



United States Air Force **Lineage and Honors History**

5 Special Operations Squadron (AFRC)

Lineage. Constituted as 5 Combat Cargo Squadron on 25 Apr 1944. Activated on 1 May 1944. Inactivated on 15 Jan 1946. Disbanded on 8 Oct 1948. Reconstituted, and consolidated (19 Sep 1985), with the 5 Air Commando Squadron (Psychological Operation), which was constituted, and activated, on 2 Aug 1965. Organized on 8 Aug 1965. Redesignated as 5 Special Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 1968. Inactivated on 15 Oct 1969. Activated in the Reserve on 1 Dec 1994.

Assignments. 2 Combat Cargo Group, 1 May 1944-15 Jan 1946. 2 Air Division, 8 Aug 1965; 14 Air Commando (later, Special Operations) Wing, 8 Mar 1966-15 Oct 1969. 919 Operations (Special Operations) Group, 1 Dec 1994-.

Stations. Syracuse AAB, NY, 1 May 1944; Baer Field, IN, 9-27 Oct 1944; Biak Island, Netherlands East Indies, Nov 1944; Dulag, Leyte, 15 May 1945; Okinawa, 16 Aug 1945; Yokota, Japan, Sep 1945-15 Jan 1946. Nha Trang Aprt, South Vietnam, 8 Aug 1965; Tuy Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 5 Sep-15 Oct 1969. Eglin AF Aux Field #3 (Duke Field), FL, 1 Dec 1994; Eglin AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1999; Hurlburt Fld, FL, 26 Jan 2009-.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* New Guinea; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; Western Pacific; Air Offensive, Japan; Ruykyus. *Vietnam:* Vietnam Defensive; Vietnam Air; Vietnam Air Offensive; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II; Vietnam Air/Ground; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III; Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV; Tet 69/ Counter-offensive; Vietnam

Summer-Fall 1969. *Iraq*: Liberation of Iraq; Transition of Iraq; Iraqi Governance; National Resolution. *Afghanistan*: Liberation; Consolidation I.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Presidential Unit Citations (Southeast Asia): 8 Mar 1966-7 Mar 1967; 21 Jun 1968-30 Jun 1969. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat “V” Device: 16 Jun 1967-20 Jun 1968; 1 Feb 2001-31 Jan 2003. Gallant Unit Citation: 19 Oct 2001-1 Jul 2003. Army Meritorious Unit Commendation: 1 Jan-31 Dec 1968. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: [1 Dec] 1994-31 May 1996; 1 Jun 1996-31 May 1998; 1 Jun 1998-31 May 2000; 1 Feb-30 Sep 2003; 1 Oct 2003-31 Dec 2004; 1 Jan-31 Dec 2005; 1 Jan-31 Dec 2006; 1 Jan-30 Apr 2007; 1 Oct 2008-30 Jul 2010; 1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2018. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII). Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm: 1 Apr 1966-15 Oct 1969; 1 Jan-30 Aug 1968.



Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 2 Oct 2023.

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