

# 5900 COMPOSITE WING

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

5900 Composite Wing

## STATIONS

Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

In September 1948, 5900th Wing was re-designated 5900th Composite Wing. At the same time, the air base group and the maintenance and supply group were manned, and the following units were discontinued: 5905th Finance Disbursing Unit, the 5906th Communications Squadron, the 5907th Air Police Squadron, and the 5908th Food Service Squadron. 1948

On the first day of November 1950, the 5900th Composite wing and all assigned units except the 14th Air Postal Unit were discontinued. At the same time, the Hq & Hq Sq, 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Medium, was established as the principal operator of the base. The

character of the base changed at this time from that of a support facility for transient aircraft traffic, to that of an operational base supporting an active program of strategic reconnaissance, charting photography, electronic geodetic mapping and surveying, and related reconnaissance functions for the Strategic Air Command. Col. Richard T. King, former commander of the 5900th Composite Wing, and Ramey AFB, assumed command of the 55th Wing. Tactical and technical units of the new wing at this time were attached to the 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Barksdale AFB, LA., but were soon to join the parent wing at Ramey AFB.

Other base units were reassigned, either to the new air division or the new wing. The Hq, 5901st Maintenance and Supply Group, and Hq & Hq Sq, 5904th Air Base Group, were not manned except by one officer and one airman, for record purposes. Colonel Robert A, Breitweiser, who had commanded the 48th Air Service Group and the base, assumed command of the 5900th Wing and remained as base commander. 1948

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