

5 EXPEDITIONARY SPACE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

5 Satellite Control Squadron constituted, 11 Apr 1989

Activated, 1 May 1989

Redesignated 5 Space Operations Squadron, 30 Jan 1992

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1992

Activated, 22 Nov 1993

Inactivated, 13 Jun 2000

Redesignated 5 Expeditionary Space Operations Squadron, and converted to provisional status,
5 Dec 2007

STATIONS

Fairchild AFB, WA, 1 May 1989-31 Jul 1992

Onizuka AFB (later, Onizuka AS), CA, 22 Nov 1993-13 Jun 2000

ASSIGNMENTS

1000 Satellite Operations Group, 1 May 1989-31 Jul 1992

50 Operations Group, 22 Nov 1993-13 Jun 2000

Air Force Space Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 5 Dec 2007

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 1 May 1989-31 Jul 1992

Lt Col Douglas I. McCormick, 22 Nov 1993

Lt Col Michael L. Wolfert, 15 Aug 1995

Maj Steven W. Bragado, 14 Apr 1997
Lt Col Michael M. Garrell, 20 Jun 1997
Lt Col David L. Hafich, 22 Jun 1999

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Sep 1990-31 Aug 1991

EMBLEM



5 Satellite Control Squadron emblem approved, 25 Aug 1989

5 Space Operations Squadron emblem: Azure, five mullets of eight Argent above and between a demi-globe issuant from dexter base Celeste and a flight symbol ascending bendwise White issuing a contrail arcing to the globe Gules; all within a diminished bordure Or. (Approved, 9 Dec 1994)

MOTTO

PIONEERS OF SPACE

OPERATIONS

Provided spacecraft command uplink, spacecraft telemetry and sensor data downlink, along with

limited command and control capability as an emergency backup for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program's Fairchild Operations Center, 1989-1992. Maintained responsibility for specific space satellite systems, 1993-2000.

The 5th Space Operations Squadron inactivated 13 Jun 2000 at Onizuka AFS, CA. Other 50th Space Wing squadrons assumed most 5th Space Operations Squadron missions and the 21st Space Operations Squadron assimilated most of the inactivated squadron's people.

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Sources

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