

## 4397 AIR REFUELING WING



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

4397 Air Refueling Wing

### STATIONS

Randolph AFB, TX, 1 Jul 1958-15 Jun 1962

### ASSIGNMENTS

### COMMANDERS

### HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

### EMBLEM



On a sky proper within a diminished border or fimbriated azure, issuant from sinister base bendwise the front half of a stylized aircraft with connecting refueling line attached to the tail end of another stylized aircraft in dexter chief all of the third detailed of the first, in sinister chief an olive branch vert edged of the second and surmounted by lamp of knowledge of the like in dexter base a lightning flash of the last surmounted by an ellipsoid argent, land masses and grid lines of the third. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the wing and its mission. The background of light blue indicates the sky, the primary theater of operations. The aircraft represents the air refueling component of the wing and the lightning indicates the swift, sure actions of refueling as well as potential striking force. The globe symbolizes worldwide support, the lamp of knowledge represents the wings primary mission as a training unit support SAC and the USAF and the olive branch symbol of peace, indicates that with a well trained air refueling force, the mission of SAC can be met thus insuring national and world security. The emblem displays the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow. (Approved, 8 Jul 1959)

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

Since July 1958, Strategic Air Command had conducted KC-97 training at Randolph in a tenant status. Its 4397th Air Refueling Wing oversaw the training program. ATC wanted SAC to relocate so that Randolph could be used for other ATC programs. While Headquarters USAF agreed with ATC, it was reluctant to push the relocation issue, since the KC-97 mission was soon to end. A series of delays pushed that inactivation to 30 June 1962.

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