

## 905 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

505 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 3 Sep 1942

Activated, 7 Sep 1942

Inactivated, 1 Apr 1944

905 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy constituted and activated, 12 Oct 1959

Organized, 1 Feb 1960

505 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) consolidated with 905 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy,  
19 Sep 1985. Consolidated organization designated 905 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy

Redesignated 905 Air Refueling Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

### STATIONS

Salt Lake City AAB, UT, 7 Sep 1942

Smoky Hill AAB, KS, 3 Oct 1942

Dyersburg AAFld, TN, 26 Feb 1943–1 Apr 1944

Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Feb 1960

### ASSIGNMENTS

346 Bombardment Group, 7 Sep 1942–1 Apr 1944

Strategic Air Command, 12 Oct 1959

4133 Strategic Wing, 1 Feb 1960

319 Bombardment Wing, 1 Feb 1963

319 Operations Group, 1 Sep 1991

305 Operations Group, 1 Jun 1992

43 Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993

319 Operations Group, 1 Oct 1993

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1942-1943

KC-135, 1960

### **COMMANDERS**

LTC E.J. Zeuty, #1964

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

World War II American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1977-30 Jun 1979

### **EMBLEM**

505 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy): Over and through a yellow disc, two light turquoise blue aerial bombs in saltire, surmounted by the head of a rhinoceros, proper. (Approved 22 Nov 1943)



905 Air Refueling Squadron emblem: On a White disc bordered Black, a Light Blue chief spattered with White stars above an Air Force Blue globe, grid lines Light Blue; surmounting the globe two Air Force Golden Yellow aircraft fesswise in a refueling operation; encircling the globe a Light Blue arrow; highlights on aircraft and arrow White. (Approved, 25 Mar 1963)

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Replacement training unit, Nov 1942-Oct 1943.

Global refueling operations, May 1960

905 AREFS achieved combat ready status as of 31 Aug 60.

On 22 Jan 62, a 905 AREFS KC-135 flew a severely burned child from Yokota AB, Japan to Brooks, TX hospital.

905 AREFS supported operation Chrome Dome at Eielson AFB, AK. 1962

New 905 AREFS alert facility occupied. 1966

Provided personnel and aircraft for air refueling operations in Southwest Asia, 13 Aug 1990–9 Apr 1991.

Jan - Apr 1994 - The 905 ARS deployed to Pisa, Italy, to support Operation DENY FLIGHT, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's effort to enforce a no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Jul - Nov 1994 - The 905 ARS and 906 ARS deployed to Riyadh Air Base (AB), Saudi Arabia, to support Operation SOUTHERN WATCH (OSW), the United Nations coalition forces enforcement of a no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

Jan 1995 - Aircrews and tankers from the 905 ARS deployed to Pisa, Italy, and Istres AB, France, to support Operation DENY FLIGHT.

Participated in providing land-based air forces to augment the United States forces currently supporting Operation Southern Watch. 1996

Tanker operations have officially ended at Grand Forks AFB, N.D., with the departure of the 319th Air Refueling Wing's final KC-135. The wing will inactivate the base's 905 Air Refueling Squadron, 319 Maintenance Group, and 319 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron on Dec. 31, bringing to an end 50 years of KC-135 activities at the base. Air Mobility Command vice commander Lt. Gen. Vern Findley flew the wing's final KC-135 to McConnell AFB, Kan., on Dec. 4, completing the tanker drawdown. As part of BRAC 2005, Grand Forks will assume a new role: operating RQ-4s. The first Global Hawk is due to arrive next summer. " 2010

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