

5001 SURVIVAL SQUADRON

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LINEAGE

5001 Survival Squadron

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

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Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

Here education was a critical factor. Any Air Force serviceman assigned to Alaska had to complete a course run by the 5001st Survival Squadron before he was assigned to his own unit. In this course he learned how to work in the cold and how to survive in the event that he was left to his own devices in the Arctic, weather through an aircraft accident, or just being caught out in the weather while on a hunting or fishing expedition. One thing, for sure, was that he soon learned was not to take off a glove to recover a dropped wrench in the middle of a Fairbanks winter. Unless he wanted it welded to his fingers for a while.

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