

## 5<sup>th</sup> EXPEDITIONARY SPACE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



### **LINEAGE**

5<sup>th</sup> Satellite Control Squadron constituted, 11 Apr 1989

Activated, 1 May 1989

Redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron, 30 Jan 1992

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1992

Activated, 22 Nov 1993

Inactivated, 13 Jun 2000

Redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Satellite Operations Group, 1 May 1989-31 Jul 1992

50<sup>th</sup> 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

LTC Douglas I. McCormick, 22 Nov 1993

LTC Michael L. Wolfert, 15 Aug 1995

Maj Steven W. Bragado, 14 Apr 1997

LTC Michael M. Garrell, 20 Jun 1997

LTC David L. Hafich, 22 Jun 1999

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

Satellites, 1989-1992

Satellites, 1993-2000

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

None

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

## **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Sep 1990-31 Aug 1991

## **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; replaced emblem approved, 25 Aug 1989. (Approved, 9 Dec 1994)

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

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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