

506 EXPEDITIONARY AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

406 Fighter Squadron (Single-Engine) constituted, 25 May 1943

Activated, 15 Jul 1943

Redesignated 406 Fighter Squadron, Single-Engine, 20 Aug 1943

Inactivated, 10 Nov 1945

506 Air Refueling Squadron, Strategic Fighter constituted, 28 Aug 1953

Activated, 25 Sep 1953

Inactivated, 1 Jul 1957

406 Fighter Squadron, Single Engine and 506 Air Refueling Squadron, Strategic Fighter consolidated and redesignated 506 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, 19 Sep 1985

Redesignated 506 Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, and converted to provisional status, 12 Jun 2002

STATIONS

Richmond AAB, VA, 15 Jul 1943

Camp Springs AAFld, MD, 2 Oct 1943

Millville AAFld, NJ, 17 Nov 1943

Camp Springs AAFld, MD, 12 Dec 1943

Richmond AAB, VA, 20 Jan-14 Feb 1944

Bisterne, England, 7 Mar 1944 (operated from Tbsley, England, 21 Apr- 1 May 1944)

Beuzeville, France, 17 Jun 1944

Perthes, France, 20 Sep 1944

Dole/Tavaux, France, 1 Oct 1944
Tantonville, France, 15 Feb 1945
Frankfurt/Eschborn, Germany, 5 Apr 1945
Furth, Germany, 3 May 1945
Horsching, Austria, 16 Aug 1945
Stuttgart, Germany, 13 Sep-Oct 1945
Camp Shanks, NY, 9-10 Nov 1945
Dow AFB, ME, 25 Sep 1953
Bergstrom AFB, TX, 15 Aug 1955-1 Jul 1957

ASSIGNMENTS

371st Fighter Group, 15 Jul 1943-10 Nov 1945
506th Strategic Fighter Wing, 25 Sep 1953
Eighth Air Force, 1 Mar 1955
4060th Air Refueling Wing, 8 Mar 1955
42nd Air Division (attached to 12 Strategic Fighter Wing), 15 Aug 1955-1 Jul 1957
Air Mobility Command to activate or inactivate at any time after 12 Jun 2002

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1943-1945
KB-29, 1954-1957

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 15 Jul-8 Aug 1943
Maj Edwin D. Taylor, 9 Aug 1943
Maj Philip E. Bacon Jr., 5 Sep 1944
Lt Col Sanders E. Delaney, 1 Nov 1944
Maj John O. Daniels, 11 May 1945
Lt Col Sanders E. Delaney, 3 Jun 1945
Maj John O. Daniels, 6 Jun-unkn 1945
None (not manned), 15 Sep-Nov 1953
Capt Richard W. Higgins, late Nov 1953 (temporary)
Maj William T. O'Regan, 8 Dec 1953
Maj Gerhard R. Abendhoff, 24 May 1954-1 Jul 1957.
Lt Col Franklin E. Chalk Sr.
Lt Col Paul Hutchinson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy

Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Germany, 15-21 Mar 1945

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army
6 Jun-30 Sep 1944

EMBLEM



506 Air Refueling Squadron, Strategic Fighter emblem approved, 1 Mar 1956

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 12 Apr 1944-9 May 1945. Provided air refueling for SAC's strategic fighter aircraft, Mar 1954-Jun 1957.

The 4060th Air Refueling Wing, Medium was organized at Dow Air Force Base on March 8, 1955, thus becoming the first Air Refueling Wing in the history of the United States Air Force. The Wing was first comprised of the 506th Air Refueling Squadron. This Squadron was equipped with the KB-29 and was combat ready in March of 1955.

Another unit assigned was the 71st Air Refueling Squadron. This Squadron was equipped with the KC-97G, the first of which arrived at Dow Air Force base on April 9, 1955. Other units included the 4060th Armament and Electronic Maintenance Squadron; the 4060th Periodic Maintenance Squadron; and the 4060th Field Maintenance Squadron; the 4060th Air Base Group; the 4033rd USAF Hospital; and the 33rd Crash Boat Rescue Flight at Southwest Harbor, Maine. Eventually all of the KB-29 were replaced by the KC-97. Another KC-97 unit, the 341st Air Refueling Squadron, replaced the 506th Air Refueling Squadron.

USAF UNIT HISTORIES

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