

## 5 FLYING TRAINING SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

5 Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 20 Nov 1940  
Activated, 15 Jan 1941  
Redesignated 5 Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942  
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945  
Activated, 9 Nov 1946  
Redesignated 5 Fighter Squadron, All-Weather, 10 May 1948  
Redesignated 5 Fighter All-Weather Squadron, 20 Jan 1950  
Redesignated 5 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 1 May 1951  
Inactivated, 1 Jul 1988  
Redesignated 5 Flying Training Squadron, 1 Jan 1990  
Activated, 16 Feb 1990  
Inactivated, 15 Dec 1991  
Redesignated 5 Flying Training Flight and activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1997  
Redesignated 5 Flying Training Squadron, 1 Apr 1998

### STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941  
Floyd Bennett Aprt, NY, 17 Dec 1941  
Selfridge Field, MI, 14 Jan 1942  
Florence, SC, 18 Feb 1942  
Wilmington NC, 27 Apr 1942  
Grenier Field, NH, 12 Jun-19 Jul 1942  
Northern Ireland, 19 Aug 1942  
Goxhill, England, 26 Aug-27 Oct 1942; (air echelon arrived at Tafaraoui, Algeria, 8 Nov 1942)

La Senia, Algeria, 12 Nov 1942  
Orleansville, Algeria, 1 Jan 1943  
Telergma, Algeria, 19 Jan 1943  
Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 8 Mar 1943  
Le Sers, Tunisia, 12 Apr 1943  
La Sebala, Tunisia, 20 May 1943  
Bo Rizzo, Sicily, 1 Aug 1943  
Corsica, 1 Dec 1943  
Madna Airfield, Italy, 14 May 1944  
Piagiolino Airfield, Italy, 24 Apr 1945  
Lesina, Italy, 10 Jul-Aug 1945  
Drew Field, FL, 25 Aug-7 Nov 1945  
Schweinfurt, Germany, 9 Nov 1946  
Bad Kissingen, Germany, 5 May-25 Jun 1947  
Mitchel Field, NY, 25 Jun 1947  
McGuire AFB, NJ, 4 Oct 1949  
Suffolk County AFB, NY, 18 Aug 1955  
Minot AFB, ND, 1 Feb 1960-1 Jul 1988  
Vance AFB, OK, 16 Feb 1990-15 Dec 1991  
Vance AFB, OK, 1 Apr 1997

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

52 Pursuit (later, 52 Fighter) Group, 15 Jan 1941-7 Nov 1945  
52 Fighter (later, 52 Fighter All Weather; 52 Fighter Interceptor) Group, 9 Nov 1946  
4709 Defense Wing, 6 Feb 1952  
568 Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953  
4709 Defense (later, 4709 Air Defense) Wing, 8 Jul 1954  
52 Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955  
32 Fighter Group, 1 Feb 1960  
32 Fighter Wing, 1 Feb 1961  
Minot Air Defense Sector, 1 Jul 1962  
Great Falls Air Defense Sector, 25 Jun 1963  
28 Air Division, 1 Apr 1966  
24 Air Division, 19 Nov 1969  
25 Air Division, 1 Jun 1983  
Northwest Air Defense Sector, 1 Dec 1987-1 Jul 1988  
71 Flying Training Wing, 16 Feb 1990-15 Dec 1991  
610 Regional Support Group, 1 Apr 1997  
340 Flying Training Group, 1 Apr 1998

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-102, 1957  
F-106, 1960  
F-15, 1984

F-82, 1948  
F-86, 1953  
F-94, 1950  
P-39, 1942  
P-40, 1941  
P-43  
P-47  
P-51, 1944  
P-61, 1947  
Spitfire, 1942  
T-1, 1998  
T-33  
T-37, 1990  
T-37, 1998  
T-38, 1990  
T-38, 1998

#### **COMMANDERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Lt T. Alan Bennett, 1941  
Capt John C. Erickson, 1941  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Alan Bennett, 1941  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Ward W. Harker, 1941  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt James F. Whisenand, 1942  
Capt Thomas A. Holdiman, 1942  
Maj George C. Deaton, 10 May 1942  
Maj William J. Payne, 2 May 1943  
Maj Everett K. Jenkins, 25 Nov 1943  
Maj Edwin W. Fuller, 4 May 1944  
Lt Col Ralph J. Watson, 25 Aug 1944  
Lt Col Hadley R. Elikier, 4 Mar 1945-1945  
Maj John M. Konosky, 9 Nov 1946  
Lt Col William C. Bryson, 3 Feb 1948  
Maj John M. Konosky, 17 Feb 1949-Unkn  
Lt Col George D. Mobbs, May 1951  
Lt Col Thomas D. Robertson, 5 Mar 1952  
Lt Col Robert M. Myers, 26 Aug 1952  
Lt Col Joseph G. Hohnson Jr., Jul 1954-Unkn  
Lt Col Edward C. Heckman Jr., #1956  
Maj Gordon H. Scott, 1 May 1960  
Lt Col Roland J. Dufresne, 17 Aug 1960  
Lt Col Jacksel M. Broughton, By Sep 1962  
Lt Col Richard E. Chandler, 11 Jun 1964  
Lt Col Hubert L. Williams, Jul 1964  
Lt Col John H. Fowler Jr., 18 Nov 1965

Maj Frederick H. England, Sep 1966  
Lt Col Garland W. Eagle, 11 Nov 1966  
Lt Col Vander L. Smith, 19 Jul 1968  
Lt Col Donald J. Parsons, Jun 1970  
Lt Col Joseph L. Phinney, 12 Mar 1971  
Lt Col Jack H. Sandstrom, 19 Jan 1973  
Lt Col Dennis M. Harper, Jun 1975  
Lt Col Thurman D. Cothran, Jun 1977  
Lt Col James E. Waddle, 7 Aug 1978  
Lt Col Dallas R. Hanna, Dec 1979  
Lt Col Daniel L. Wodstrchill, Dec 1980  
Lt Col Richard L. Maki, 8 Jul 1982  
Lt Col Richard E. Coe, 29 Jun 1984  
Lt Col Thomas W. Dobson Jr, 6 Jun 1986-Feb 1988  
Unkn, Feb-1 Jul 1988  
Lt Col Ruel M. Dunn, 16 Feb 1990  
Lt Col Terry E. Pursell, 13 Jul 1990-15 Dec 1991  
Lt Col Gregory A. Phillips, 1 Apr 1997  
Lt Col Robert D. Johnson, 1 Nov 1999  
Lt Col Ronald D Welch, 18 May 2002  
Lt Col Robert D. Williamson, 13 Sep 2002  
Lt Col David H. Clark, 25 Jun 2004  
Lt Col Gerald Kirchner, 24 Jun 2005

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Algeria-French Morocco  
Tunisia  
Sicily  
Naples-Foggia  
Rome-Arno  
Southern France  
North Apennines  
Po Valley  
Air Offensive, Europe  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Central Europe  
Air Combat, EAME Theater

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Germany, 9 Jun 1944

Rumania, 31 Aug 1944

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1960-31 Dec 1962

1 Jan 1978-30 Jun 1979

1 Apr 1986-31 Mar 1988

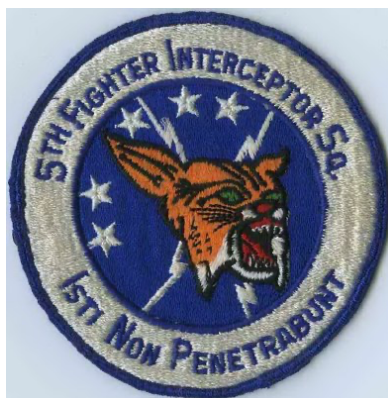
[16 Feb 1990]-31 Mar 1991

1 Apr 1990-14 Dec 1991

### EMBLEM



5 Fighter Interceptor Squadron emblem: approved, 16 Jan 1951





## **MOTTO**

Spitten Kittens

## **OPERATIONS**

Combat in ETO and MTO, Aug 1942-30 Apr 1945; participated in the invasion of North Africa on 8 Nov 1942 and liberation of Sicily and Italy. Served in Germany as an all-weather fighter squadron, 1946-1947.

21 August 1951 A T-33A 49-917, of the 5 Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, crashed on takeoff from McGuire Air Force Base into a scrub pine forest at adjacent Fort Dix, New Jersey, killing the two crew and spraying burning fuel over a group of 54 U.S. Army soldiers assigned to B battery of the Ninth division's 26th Field Artillery Battalion, wrapping up an army communications exercise, killing 11 and injuring 20. The trainer, unable to gain altitude, clips trees at the edge of a clearing and impacts 50 feet from an army six-by-six troop carrier vehicle upon which some soldiers had already boarded. Others were lined up in formation close by. Eight died almost instantly and three succumbed later in hospital. All Army fatalities were 22 or younger, all hailed from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, and all had been in the army for less than five months. Also killed were pilot Capt. William H. Raub, (also reported as William H. Rauh), 31, of Seattle, and his passenger, Maj. Theodore Deakyne, 30, of Levittown, New York. "It was an unfortunate tragedy - a remarkable coincidence of circumstances which brought the plane to the spot where the men were on the verge of moving out.

The 5 had as their mascots, two live Lynx kittens that produced several offspring which were kept on base. After the unit inactivated, their two Lynx kitten mascots were donated to the Roosevelt Park Zoo in Minot.

AETC needed to double pilot production from 525 in FY96 to 1100 a year by FY02. On 1 May 1997, two Reserve instructor pilots (IPs) assigned to the 5 Flying Training Flight at Vance AFB, Oklahoma, became the first associate IPs to train student pilots on a T-38 sortie.

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