

310th EXPEDITIONARY AIR REFUELING FLIGHT



MISSION

LINEAGE

610th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 15 Feb 1943

Activated, 1 Mar 1943

Disbanded, 10 Apr 1944

310th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium constituted, 20 Aug 1952

Activated, 8 Oct 1952

Redesignated 310th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, 1 Dec 1963

610 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) reconstituted and consolidated with 310 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, 19 Sep 1985. Consolidated unit designated 310th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy

Redesignated 310th Air Refueling Squadron, 1 Sep 1991

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1994

Redesignated 310th Expeditionary Air Refueling Flight and converted to provisional status, 29 Sep 2004

STATIONS

Pyote AAB, TX, 1 Mar 1943

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 11 Apr 1943

Pueblo AAB, CO, c. 2 May 1943

Smoky Hill AAFld, KS, 31 Jul 1943

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 19 Sep 1943

Charleston AAFld, SC, 15 Dec 1943-10 Apr 1944

Smoky Hill (later Schilling) AAFB, KS, 8 Oct 1952

Walker AFB, NM, 1 Jun 1965

Plattsburgh AFB, NY, 25 Jan 1967-1 Oct 1994

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, 1-28 Mar 1954, 28 Dec 1955-28 Feb 1956
Brize Norton RAF Station, UK, 10 Mar-8 Jun 1955
Upper Heyford RAF Station, UK, 3 Oct 1956-9 Jan 1957
East Kirkby RAF Station, UK, 25 Nov-10 Dec 1957
Goose AB, Newfoundland, 25 Mar-8 Jul 1958
Walker AFB, NM, 15 Apr-31 May 1965

ASSIGNMENTS

400th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 1 Mar 1943-10 Apr 1944.
310th Bombardment Wing, Medium (later 310th Strategic Aerospace Wing), 8 Oct 1952 6 Strategic Aerospace Wing, 25 Jun 1965
380th Strategic Aerospace (later 380 Bombardment; 380th Air Refueling) Wing, 25 Jan 1967
380th Operations Group, 1 Sep 91-1 Oct 1994

ATTACHMENTS

802 Air Division, 1-28 Mar 1954
Eighth Air Force, 28 Dec 1955-25 Feb 1956, 25 Nov-10 Dec 1957, 25 Mar-8 Jul 1958
6th Strategic Aerospace Wing, 15 Apr-25 Jun 1965

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, Apr 1943-Apr 1944
B-24D
B-24E
B-24H
KC-97, Jan 1953-Nov 1963
KC-135 Mar 1964-Oct 1994
KC-97F
KC-97G
KC-135A

COMMANDERS

None (unmanned), 1 Mar 1943
Cpt Barnard J. Gaffney, 28 Mar 1943
LTC Harvey P. Barnard, 28 Oct 1943
LTC William R. Boutz, 30 Nov 1943
Cpt John R. Rogillio, Jr, 3 Feb-10 Mar 1944
None (unmanned), 8 Oct 1952
Maj Jack N. Fancher, c. 14 Oct 1952
LTC Harold G. Fulmer, 14 Oct 1953
Maj Jack N. Fancher, c. Apr 1954
LTC William A. Garrett, 3 Aug 1956
LTC John W. Graybill, c. Jan 1958

LTC John R. Hinton, Jr., c. May 1958
Maj Tilmon B. Cantrell, 11 Jan 1960
Maj Charles J. York, 12 Jun 1961
LTC J. B. Smith, 3 Jan 1963
LTC Frank B. Knapp, c. Oct 1963
Col J. B. Smith, c. Jan 1964
LTC Warren W. Boone, c. May 1966
LTC Jacques K. Tetrick, 1 Jun 1969
LTC Van T. McNulty, 1 Sep 1969
LTC Leo E. Olesen, 1 Jul 1970
LTC John R. Shipe, 29 Jun 1972
LTC William W. McCormick, 16 May 1973
Maj Robert J. Gallinger, 20 Jul 1974
LTC Donald L. Ashley, 22 Mar 1975
LTC Bernard L. Walpole, 12 Apr 1976
LTC Todd W. Crawford, 8 Dec 1978
LTC Richard A. Steeves, 24 Oct 1979
LTC Lynn T. Barringer, 12 Mar 1981
LTC Michael L. Carr, 2 Jul 1982
LTC Gibson C. Akers, 8 Aug 1983
LTC Robert J. Barnell, 12 Oct 1984
LTC James E. Williams, 15 Nov 1985
LTC William E. Franta, 21 May 1987
LTC Craig P. Upton, 15 Jun 1989
LTC Thomas D. Kreer, 26 Apr 90
LTC Louis L. Descouteaux, 15 Jun 1992
LTC Olen S. Key, 6 Oct 1993-1 Oct 1994

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II: American Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1956-1 Jan 1959

1 Jan 1958-31 May 1959

1 Jul 1974-30 Jun 1975

1 Jul 1979-30 Jun 1980

1 Jul 1980-30 Jun 1981
1 Jul 1983-30 Jun 1985
1 Jul 1986-30 Jun 1988

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Approved on 8 Aug 1956.

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OPERATIONS

Largely unmanned from 1 Mar 1943 to 2 May 1943 as personnel were undergoing training at Orlando, FL. Trained with B-24s at Pueblo AAB in early May 1943 and then moved to Smoky Hill AAFld, KS on 31 Jun 1943 to continue aircrew training. Moved to Alamogordo AAFld, NM. Changed from operational training unit to replacement training unit in Dec 1943 when unit moved to Charleston AAFld, SC. Performed flying and ground training until inactivated on 10 Apr 1944.

The 310 Air Refueling Squadron activated on 8 Oct 1952 at Smoky Hill (later Schilling) AFB, KS. Received first KC-87 tankers in January 1953 and began refueling B-29s of the 310 Bombardment Wing.

In 1954, began refueling the turbojet B-47s newly assigned to the wing. Provided refueling support with KC-97s for Strategic Air Command (SAC) bombers through the 1950s and early 1960s.

Deployed with the 310 Bomb Wing on two occasions in 1955 and Oct 1956-Jan 1957 and on detached duty in Nov-Dec 1957 to England.

Deployed to Newfoundland in 1954, 1955-56, and 1958 under SAC's rotational policy to provide air refueling support in the North Atlantic area. Phased out its KC-97s in Oct-Nov 1963.

Received first KC-135 on 3 Mar 1964 and full complement of jet tankers with combat-rated aircrews by Jun.

In Apr 1964, moved to Walker AFB, NM. Elements deployed to Southeast Asia to refuel combat aircraft in support of US forces in Vietnam and regularly refueled tactical aircraft deploying to the Pacific and Southeast Asia.

On 25 Jan 1967, moved to Plattsburgh AFB, NY because of closure of Walker AFB, NM.

Supported tanker task force in Europe and Alaska with temporary deployments to the operational theaters.

In Oct 1973, deployed aircraft and crews to Lajes Field, Azores, to refuel C-141s and C-5s, transporting war materiel to Israel during Yom Kippur War.

In early 1976, ceased flying missions in Southeast Asia but began flying as part of tanker task forces used to refuel aircraft in the Pacific area.

Continued to refuel B-52s and FB-111s assigned the 380 Bombardment Wing in 1970s and 1980s.

Supported SAC and USAF exercises worldwide and refueled aircraft of all major commands, the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and other US military services. Inactivated on 1 Oct 1994.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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