

19th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

19th Air Corps Ferrying Squadron constituted, 18 Feb 1942

Activated, 4 Jun 1942

Redesignated 19th Ferrying Squadron, 12 May 1943

Disbanded, 31 Mar 1944

19th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium, constituted, 26 Aug 1955

Activated, 1 Feb 1956

Discontinued and inactivated, 25 Mar 1966

Redesignated 19th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, 19 Sep 1985. Unit remains inactive

19th Ferrying Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 19th Air Refueling Squadron, Medium. Redesignated 19th Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy, 19 Sep 1985. Unit remains inactive.

STATIONS

Wayne County Airport (later Romulus Army Airfield), MI, 4 Jun 1942-31 Mar 1944

Homestead AFB, FL, 1 Feb 1956

Otis AFB, MA, 1 Apr 1960-25 Mar 1966

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Ben Guerir AB, Morocco, May-Jul 1957

ASSIGNMENTS

3rd Ferrying Group, 4 Jun 1942-31 Mar 1944
19th Bombardment Wing, 1956
4050th Air Refueling Wing, 1 Apr 1960
4038th Strategic Wing, 1 Apr 1961
397th Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 1 Feb 1963
499th Air Refueling Wing, 15 Jun 1963
817th Air Division, 1 Jul 1964-25 Mar 1966

ATTACHMENTS

379th Bombardment Wing, Medium, 1 Feb 1956-1 Jul 1956

WEAPON SYSTEMS

KC-97G

COMMANDERS

Cpt Homer E. Fackler, 4 Jun 1942
Cpt William E. Davis, 30 Jun 1942
Maj Earle W. Estelle, 12 Aug 1942
Philip H. Best, Feb 1943-unknown
Cpt John A. Semento, 1 Feb 1956 (temporary)
Maj Philip E. Curtis, 13 Feb 1956 (temporary)
LTC William E. Smith, 1 Apr 1956
LTC Lee E. Baker, 13 Jun 1957
LTC James E. Maxwell, May 1958
Col William G. Walker, Jr., 1 Apr 1960
LTC James E. Maxwell, 10 Sep 1961
Col William H. Noel, 26 Apr 1962
Col James T. Brothers, Apr 1964

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



19th Ferrying Squadron emblem



19th Air Refueling Squadron emblem

On a disc of the globe turning on its axis, Air Force blue, edge grid lines white a green band, outlined black, issuing from a white cloud in sinister base; supported by the index and middle fingers of the hand an Air Force golden yellow stylized aircraft, outlines and details black; all within a narrow border. Emblem is symbolic of squadron's primary mission and represents aerial support of tactical bombers. The hand symbolizes support function. The globe indicates SAC's global mission. Ultramarine blue and golden yellow represent the official colors of the

USAF.

MOTTO

SERVIRE DE SUPERNIS—Service Over and Above

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Serviced aircraft production area containing five factories located near the cities of Chicago, Louisville and Buffalo. Ferried 18 types of aircraft, including P-39, P-40, L-2, B-17 and B-24 to points all over the world but specialized in the North Atlantic and Alaskan routes. Ferried P-39s to Fairbanks, AK where Soviet pilots took delivery.

Became combat ready, 1 Sep 1956

Participated in training and exercises refueling bombers assigned to the 19th Bombardment and other wings. Deployed to Morocco carrying passengers and equipment enroute refueling bombers while returning.

Squadron participated in Operations Long Legs II, the deployment of Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team to South American, 1961

In Jul 1963, squadron maintained seven alert aircraft at Otis and two alert aircraft at RAF Brize Norton and RAF Fairfield in the United Kingdom.

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Sources

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