

5th FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



LINEAGE

5th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 5th Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945
Activated, 9 Nov 1946
Redesignated 5th Fighter Squadron, All Weather, 10 May 1948
Redesignated 5th Fighter All Weather Squadron, 20 Jan 1950
Redesignated 5th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 1 May 1951
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1988
Redesignated 5th Flying Training Squadron, 1 Jan 1990
Activated, 16 Feb 1990
Inactivated, 15 Dec 1991
Redesignated 5th Flying Training Flight and activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1997
Redesignated 5th Flying Training Squadron, 1 Apr 1998

STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941
Floyd Bennett Aprt, NY, 17 Dec 1941
Selfridge Field, MI, 14 Jan 1942
Florence, SC, 18 Feb 1942
Wilmington NC, 27 Apr 1942
Grenier Field, NH, 12 Jun-19 Jul 1942
Northern Ireland, 19 Aug 1942
Goxhill, England, 26 Aug-27 Oct 1942; (air echelon arrived at Tafaraoui, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942)

La Senia, Algeria, 12 Nov 1942
Orleansville, Algeria, 1 Jan 1943
Telergma, Algeria, 19 Jan 1943
Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 8 Mar 1943
Le Sers, Tunisia, 12 Apr 1943
La Sebala, Tunisia, 20 May 1943
Bo Rizzo, Sicily, 1 Aug 1943
Corsica, 1 Dec 1943
Madna Airfield, Italy, 14 May 1944
Piagiolino Airfield, Italy, 24 Apr 1945
Lesina, Italy, 10 Jul-Aug 1945
Drew Field, FL, 25 Aug-7 Nov 1945
Schweinfurt, Germany, 9 Nov 1946
Bad Kissingen, Germany, 5 May-25 Jun 1947
Mitchel Field, NY, 25 Jun 1947
McGuire AFB, NJ, 4 Oct 1949
Suffolk County AFB, NY, 18 Aug 1955
Minot AFB, ND, 1 Feb 1960-1 Jul 1988
Vance AFB, OK, 16 Feb 1990-15 Dec 1991
Vance AFB, OK, 1 Apr 1997

ASSIGNMENTS

52nd Pursuit (later, 52nd Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941-7 Nov 1945
52nd Fighter (later, 52nd Fighter All Weather; 52nd Fighter Interceptor) Group, 9 Nov 1946
4709th Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952
568th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953
4709th Defense (later, 4709th Air Defense) Wing, 8 Jul 1954
52nd Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955
32nd Fighter Group, 1 Feb 1960
32nd Fighter Wing, 1 Feb 1961
Minot Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1962
Great Falls Air Defense Sector, 25 Jun 1963
28th Air Division, 1 Apr 1966
24th Air Division, 19 Nov 1969
25th Air Division, 1 Jun 1983
Northwest Air Defense Sector, 1 Dec 1987-1 Jul 1988
71st Flying Training Wing, 16 Feb 1990-15 Dec 1991
610th Regional Support Group, 1 Apr 1997
340th Flying Training Group, 1 Apr 1998

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-40, 1941
P-39, 1942
Spitfire, 1942
P-51, 1944
P-61, 1947

F-82, 1948
F-94, 1950
F-86L, 1953
F-102A, 1957
F-106A, 1960
F-15, 1984
T-37, 1990
T-38, 1990
T-37, 1998
T-38, 1998
T-1, 1998

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

F-86L
52-10134

F-106A	58-0790	59-0013	59-0042
56-0458	58-0793	59-0014	59-0059
56-0459	59-0001	59-0015	59-0063
56-0460	59-0002	59-0016	59-0092
56-0461	59-0003	59-0017	59-0093
57-0236	59-0005	59-0018	59-0104
57-0237	59-0006	59-0019	59-0105
57-0243	59-0010	59-0025	59-0108
57-0244	59-0011	59-0026	59-0118
58-0783	59-0012	59-0030	59-0130

F-106B
57-2542
57-2545
58-0901
59-0158
59-0159

T-33
80614

F-94
92554

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

Gold lightning bolt on dark-blue border

This close-up of the tail shows the earlier markings carried by the 5th FIS to good effect. The fin flash is yellow (FS 13538) outlined in black. The squadron insignia consists of a face of a Lynx in yellow/orange, black, and white, a blue disc, yellow lightning flashes, and white stars.

Later tail markings carried by 5th FIS Delta Darts are seen in this photo. However the usual fuel tank markings are missing. Markings are yellow (FS 13538) outlined by dark blue lightning flashes. The stars are also dark blue. This photo was taken in November 1978.

COMMANDERS

1LT T. Alan Bennett, 1941
Cpt John C. Erickson, 1941
1LT Alan Bennett, 1941
1LT Ward W. Harker, 1941
1LT James F. Whisenand, 1942
Cpt Thomas A. Holdiman, 1942
Maj George C. Deaton, 10 May 1942
Maj William J. Payne, 2 May 1943
Maj Everett K. Jenkins, 25 Nov 1943
Maj Edwin W. Fuller, 4 May 1944
LTC Ralph J. Watson, 25 Aug 1944
LTC Hadley R. Elikor, 4 Mar 1945-1945
Maj John M. Konosky, 9 Nov 1946
LTC William C. Bryson, 3 Feb 1948
Maj John M. Konosky, 17 Feb 1949-unkn
LTC George D. Mobbs, May 1951
LTC Thomas D. Robertson, 5 Mar 1952
LTC Robert M. Myers, 26 Aug 1952
LTC Joseph G. Hohnson Jr., Jul 1954-unkn
LTC Edward C. Heckman Jr., #1956
Maj Gordon H. Scott, 1 May 1960
LTC Roland J. DuFresne, 17 Aug 1960
LTC Jacksel M. Broughton, by Sep 1962
LTC Richard E. Chandler, 11 Jun 1964
LTC Hubert L. Williams, Jul 1964
LTC John H. Fowler Jr., 18 Nov 1965
Maj Frederick H. England, Sep 1966
LTC Garland W. Eagle, 11 Nov 1966
LTC Vander L. Smith, 19 Jul 1968
LTC Donald J. Parsons, Jun 1970
LTC Joseph L. Phinney, 12 Mar 1971
LTC Jack H. Sandstrom, 19 Jan 1973
LTC Dennis M. Harper, Jun 1975
LTC Thurman D. Cothran, Jun 1977
LTC James E. Waddle, 7 Aug 1978
LTC Dallas R. Hanna, Dec 1979

LTC Daniel L. Wodstrchill, Dec 1980
LTC Richard L. Maki, 8 Jul 1982
LTC Richard E. Coe, 29 Jun 1984
LTC Thomas W. Dobson Jr, 6 Jun 1986-Feb 1988
Unkn, Feb-1 Jul 1988
LTC Ruel M. Dunn, 16 Feb 1990
LTC Terry E. Pursell, 13 Jul 1990-15 Dec 1991
LTC Gregory A. Phillips, 1 Apr 1997

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Algeria-French Morocco
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Southern France
North Apennines
Po Valley
Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Germany, 9 Jun 1944
Rumania, 31 Aug 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1960-31 Dec 1962
1 Jan 1978-30 Jun 1979
1 Apr 1986-31 Mar 1988
[16 Feb 1990]-31 Mar 1991
1 Apr 1990-14 Dec 1991

EMBLEM

Approved, 16 Jan 1951

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Spitten Kittens

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO and MTO, Aug 1942-30 Apr 1945; participated in the invasion of North Africa on 8 Nov 1942 and liberation of Sicily and Italy. Served in Germany as an all-weather fighter squadron, 1946-1947.

21 August 1951 A T-33A 49-917, of the 5th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, crashed on takeoff from McGuire Air Force Base into a scrub pine forest at adjacent Fort Dix, New Jersey, killing the two crew and spraying burning fuel over a group of 54 U.S. Army soldiers assigned to B battery of the Ninth division's 26th Field Artillery Battalion, wrapping up an army communications exercise, killing 11 and injuring 20. The trainer, unable to gain altitude, clips trees at the edge of a clearing and impacts 50 feet from an army six-by-six troop carrier vehicle upon which some soldiers had already boarded. Others were lined up in formation close by. Eight died almost instantly and three succumbed later in hospital. All Army fatalities were 22 or younger, all hailed from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and all had been in the army for less than five months. Also killed were pilot Capt. William H. Raub, (also reported as William H. Rauh), 31, of Seattle, and his passenger, Maj. Theodore Deakyne, 30, of Levittown, New York. "It was an unfortunate tragedy -- a remarkable coincidence of circumstances which brought the plane to the spot where the men were on the verge of moving out.

The 5th had as their mascots, two live Lynx kittens that produced several offspring which were kept on base. After the unit inactivated, their two Lynx kitten mascots were donated to the Roosevelt Park Zoo in Minot, where they're still living today.

AETC needed to double pilot production from 525 in FY96 to 1100 a year by FY02. On 1 May 1997, two Reserve instructor pilots (IPs) assigned to the 5th Flying Training Flight at Vance AFB, Oklahoma, became the first associate IPs to train student pilots on a T-38 sortie.

500315	F-82F	46-0458	5FAWS	52FAWG	McGuire AFB, NJ	LACSF	Smith, Raymond T.	McGuire AFB
500831	F-82F	46-0452	5FAWS	52FAWG	McGuire AFB, NJ	LACW	Lweis, Leon G.	Niagara Falls MAP
501029	F-82F	46-0487	5FAWS	52FAWG	McGuire AFB, NJ	TOAEF	Sternor, Kurt E.	McGuire AFB

510209	F-94A	49-2555	5FAWS	52FAWG	McGuire AFB, NJ	GACF	Crawford, Richard W.	Eglin AFB
501117	F-94A	49-2549	5FAWS	5SFAWG	McGuire AFB, NJ	CBLEF	Cimino, Alphonse A.	0.25 Mi SE Whitesbog
510820	T-33A	49-0917	5FIS	52FIG	McGuire AFB, NJ	KTOADF	Rauh, William H.	1 Mi S McGuire AFB
510911	F-94A	49-2546	5FIS	52FIG	McGuire AFB, NJ	GACF	Eiser, John L.	McGuire AFB
510919	F-94A	49-2554	5FIS	52FIG	McGuire AFB, NJ	TOAF	DeRaud, Robert C.	McGuire AFB

430104	Spit Vb	EP990	5FS	52FG		LAC	Kemp, John T Jr	Afriville
430104	Spit Vb	ER320	5FS	52FG		LAC	Deaton, George C	Orleansville
430119	Spit Vb	EP841	5FS	52FG		LAC	Odom, Edwin J	Telergma
430128	Spit Vb	ER970	5FS	52FG		LAC	Zientowski, George A	Telergma
430201	Spit Vb	ER559	5FS	52FG		FL	Templeton, Jack D	Ain-Mazuella
430202	Spit Vb	ER324	5FS	52FG		LAC	Morgan, Walter L	Telergma
430214	Spit Vc	JG748	5FS	52FG		KCR	Roberts, James C	Benimansour/ 6mi SSW
430221	Spit Vc	JG744	5FS	52FG		LAC	Wolfe, Douglas C	Telergma
430221	Spit Vc	ES118	5FS	52FG		TAC	Gebhart, Ernest J	Telergma
430228	Spit Vc	JG835	5FS	52FG		LAC	McDuff, Omer R	Telergma
430531	Spit Vc	JG930	5FS	52FG		TOA	Litchfield, Thompson D	La Sebala
430602	Spit IX	EN521	5FS	52FG		CBL	Rollag, Stanley A	La Sabala

430604	Spit Vc	JG952	5FS	52FG		FLEF	Rolla, Stanley A	La Sebela
431228	P-40K	42-46220	5FS			KCR	Snyder, Verne B	Nanomea
440523	P-51B	42- 106724	5FS	52FG		TOAEF	Bruder, Matthew A	Madna AF
440523	P-51B	42- 106568	5FS	52FG		CBL	Robinett, Ronald C	Madna AF
440524	P-51B	43-24884	5FS	52FG		TOA	Ney, Merle E	Madna AF
440604	P-51B	42- 106604	5FS	52FG		LAC	Fisher, Frederick E	Madna AF
440614	P-51B	42- 106612	5FS	52FG		LAC	Floyd, John E Jr	Madna AF
440614	P-51C	42- 103439	5FS	52FG		LAC	Fisher, Frederick E	Madna AF
440629	P-51B	42- 106732	5FS	52FG		MAC	Lundgaard, Linsley L	Madna AF/ 10mi SW
440708	P-51D5	44-13507	5FS	52FG		LAC	Fuller, Edwin W	Madna
440708	P-51B	42- 106747	5FS	52FG		FLEF	Breibart, Herbert (NMI)	San Severo
440723	P-40N	43-23950	5FS	5FG		KCRT	Parker, George A	Chihkiang
440813	P-51B	42- 106656	5FS	52FG		KLAS	Ensko, Stephen W	Termoli/ 15mi NW
440820	P-51C	43-25130	5FS	52FG		LAC	Bennett, Claude I	Madna
440830	P-51B	42- 106562	5FS	52FG		LAC	Bennett, Claude I	Madna
440907	P-51B	42- 106605	5FS	52FG		BOMF	Timmer, Harold N	Bartolomeo/ S
440912	P-51C	43-25083	5FS	52FG		CBL	Ney, Merle E	Madna
440913	P-51C	42- 103401	5FS	52FG		LAC	Coloney, William G	Madna

440915	P-51B	42-106719	5FS	52FG		CREF	Gray, Donald U	Madna/5mi N-1mi off shore
440916	P-51B	43-24859	5FS	52FG		LAC	Evans, Carl V	Madna
440921	P-51B	43-24818	5FS	52FG		LAC	McCloskey, C L	Madna
440924	P-51D10	44-14380	5FS	52FG		BOEF	Heller, John D	San Severo/ 8mi N
441011	P-51C	43-25109	5FS	52FG		DF	[ground crew]	Madna
441023	P-51C	42-103492	5FS	52FG		LAC	Harrison, Robert E	Pescara
441029	P-51D	44-13469	5FS	52FG		TOA	Mabe, Robert E	Madna
441127	P-51D	44-14471	5FS	52FG		MAC	Tranquillo, Vincent (NMI)	Termoli/ 10mi W
441204	P-51D	44-15396	5FS	52FG		CBL	Evanchak, Bernard W	San Severo
441216	P-47D	42-27767	5FS	1ACG		LAC	Tewksbury, Nelson C	Lalitpur
441219	P-51B	42-106750	5FS	52FG		FLEF	Spicer, Laurence S	Casa Montenero/ 2mi SW
450109	P-51B	42-106732	5FS	52FG		KCR	Keeler, Leslie G	Faeto
450228	P-51B	42-106714	5FS	52FG		KCR	Bucher, Bruce B	Serracapriola/ 2mi S
450315	P-51C	42-103582	5FS	52FG		CBL	Sanders, Donald W	Madna
450315	P-51D	44-13468	5FS	52FG		CBL	Dyche, Ernest A Jr	Madna
450429	P-51D	44-14481	5FS	52FG		LAC	Tranquillo, Vincent (NMI)	Piagliolino
450504	P-51B	43-24859	5FS	52FG		BOF	Angle, George A	Castel Frentano/ 3mi E
450505	P-51C	42-103401	5FS	52FG		BOF	Bauman, Joseph F	Castel Frentano/ 1mi E

450529	P-51D	44-14504	5FS	52FG		KMAC	Paschal, Robert H	Pescara/ 10mi N
450711	P-51D	44-63561	5FS	52FG		LAC	Heiserman, Robert G	Lesina

500203	F-82F	46-0460	5FS	52FWG	McGuire AFB, NJ	LACMF	Littlejohn, Rogers D.	McGuire AFB
420620	P-39D	41- 28317	5FS	52FG	Grenier Field, Manchester, NH	KLACSSP	Rogo, Clevio R.	1 mi S of Grenier Field, NH
420828	Spitfire Vb	B-8585	5FS	52FG	RAF Eglington, Londonderry, IRE	LACSSP	Steinbrenner, Eugene C	RAF Eglington, Londonderry, IRE
420910	Spitfire Vb	P-8741	5FS	52FG	RAF Eglington, Londonderry, IRE	TAC	Montour, Gilbert E	RAF Eglington, Londonderry, IRE
420910	Spitfire Vb	AB-897	5FS	52FG	RAF Eglington, Londonderry, IRE	TAC	Zientowski, George A	RAF Eglington, Londonderry, IRE
420927	Spitfire Vb	BM-582	5FS	52FG	RAF Goxhill, Lincolnshire, ENG	KCRGC	Keough, George T	RAF Goxhill, Lincolnshire, ENG
421126	Spitfire Vb	EN-981	5FS	52FG	Maison Blanche, Algeria	LAC	Duff, Omer R	Maison Blanche, Algeria
421209	Spitfire Vb	EP-841	5FS	52FG	Maison Blanche Airfield, Algeria	LAC	McDuff, Omer R	Maison Blanche, Algiers
421210	Spitfire Vb	EP-784	5FS	52FG	Maison Blanche, Algeria	TOA	Gardner, Edwin P	Maison Blanche, Algiers

500420	F-82F	46-0412	5FWS	52FWG	McGuire AFN, NJ	CRLEF	Lewis, Leon G.	3 Mi N Pulaski
500509	F-82F	46-0454	5FWS	52FWG	McGuire AFN, NJ	KCREF	Wonnacott, Harry J.	2 Mi NE Neubert

411221	P-39D	41- 7095	5PS	52PG	Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, FL	FLMF	Younger, Robert W	Thomasville Airport, Thomasville, GA
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411231	P-43A	41-31458	5PS	52PG	Selfridge Field, MI	LAC	Marks, Mortimer D	Floyd Bennett Field, NY
420219	P-39D	40-2997	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	BOoG	Kari, Walter A	Wise, VA
420219	P-39D	41-7004	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	FLoG lost	McDonald, Norman L	Fort Blackmore, VA
420219	P-39D	40-3034	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	FLoG lost	McGuire, Robert d	Fort Blackmore, VA
420219	P-39D	40-3043	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	KCRGC	Wilczewski, Edward J	Olinger, VA
420309	P-39D	41-6878	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	LAC	Simpson, Jerome C	Florence, SC
420313	P-39D	40-3010	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	KSSPCR	Kasper, Robert G	2 mi E of Scranton, SC
420319	P-39D	40-3020	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	LACMF	Steinbrenner, Eugene C	Florence, SC
420324	P-39F	41-7118	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	FLEF	Kari, Walter A	Florence, SC
420329	P-39D	41-6878	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	LACGL	Zientowski, George A	Florence, SC
420407	P-39F	41-7275	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	BOSF	Boughton, Edwin M	3 mi N of Florence, SC
420422	P-39	41-7279	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	TACNU	Stoltzmann, Ray G	Florence, SC
420423	P-39F	41-7178	5PS	52PG	Florence, SC	BOEF	Tedford, Paul W	2 mi S of Florence, SC
420507	P-39F	41-7264	5PS	52PG	Wilmington, NC	TAC	Jenkins, Everett K, Jr	Myrtle Beach, SC
420507	P-39F	41-7063	5PS	52PG	Willmington, NC	TAC	McNeely, Harold L	Myrtle Beach, SC
420518	P-39D	40-3030	5PS	52PG	Wilmington, NC	LAC	Daugherty, George R	Wilmington, NC





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Sources

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Unit history. Minot AFB, ND. Home of 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, 450th Bombardment Wing (H), 455th Strategic Missile Wing, 862nd Combat Support Group, 862nd Medical Group, 5th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. 1964.

Unit History. 26th Air Division, Defense. 1956.