

4505 AIR REFUELING WING, TACATICAL



MISSION

LINEAGE

4505 Air Refueling Wing, Tactical **activated 1 Jul 1958**

Inactivated, 8 Oct 1963

STATIONS

Langley AFB, VA, 1 Jul 1958-8 Oct 1963

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force

836 Air Division 1 Nov 1968

Ninth Air Force 1 Jul 1961

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

Col Charles W. Howe

Col Lawrence F. Tanberg 1 Jul 1960

Col George H. Kneen 13 Aug 1962

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Approved, 10 Apr 1958

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Participated in Trees for Koza People to People; airlift of seeds for reforestation project on Okinawa.

In 1956, TAC began the implementation of the Composite Air Strike Force (CASF) concept, a rapidly deployable force to respond to worldwide crises. As part of this concept, elements of the 4505th Air Refueling Wing, activated on 1 July 1958, and of the 345th Bombardment Wing, Tactical, participated in deployments in support of US national policy in Lebanon and Taiwan. In July 1958, KB-50J tankers belonging to the 4505th assisted TAC's CASF in its deployment to Turkey. One month later, the 4505th again provided vital aerial refueling support to a CASF deployment to the Far East.

In spite of the participation of the 345th Bombardment Wing in these deployments, TAC inactivated the 345th and its squadrons in 1959 as part of the Air Force's program to reduce its wing structure. However, Langley tankers continued to play an active role in national policy, as demonstrated by "Operation QUICKSPAN," a 21-day tour of the Central Treaty Organization region in February 1960. With aerial and ground displays in Turkey, Iran, and Pakistan, the goodwill team demonstrated how self-contained TAC operational units based in the United States could rapidly deploy to overseas locations.

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Sources

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