 21 Aug 1975

Col John W. Reames, 1 Sep 1978

Lt Col Ardith N. Wagley, 31 Oct 1981

Col Wilbert G. Maunz, Jul 1983

Lt Col Adrian A. Ritchie, Jr., Mar 1985

Capt Grant J. Talkington, 9 Apr 2021

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II

Philippine Islands

Southeast Asia

Vietnam Air Offensive

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III

Vietnam Air/Ground

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV

TET 69/Counteroffensive

Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969  
Vietnam Winter/Spring  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive  
Southwest Monsoon  
Commando Hunt V  
Commando Hunt VI  
Commando Hunt VII  
Vietnam Ceasefire

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Philippines, 8-22 Dec 1941  
7 Dec 1941-10 May 1942  
6 Jan-8 Mar 1942

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device  
8 Jul 1966-1 Jul 1967  
1 Jan -31 Dec 1971

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
2 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1969  
1 Jul 1970-1 May 1972  
1 Apr 1978-31 Mar 1980  
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985  
1 Jul 1988-30 Jun 1990  
1 Jul 1990-14 Jun 1992

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm  
8 Jul 1966-1 May 1972

#### **EMBLEM**



A disc divided yellow at the top, blue in base with a broad light blue horizontal band centered thereon; on the band a triangle with point to base bearing three equal stripes bendwise, green, light blue and red within a blue border. Centered on the triangle a yellow anemometer; around the disc a yellow border. Attached below the disc a green scroll edged yellow inscribed "Fighting Fifth" in yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the Squadron and the Air Force colors, golden yellow and ultramarine blue, are used. Ultramarine blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operation. and yellow the excellence of Air Force personnel in performing duties. The light blue area denotes the night operations of the Squadron. The triangle as a whole represents ancient alchemists' sign for fire, earth and air, and symbolizes the support provided by the Squadron. The anemometer symbolizes the field of meteorology. (Approved, 1 Nov 1967)

#### **MOTTO**

FIGHTING FIFTH

#### **OPERATIONS**

The 5 Weather Squadron, activated at Tan Son Nhut and moved to Long Binh Army Installation in July, rendered meteorological service to various elements of the United States Army, Vietnam, (USARV).

Det 1, Fort Campbell, KY

Det 2, Fort Belvoir, VA

Det 3, Fort Bragg, NC

Det 4, Fort Drum, NY

Det 5, Fort Knox, KY

Det 6, Fort Lewis, WA

Det 7, Fort Ord, CA

Det 8, Fort Riley, KS

Det 9, Fort Rucker, AL

Det 10, Fort Benning, GA

Det 11, Fort Sill, OK

Det 12, Fort Devens, MA  
Det 13, Fort Eustis, VA  
Det 14, Fort Hood, TX  
Det 15, Fort Leonard Wood, MO  
Det 21, Hunter AAF, GA  
Det 31, Fort Polk, LA  
Det 58, Fort Carson, CO

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