

## 5 AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

5 Communications Squadron, Air Support, constituted, 15 May 1942

Activated, 22 May 1942

Redesignated 5 Air Support Communication Squadron, 11 Jan 1943

Redesignated 5 Air Support Control Squadron, 20 Aug 1943

Redesignated 5 Tactical Air Communications Squadron, 1 Apr 1944

Inactivated, 28 Nov 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 5 Air Support Operations Squadron, 24 Jun 1994

Activated, 1 Jul 1994

#### STATIONS

Mitchel Fld, NY, 22 May 1942

Lebanon, TN, 9 Sep 1942

Morris Fld, NC, 21 Oct 1942-8 May 1943

Brisbane, Australia, 13 Jun 1943

Cairns, Australia, 26 Jul 1943

Port Moresby, New Guinea, 11 Sep 1943

Finschhafen, New Guinea, 29 Feb 1944

Hollandia, New Guinea, 30 Aug 1944

Morotai Island, 1 Oct 1944

Clark Fld, Luzon, 14 May-28 Nov 1945

Ft Lewis, WA, 1 Jul 1994

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

I Ground Air (later, I Air) Support Command, 15 May 1942  
Fifth Air Force, Jun 1943  
308 Bombardment Wing, 25 Jul 1945  
XIII Bomber Command, 20 Oct-28 Nov 1945  
1 Air Support Operations Group, 1 Jul 1994

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
New Guinea (with Arrowhead)  
Bismarck Archipelago (with Arrowhead)  
Leyte (with Arrowhead)  
Luzon (with Arrowhead)

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

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device  
1 Jun 2001-31 May 2003  
1 Jun 2003-31 May 2004

#### Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998  
1 Jun 1999-31 May 2001

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

## **EMBLEM**



Approved, 28 Oct 1996

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

Combat in Southwest Pacific, Jul 1943-1945. Air support parties served with US Marines and Australian and US ground forces, directing air support missions for the forces they served. Participated in numerous amphibious assault landings.

Supported combat operations during the Global War on Terror, 2001.

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## Sources

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