

26 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

26 Air Refueling Squadron constituted, 9 May 1952

Activated, 28 May 1952

Inactivated, 15 September 1964

Redesignated 26th Expeditionary Air Refueling Flight, converted to provisional status and assigned to Air Mobility Command to activate or inactivate as needed, 29 Sep 2004

STATIONS

Lockbourne AFB, OH, 28 May 1952-1 Apr 1955

Westover AFB, MA, 22 Apr 1955

Plattsburgh AFB, NY, 7 Aug 1957-1 Apr 1961

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Thule AB, Greenland, 9 Sep 1955-2 Nov 1955

Thule AB, Greenland, 5 Sep 1956-15 Dec 1956

ASSIGNMENTS

26 Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, 28 May 1952

4050 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Apr 1955

820 Air Division, 7 August 1957 (attached to 380 Bombardment Wing)

380 Bombardment Wing, 1 Aug 1959

4108 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jan 1961

497 Air Refueling Wing, 1 Jan 1963 – 15 Sep 1964

WEAPON SYSTEMS

KC-97, Oct 1955

COMMANDERS

Maj Theodore J. Tanner

Lt Col Robert E. Copley, Apr 1956

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Ten KC-97s of the 26th AREFS departed for Thule AFB, Greenland on operation "Hide Out" on 4 Sep 1956. Final ten KC-97s of the 26th AREFS departed for Thule AFB, Greenland on operation "Hide Out" on 5 Sep. Redeployment of 26th AREFS from Thule AB to Westover AFB began on 15 Dec 1956.

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Sources

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