

# 5040 AIR BASE SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

5040 Air Base Squadron activated, 15 Jul 1958  
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1962

## STATIONS

Shemya, AK

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

Lt Col George I. Poole, Jr., Sep 1958

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

In 1958, the Air Force resumed operations on Shemya in support of various Air Force and Army strategic intelligence collection activities. Shemya also continued to support the Great Circle Route. The 5040th Air Base Squadron was activated on 15 July 1958 to provide base support.

In September of 1958, Lt. Col. Poole was assigned to duty as the Commander of the 5040th Air

Base Squadron at Shemya. On the 22nd of December 1958 Lt. Col. George I. Poole, Jr. and 14 other personnel died in a plane crash on the Mount Illiamna approximately 120 miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska.



Lt Col George I. Poole, Jr.

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