

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



### LINEAGE

Air Corps Detachment, Weather, Philippines constituted, 15 Nov 1940  
Activated, 2 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> Air Corps Squadron, Weather, (Regional Control) 18 Nov 1941  
Inactivated, 2 Apr 1946  
Redesignated 5th Weather Squadron and activated, 16 June 1966  
Organized, 8 July 1966  
Activated, 1 Jan 1975

### STATIONS

*Nichols Field, Philippines*  
*Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam*  
*Long Binh, Vietnam, 3 Jul 1967*  
*Ft McPherson, GA, 1 Jan 1975*

### ASSIGNMENTS

*20<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group (Reinforced), 15 Nov 1940*  
*Philippine Department Air Force, 20 Sep 1941*  
*Far East Air Forces, 1941*  
*Fifth Air Force, Feb 1942*  
*Philippine Air Depot, 1942*  
*Military Airlift Command, 16 Jun 1966*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Weather Group, 8 Jul 1966*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Weather Wing, 1 Jan 1975*

### ATTACHMENTS

Philippine Department, 2 Jan 1941

### COMMANDERS

Unknown, 2 Jan 1941  
1Lt Hervey H. Whitfield, Sep 1941  
Not manned, Apr 1942-1946

LTC Ralph E. Ruyle, Jr., 8 Jul 1966  
LTC Richard C. Suehr, 5 Aug 1966  
LTC William H. Shivar, 8 Aug 1967  
LTC William E. Cummins II, 6 Aug 1968  
LTC Loren L. Lorenzen, 1 Oct 1969  
LTC Chester C. Lukasiewicz, 15 Jul 1970  
LTC Thomas A. Studer, 1 Jul 1971  
LTC William C. Montgomery, 1 Jan 1975  
Col Boyce M. Smith, 21 Aug 1975  
Col John W. Reames, 1 Sep 1978  
LTC Ardith N. Wagley, 31 Oct 1981  
Col Wilbert G. Maunz, Jul 1983  
LTC Adrian A. Ritchie, Jr., Mar 1985

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Campaign Streamer for the Philippines Islands, World War II, 7 Dec 1941-10 May 1942  
Vietnam Air Offensive, 8 Jul 1966-8 Mar 1967  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II, 9 Mar 1967-31 Mar 1968  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III, 1 Apr 1968-31 Oct 1968  
Vietnam Air/Ground, 22 Jan 1968-7 Jul 1968  
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV, 1 Nov 1968-22 Feb 1969  
TET 69/Counteroffensive, 23 Feb 1969-8 Jun 1969  
Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969, 9 Jun 1969-31 Oct 1969  
Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970, 1 Nov 1969-30 Apr 1970  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive, 1 May 1970-30 Jun 1970  
Southwest Monsoon, 1 Jul 1970-30 Nov 1970  
Commando Hunt V, 1 Dec 1970-14 May 1971  
Commando Hunt VI, 15 May 1971-31 Oct 1971  
Commando Hunt VII, 1 Nov 1971-29 Mar 1972  
Vietnam Ceasefire, 30 Mar 1972-[1 May 1972]  
Vietnam Air Offensive, 29 Jun 1966-[8 Jul 1966]

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

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

#### **Air Force Outstanding Unit Award**

2 Jul 1967-30 Jun 1969  
1 Jul 1970-1 May 1972

1 Jul 1971-30 Jun 1972  
1 Apr 1978-31 Mar 1980  
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985

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

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

The Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation  
7 Dec 1941-10 May 1942  
17 Oct 1944-4 Jul 1945

### **EMBLEM**

Approved, 1 Nov 1967

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

Air Force colors are used. Ultramarine blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operation, and golden yellow to 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.

### **MOTTO**

FIGHTING FIFTH

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

The 5th 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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