

903 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON, HEAVY



MISSION

LINEAGE

903 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy constituted, 9 Mar 1959

Activated, 1 Apr 1959

Inactivated, 30 Sep 1976

STATIONS

Beale AFB, CA

ASSIGNMENTS

4126 Strategic Wing, 1 Apr 1959

456 Strategic Aerospace Wing (later Bombardment Wing, Heavy), 1 Feb 1963

17 Bombardment Wing, 30 Sep 1975-30 Sep 1976

WEAPON SYSTEMS

KC-135, 1959

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 1 Apr-30 Jun 1959

LTC Walter S. Shackelford, Jr., 1 Jun 1959

LTC Robert D. Inghram, 30 Apr 1961

LTC Salvador Felices, 30 Sep 1961

LTC Richard Dayton, 30 Sep 1964

Col Keith L. Gillespie, 30 Jun 1967

LTC Jesse Beitman, 30 Sep 1968

LTC Richard D. Jenkins, 1 Apr 1971
LTC Allen Myers, Jr., 1 Dec 1972
LTC William C. Walker, 3 Mar 1973
LTC William R. Perry, 15 Jun 1973
LTC Richard B. Leeka, 23 Jul 1974

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1963-30 Jun 1964
1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967

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VIRES PER UNITATEM = Strength Through Unity

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Deployed aircraft and crews worldwide to meet USAF and SAC refueling requirements. Participated in SAC directed exercises, ORI, alerts, and special operations, often requiring the 903rd to dispatch nearly all of its aircraft to distant operating locations including Alaska and the Far East.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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