



# 916th AIR REFUELING WING

**The 916th Air Refueling Wing is a key aerial refueling unit assigned to the Fourth Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command. From Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., the wing and its people deploy worldwide in support of various Air Force operations and contingencies. More than 1,100 traditional reservist, full-time air reserve technicians and active duty Airmen serve in the wing.**

The mission of the 916th Air Refueling Wing is to develop and maintain the operational capability of its subordinate units, to train and equip all members, and to maintain sixteen KC-135R aircraft for worldwide operational commitments.

The wing has 16 subordinate units in three groups and one flight: the 916th Maintenance Group, the 916th Mission Support Group, the 916th Operations Group and the 916th Aerospace Medicine Flight.

Subordinate units include the 911th Air Refueling Squadron, an active associate squadron with operations and maintenance members.

Possible taskings for the Operations and Maintenance Groups include air refueling, cargo/troop transport, emergency aeromedical evacuation and emergency war order support. Possible taskings for the Mission Support Group include the support provided by its professionals in its Communications, Civil Engineer, Logistics, Security Forces and Services organizations.

The wing's medical professionals ensure all its members are fit and ready to go.

Additionally, the wing provides administrative support to the 564th Red Horse Squadron and three geographically separated units at Langley AFB, Va.: the 718th Intelligence Squadron, 42 IS, and 63 IS.

## **Current Contributions and Past Operations:**

-Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, continuous deployments to:  
Afghanistan, Southwest Asia, Europe and Guam

-Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn: Iraq and Southwest Asia

-Operation Odyssey Dawn and Unified Protector: Libya and Spain

-Homeland Defense

## **Past Highlights:**

1986 - 916th Air Refueling Group, Heavy, activated at Seymour Johnson AFB to fly KC-10s in association with the 68th Air Refueling Wing

1994 - 916th stood up as an Air Refueling Wing with 10 KC-135R refuelers

1996/97 - 916th grew to more than 800 personnel. Realigned internally with three groups, several squadrons & flights; unit transferred two KC-135s to other AFRC units

2008 - 916th gained eight more KC-135Rs, and the first tanker active associate unit was activated at Seymour Johnson, again making Air Force history