

# 5001 COMPOSITE WING

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

5001 Composite Wing  
Inactivated, 8 Apr 1953

## STATIONS

Ladd AFB, AK

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

In 1952, the missions of Ladd's 5001st Composite Wing included the directive to be responsible for the operation, administration and logistical support of auxiliary bases and off-post facilities. Over the years, this task grew from supporting scattered AC&W sites and auxiliary airfields such as Marks AFB in Nome to include logistical support of DEW line sites, Clear BMEWS, forward airfields such as Galena, and various research stations. The AAC was aware that "[s]upply and

logistical responsibilities present two of the most critical problems encountered by the Air Force in Alaska." The logistics function, while it lacked glamour, was critical to the operation of the air defense system as a whole.

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