

## 5<sup>th</sup> COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



### LINEAGE

5<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, Strategic Reconnaissance constituted, 1 Jul 1949  
Activated, 16 Jul 1949  
Redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, 16 Mar 1950  
Inactivated, 10 Feb 1951  
Activated, 14 Feb 1952  
Inactivated, 16 Jun 1952  
Redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> Defense Space Communications Squadron, 9 Apr 1970  
Activated, 1 Jul 1970  
Inactivated, 15 May 1992  
Redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron and activated, 1 Jun 1992

### STATIONS

Mountain Home AFB, ID, 16 Jul 1949  
Fairfield-Suisun (later, Travis) AFB, CA, 12 Nov 1949-10 Feb 1951  
Travis AFB, CA, 14 Feb-16 Jun 1952  
Woomera Aprt, Australia, 1 Jul 1970-15 May 1992  
Minot AFB, ND, 1 Jun 1992

### ASSIGNMENTS

5<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, 16 Jul 1949-10 Feb 1951  
5<sup>th</sup> Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 14 Feb-16 Jun 1952  
71<sup>st</sup> Missile Warning Wing, 1 Jul 1970  
Fourteenth Aerospace Force, 30 Apr 1971  
26<sup>th</sup> Air Division, 1 Oct 1976  
Aerospace Defense Command, 1 Oct 1979  
1<sup>st</sup> Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Dec 1979  
1<sup>st</sup> Space Wing, 1 May 1983-15 May 1992  
5<sup>th</sup> Support Group, 1 Jun 1992

### COMMANDERS

Maj Laforrest Williams

Col Richard R. Prinster 26 Jul 82  
LTC Terry D. Miller 14 Dec 83  
Col Charles D. Pepper, 17 Jun 85

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with the Combat "V" Device  
1 Jun 1999-31 May 2001

### Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

17 Nov 1971-1 May 1973

2 May 1973-1 May 1974

2 May 1974-1 May 1976

30 Jun 1976-1 Jul 1978

1 Jul 1978-30 Jun 1980

1 May 1981-30 Apr 1983

1 May 1983-30 Apr 1984

1 Jun 1992-30 Jun 1993

1 Jun 1995-31 May 1996

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Celeste, in base a sphere Azure, garnished Brittany Blue within a horizontal elliptical ring and surmounted by a sun emitting fourteen rectangular rays, all Or; perched above the sphere an eagle with wings elevated Proper, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "PEACE THROUGH VIGILANCE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "5TH COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Yellow letters. (Approved, 27 Mar 1974)

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The satellite in orbit around the earth signifies the unit mission in the protection of modern society in a troubled world. The eagle symbolizes freedom, superiority and power, which represent the capability and basic mission of the United States Air Force.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

The mission of the squadron while stationed at Woomera Aprt, Australia, from 1 Jul 1970 to 15 May 1992 was to detect and characterize missile and satellite launches occurring within the field of view of the satellite sensor. The squadron was also responsible for the detection of endoatmospheric (within the atmosphere) and exoatmospheric (outside the atmosphere) nuclear events.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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### Sources

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