

5 WEATHER WING



MISSION

The 5 Weather Wing provided and arranged staff and operational meteorological and aerospace environmental support to the Tactical Air Command, U.S. Readiness Command, U.S. Central Command, Joint Deployment Agency, U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Military District of Washington, U.S. Southern Command, Air Force Atlantic Command, Army Atlantic Command, U.S. Air Force Southern Air Division, Caribbean Contingency Task Force, First Air Force (Air Defense), and the U.S. Navy Atlantic Command.

LINEAGE

5 Weather Wing established, 17 Sep 1965
Organized, 8 Oct 1965

STATIONS

Langley AFB, VA, 8 Oct 1965

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Weather Service

COMMANDERS

Col Kenneth A. Linder, 8 Oct 1965
Col Milton M. Hause, 15 Apr 1966
Col George E. Rath, 8 Jul 1966
Col Walter A. Keils, 2 Feb 1970
Col Leonard E. Zapinski, 1 Oct 1973
Col Joseph D. Saccone, 1 Aug 1976
Col Joe R. O'Neil, 15 Jul 1978

Col Salvatore R. LeMole, 18 Jun 1981
Col John A. Lasley, Jr., 14 Oct 1983
Col John J. Kelly, Jr., 21 Jun 1985
Col Ernie R. Dash, 24 Jul 1987
Col William S. Koenemann, 22 Jun 1989

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1971-30 Jan 1973
1 Jul 1973-31 Dec 1974
1 Apr 1978-31 Mar 1980
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985

EMBLEM

Against the field of blue representing the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, the anemometer, with the lower arm tilted and extended to form a sword, denotes a needle measuring weather changes, and also identifies the unit as a part of the Air Weather Service. The fess engrailed and the base dancette represent cold and warm fronts, and in the colors blue and gold signify day and night forecasting. The red circle represents the world and charged with a five pointed star, alludes to the worldwide support provided by the 5th Weather Wing. The emblem bears the national colors of red, white, and blue and the Air Force colors of golden yellow and ultramarine blue. (Approved, 18 Oct 1966)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Det 1, Bangor ANGB, ME
Det 2, Mountain Home AFB, ID
Det 25, Howard AB, Panama

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Sources

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