

4133rd STRATEGIC WING



MISSION

Mission Of 4133 Strategic Wing was to organize, man, train, and equip units for conducting long range bombardment and air refueling operations using either conventional or nuclear weapons.

LINEAGE

4133 Strategic Wing

Activated, 1 Sep 1958

Inactivated, 1 Feb 1963

STATIONS

Grand Forks AFB, ND, 1 Sep 1958-1 Feb 1963

ASSIGNMENTS

821st Strategic Aerospace Division

810th Strategic Aerospace Division, On 1 Jul 1962

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-52H, 1962-1963

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Carlton J. Koncz, 1 Sep 1958

Lt Col Albert M. Alton, 2 Feb 1960

Col Lucian N. Powell, 7 Oct 1960

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

4133RD SW Activated at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota, on 1/9/58. Inactivated on 1/2/63 when aircraft and personnel resources passed to the 319 BW at the same base.

Personnel Also Participated In Pony Express Operation During Jul 60.

Supported Eielson Task Force Operation. 1962

Underwent Tanker Task Force Exercise (All Out Zulu) On 14 And 15 Sep 61.

Many Newly Assigned Personnel Came Direct From Technical Schools And Required Additional Training. 1961

Cold Weather Preparations For Equipment Underway. 1961

First Airborne Alert B-52h Aircraft Took Off From Grand Forks Air Force Base (Afb) Nd, Remained Aloft For 22 Hours, And Refueled Two Times. 1962

Alert Force Exercised Seven Times During Dec 62. 1962

Alert Force Was Exercised Nine Times During Aug. 1962

Wing's Commitment To Operation Sky Shield Iii Became Effective On 2 Sep 62.

Shortage Of Supplies And Equipment Funds Of Grave Concern To Key Personnel Of Wing. 1963

USAF Unit Histories

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