

160 AIR REFUELING GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

160 Air Refueling Group, Tactical constituted and allotted the Air National Guard, 13 Mar 1961
Activated and extended federal recognition, 8 Jul 1961
Redesignated 160 Air Refueling Group, Medium, 1966
Redesignated 160 Air Refueling Group, Heavy, 1976
Redesignated 160 Air Refueling Group, 16 Mar 1992
Inactivated, 1 Oct 1993

STATIONS

Clinton County AFB, Wilmington, OH, Jul 1961
Lockbourne AFB (Later, Rickenbacker AFB) Columbus, OH, Sept 1971

ASSIGNMENTS

126 Air Refueling Wing, 8 Jul 1961
106 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jan 1971
171 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Oct 1972
121 Air Refueling Wing, 16 Mar 1992 – 1 Oct 1993

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

KC-97, 1962
KC-135, 1975

Support Aircraft

COMMANDERS

Col Frank H. Cattran, Mar 1956
Col Robert A. Kelley
Lt Col Frank Cattran, 1964
Col Edward J. Power, 13 Feb 1977
Col William J. Ingler, 28 Oct 1979
Col Donald W. Easley, 19 Jan 1985

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Decorations[edit]

Outstanding Unit ribbon.svg Air Force Outstanding Unit Award[3]

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, 5 June 1967 – 10 May 1968; DAF S.O. GB-157, 1 March 1969.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, First Oak Leaf Cluster, 11 May 1968 – 30 June 1975; DAF S.O. GB-558, 15 July 1977.

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OPERATIONS

160th Air Refueling Group activated and assigned to Clinton County AFB in Wilmington, Ohio and flew the C-119 as an interim aircraft.

Mar 1969 — The 160 Air Refueling Group, under the 126 Air Refueling Wing, received the AF Outstanding Unit Award for its participation in Operation "Creek Party" during the period 5 Jun 1967 through 10 May 1968.

Jan 1971 — The 160 Air Refueling Group was reassigned from the 126 Air Refueling Wing, Chicago O'Hare IAP ILL, to the 105 Air Refueling Wing, Suffolk Co. Arpt, NY.

Sep 1971— The 160 Air Refueling Group and subordinate units were transferred from Clinton County AFB, Wilmington, Ohio, to Lock-bourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio, (Renamed Rickenbacker AFB).

Oct 1972 — The 160 Air Refueling Group was reassigned from the 106 Air Refueling Wing, Suffolk Co, NY, to 171 Air Refueling Wing, Greater Pittsburgh Artp, PA.

In 1975, the unit became the first Air National Guard unit to fly the KC-135.

The unit was activated and deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation DESERT STORM in 1991.

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