

940th Air Refueling Wing Fact Sheet

- Is located at Beale Air Force Base, California.
- Primary mission is to provide aerial refueling and airlift capabilities to support national security objectives worldwide.
- The wing consists of 4 groups and 1 flying squadron.
- 8 assigned KC-135Rs
- More than seven hundred 940 ARW Airmen call Beale home

History

1963: The wing began as a troop carrier unit, the 940th Troop Carrier Group (940 TCG) flying the C-119G Flying Boxcar.

1965: The 940th converted to the C-123C Globemaster II aircraft and became the 940th Military Airlift Group (940 MAG).

1972: 940 MAG converted to the C-130 Hercules with a mission of air transportation of airborne forces, airdropping equipment and supplies, extraction, and airlanding as the 940th Airlift Group (940 TAG).

1976: 940 TAG received its first KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft in preparation for becoming an air refueling unit. The 940th Air Refueling Group (940 ARG) performed air refueling missions worldwide from 1977-2008.

1990: 940 ARG deployed 6 KC-135 aircraft and 187 unit Reservists to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in the first 2 weeks of Operation Desert Shield.

1991: 940 ARG maintained Cold War alert responsibility for the Strategic Air Command.

1994: The 940 ARG became the 940th Air Refueling Wing (940 ARW). 940 ARW periodically deployed personnel and aircraft in support of NATO operation in the Balkans in the late 1990s.

2001: September 11, 940 ARW participated in homeland defense and Global War on Terror operations around the world. The unit supported Operations IRAQI FREEDOM/NEW DAWN, ENDURING FREEDOM, and RESTORE HOPE.

2009: The 940th converted to the 940th Wing (940 WG) and began flying the RQ-4 Global Hawk and as a classic associate wing to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base, participated in ISR missions round the world from 2009 to 2016. The operations supported included TOMODACHI, PACIFIC PASSAGE and ODYSSEY DAWN.

2016: 940 WG reverted back to its air refueling mission flying the KC-135 Stratotanker and became the 940 ARW again. It continues its worldwide support mission from its base in northern California.