

4710 AIR DEFENSE WING

MISSION

The mission of the 4710 Defense Wing is to provide aircraft and crews for interception in air defense; to organize, administer, equip, train, and prepare for combat in accordance with directives, policies, and schedules issued by Headquarters EADF or higher headquarters, such units and combat crews of the USAF as may be assigned for these purposes.

The wing is composed of five Fighter-Interceptor Squadrons and four Aircraft Control and Warning Squadrons. They are, respectively, the 96th and 332nd Fighter-Interceptor Squadrons, both located at New Castle County Airport, the 46th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware, the 95th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., and the 48th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron located at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Virginia. The AC&W Squadrons are: the 647th at Manassas, Virginia, the 648th at Benton, Pennsylvania, the 770th at Palermo, New Jersey, the 771st at Cape Charles, Virginia, and the 772nd at Claysburg, Pennsylvania.

LINEAGE

4710 Defense Wing designated and organized, 1 Feb 1952

Redesignated 4710 Air Defense Wing, 1 Jul 1954

Discontinued, 8 Jul 1956

STATIONS

New Castle Airport (later New Castle AFB) DE, 6 Feb 1952

O'Hare International Airport, IL, 1 Mar 1956

ASSIGNMENTS

Eastern Air Defense Force, 1 Feb 1952

26 Air Division, 16 Feb 1953

37 Air Division, 1 Mar 1956

COMMANDERS

Col. G. B. Greene, Jr., 6 Feb 1952



Col Milton H. Askins (USAF photo)

Col Milton H. Askins, 14 Jul 1952

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

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OPERATIONS

New Castle Air Force Base consists of buildings, facilities and runways leased from the New Castle County Airport Commission of the New Castle County Levy Court by the government. The lease, going back to September, 1946, was extended and amended on 20 May 1952 to give the USAF more facilities and space for the accomplishment of its mission.



4710 Defense Wing headquarters (USAF photo)

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Sources

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