

4061 AIR REFUELING WING



MISSION

LINEAGE

4061 Air Refueling Wing organized, 1 Jul 1957
Discontinued, 15 Jul 1961

STATIONS

Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Jul 1957-15 Jul 1961

ASSIGNMENTS

Fifteenth Air Force, 1 Jul 1957
813 Air Division, 15 Jul 1959-15 Jul 1961

WEAPON SYSTEMS

KC-97, 1957-1961

COMMANDERS

Col Murray A. Bywater, 1 Jul 1957
Col Berton H. Burns, 16 Aug 1958-15 Jul 1961

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Azure, within a diminished border argent originating in sinister fess arched to dexter chief a wreath surmounted by a lightning flash bend sinisterwise all or garnished brown; overall in bend between two mullets one in sinister fess and the other in dexter base of the second edged dark blue, two gauntlets clasped of the last detailed of the first. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the wing and its mission. The clasped mailed hands, suggested by the mailed fist of the SAC emblem, are symbolic of the helping hand of the refueling units. The two stars represent the wings two tactical squadrons. The blue field and stars indicate sky and space while the lightning and olive branch represent war and peace. The emblem bears the Air Force colors; ultramarine blue and golden yellow. (Approved, 9 Nov 1959)

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OPERATIONS

From 1957 to 1961, conducted aerial refueling of Strategic Air Command manned bombers and other US military aircraft as directed.

1958/4061 AEFW began reorganization would which establish deputy commander for operations and deputy commander for maintenance as well as convert 4061 Air Base Group into 4061 Combat Support Group with four deputates: services, materiel, installation engineering and administration.

1958 4061 Air Refueling Wing supported 15 Air Force operation top hand in operation snow drift which is described as the largest mass night air refueling mission ever flown by 4061 Wing. Top hand was a test of NORAD capabilities.

1960-4061 AREFW participated in communications tests of SM-80 minuteman missile trains.

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