

141st AIR REFUELING WING



MISSION

As an Air National Guard unit, the 141st Air Refueling Wing has both a federal and state mission. When gained by Air Mobility Command, the federal mission is to train, equip and deploy quality mobility forces to forward operating locations in support of specific contingency plans and other short-notice taskings. Since the flying unit received federal recognition in 1924, its been activated during World War II, the Korean War, Desert Storm, Allied Force, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and the global war on terrorism. Aside from presidential call-ups, many personnel throughout the wing have voluntarily deployed in support of the Expeditionary Air Force and other contingency operations. Since 1999, over one-fourth of the wing's members have deployed to locations such as Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Germany, France, Italy, Iceland and Hungary.

State Mission

Under order of the governor of the state of Washington, the wing provides protection of life and property and preserves peace, order and public safety. Members of the wing served on state active duty following the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980 cleaning up ash in many of the smaller communities of eastern Washington and during fire storms, floods, and ice storms. The unit's Security Forces Squadron supported local law enforcement in Pullman following campus riots in 1998.

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Fairchild AFB, WA

ASSIGNMENTS

Washington ANG

WEAPON SYSTEMS

KC-135

COMMANDERS

Col Donald L. Powell, #1993

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Airmen at Fairchild AFB, Wash., gathered for the groundbreaking of the base's new combined wing headquarters building that will bring the 92nd Air Refueling Wing and Washington state Air National Guard's 141st ARW under one roof. "I think the new building will symbolize the future of the Active Duty and Guard airmen working together in close corners, representing and improving Total Force integration," said Col. Paul Guemmer, 92nd ARW commander, at the May 1 groundbreaking ceremony. "This building will improve our ability to work close hand-in-hand with the 92nd ARW," said Col. Richard Kelly, 141st ARW commander. Jackson Contractor Group of Missoula, Mont., received the contract to build the \$11.2 million building on April 25, said Fairchild officials. The base's current headquarters facility was built in 1943, they said. 2012

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