

## 500<sup>th</sup> AIR REFUELING WING



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

500<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, Very Heavy constituted, 19 Nov 1943  
Activated, 20 Nov 1943  
Inactivated, 17 Jan 1946

500<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Medium Established as 500<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Medium, 15 Nov 1962

Activated, 15 Nov 1962

Organized, 1 Jan 1963

Discontinued and inactivated, 15 Dec 1964

500<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group, Very Heavy and 500<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Medium consolidated, 31 Jan 1984. Remained inactive.

Redesignated 500<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Group and converted to provisional status, 12 Jun 2002

Activated, 15 Aug 2003

Inactivated, 1 Mar 2004

Activated, 15 Aug 2004

Inactivated, 28 Feb 2005

Activated, 19 Jul 2005

Inactivated

### **STATIONS**

Gowen Field, ID, 20 Nov 1943 – 12 Jan 1944

Clovis AAF, NM, 12 Jan – 16 Apr 1944

Walker AAF, KS, 16 Apr – 23 Jul 1944

Isely Field, Saipan, Mariana Islands, 18 Sep 1944 – 21 Oct 1945

March Field, CA, 24 Oct 1945 – 17 Jan 1946

Selfridge AFB, Michigan, 1 Jan 1963 – 15 Dec 1964

Christchurch, New Zealand, 15 Aug 2003 - 1 Mar 2004

Christchurch, New Zealand, 15 Aug 2004- 28 Feb 2005

Christchurch, New Zealand, 29 Jul 2005 - unknown

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Second Air Force, 20 Nov 1943 – 23 Jul 1944

73d Bombardment Wing, 18 Sep 1944 – 21 Oct 1945

Fifteenth Air Force, 24 Oct 1945 – 17 Jan 1946

17th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jun 1963

40th Air Division, 1 Jul 1963 – 15 Dec 1964

Air Mobility Command to activate or inactivate as needed, 12 Jun 2002

### **ATTACHMENTS**

17th Bombardment Operational Training Wing, 16 Apr – 23 Jul 1944

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-29

KC-97, 1963-1964

### **COMMANDERS**

None (not manned), 15 Nov-31 Dec 1962

Col Ervin Wursten, 1 Jan 1963

Col James H. Coats, 7 Jun 1963

Col Joseph J. Young, 16 Sep-15 Dec 1964

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

None

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

**Decorations**

None

**EMBLEM**

Per bend azure and vert, issuant from base a demisphere argent grid lined and outlined sable, in fess two stylized aircraft refueling detailed and fimbriated of the third between in sinister chief a moon increscent with a mullet between its points silver gray, and in dexter flank a sun radiant or, detailed of the fourth, all within a diminished bordure of the sixth. (Approved, 19 Feb 1964)

**MOTTO**

SEMPER PARATUS—Always prepared

**NICKNAME****OPERATIONS**

Replaced 4045<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing in Jan 1963. Supported SAC bombardment and TAC fighter aircraft with air-to-air refueling and occasionally deployed segments of its tanker force overseas to support unit movements and special operations.