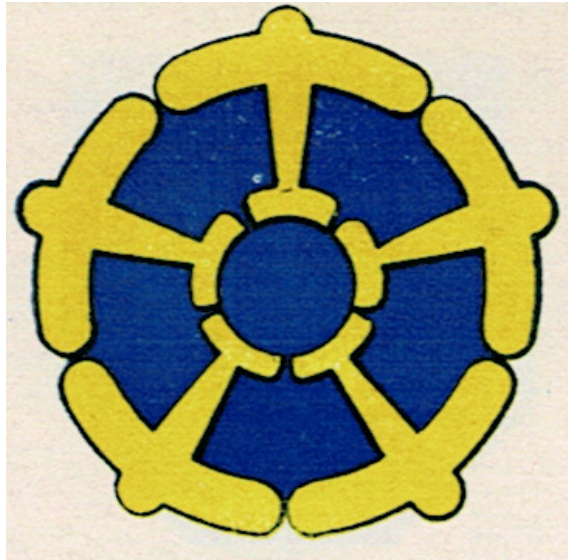


5 AIR BASE SQUADRON



MISSION

The mission of the squadron are defense, police upkeep of the Air Base, training of personnel as replacements for the tactical units, furnishing personnel for the proper functioning of post headquarters.

LINEAGE

5 Air Base Squadron
Formed, 1 Sep 1936

STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

BC-1
C-33

COMMANDERS

Col John F. Curry

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

The squadron insignia is a conventional wheel formed by 5 gold airplanes in silhouette conjoined and radiating from a common center on a blue background. The blue background represents the Air Base and the five airplanes represent the designation of the squadron.

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

The squadron was formed from personnel of the Station complement, 69th Service Squadron, and the 70th Service Squadron all stationed at Hamilton.

Since its organization, the squadron's actual and authorized strength has varied greatly. In 1939, the enlisted strength of assigned and attached personnel varied from 362 enlisted men in January to 981 in December.

In February 1940, half of the squadron was tasked to provide manning for a new squadron, Base Headquarters, 19th ABS at McChord Field, WA, for which it departed on 4 Jun 1940.

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