

5 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

5 Periodic Maintenance Squadron constituted, 4 Jun 1952
Activated, 16 Jun 1952
Redesignated 5 Organizational Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jan 1959
Inactivated, 30 Apr 1992
Redesignated 5 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 20 Aug 2002
Activated, 3 Sep 2002

STATIONS

Travis AFB, CA, 16 Jun 1952
Minot AFB, ND, 25 Jul 1968-30 Apr 1992
Minot AFB, ND, 3 Sep 2002

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Andersen AFB, Guam, 14 Jan 1955-12 Apr 1955

ASSIGNMENTS

5 Strategic Reconnaissance (later, 5 Bombardment) Wing, 16 Jun 1952
5 Logistics Group, 1 Sep 1991-30 Apr 1992
5 Maintenance Group, 3 Sep 2002

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Roger J. Mertes, 14 Dec 1990

Lt Col Danny R. Curtis, 3 Sep 2002
Maj David E. Foote, 2 Sep 2004
Lt Col John K. Cartwright, 13 Jul 2006
Lt Col Patrick S. Ballard, 14 Jul 2008
Lt Col David A. Boles, 1 Jul 2010
Lt Col Graham Little, 9 Jul 2012
Lt Col Randy D. Schwinler, 18 Jun 2014
Lt Col Kristen D. Shadden, 7 Jul 2017
Lt Col John M. Barry, 21 Jun 2019

HONORS

Service Streamers

Global War on Terrorism (GWOT-S)

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with the Combat "V" Device
1 Feb 2003-31 May 2003

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1984
1 Jul 1985-30 Jun 1986
1 May 1990-30 Apr 1992
3 Sep 2002-31 May 2004
1 Jun 2004-31 May 2006
1 Jan 2011-31 Dec 2012
1 Jan 2013-31 Dec 2013
1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2017

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Blue and 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. BULL'S HEAD with black horns and snorting white smoke: Graphically portrays the qualities of determination, pride, and fearlessness. This symbol corresponds to the history and heritage of the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and is an important part of our heritage tracing back to the 5th Bomb Wing's earliest days. (Approved, 2 Jan 2003)

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OPERATIONS

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