

## Lineage & honors

### 106<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron Alabama Air National Guard



Lineage: Organized as the 106<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, 27 August 1917.  
Redesignated 800<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, 1 February 1918.  
Inactivated May/July 1919.  
Reactivated 135<sup>th</sup> Squadron and federally recognized, 21 January 1922.  
In 1936, the lineage and honors of the 800<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron was consolidated with the 135<sup>th</sup> Squadron.  
Redesignated 135<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 25 January 1923.  
Redesignated 114<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 1 May 1923.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 16 January 1924.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron (Medium), 13 January 1942.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 4 July 1942.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron (Bombardment), 2 April 1943.  
Redesignated 100<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 9 May 1944.  
Inactivated 100<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 11 December 1945.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squadron (Light) and allotted to National Guard, 24 May 1946.  
Extended federal recognition, 25 November 1946.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (Night-Photo), 1 February 1951.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 9 January 1952.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron (Photo Jet), 1 May 1957.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron, 15 March 1992.  
Redesignated 106<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, October 1994

Assignments: US Army Air Service, 17 August 1917.  
Artillery Aerial Observation School, February 1918 – April 1919.  
Alabama National Guard, 21 January 1922.  
39<sup>th</sup> Division, 1 May 1923.

31<sup>st</sup> Division, 16 January 1924.  
Fourth Corps Area, 25 November 1940.  
IV Army Corps, c. December 1940.  
66th Observation (later Reconnaissance) Group, 1 September 1941.  
76th Reconnaissance Group, 20 June 1943.  
Third Air Force, 13 July 1943.  
III Reconnaissance Command, 23 August 1943.  
42d Bomb Group, attached in January 1944 and assigned 1 February – 11 December 1945.  
13<sup>th</sup> Air Force, January 1944.  
Alabama National Guard, 24 May 1946.  
Continental Air Command, 5 January 1952.  
118th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 9 January 1952.  
Tactical Air Command, 9 January 1952.  
117<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 1 January 1953.  
Alabama Air National Guard, 1 January 1953.  
Tactical Air Command, 1 July 1960.  
7117<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, November 1961.  
United States Air Forces Europe, November 1961.  
Alabama Air National Guard, 20 August 1962.  
117<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 15 October 1962.  
117<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 9 December 1974.  
9th Air Force. C. 1981  
35th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional), 24 August 1990.  
117<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Wing, 15 March 1992.  
Air Combat Command, 1 June 1992.  
21<sup>st</sup> Air Force, October 1994.  
Air Mobility Command, October 1994.

Stations:

Kelly Field, Texas, 27 August 1917.  
St Maixent, France, 2 January 1918.  
Champ de tir de Souge, France, 28 February 1918 – April 1919  
Camp de Coetquidan, Moribihan, 1 March – 28 October 1918.  
Le Valdohon, France, 2 March 1918-c. May 1919.  
Mitchel Field, New York, c. 28 April – 2 July 1919.  
Roberts Field, Birmingham, Alabama, 21 January 1922.  
Fort Sumter Smith, Birmingham, Alabama, 25 November 1940.  
Miami Mun Airport, Florida, c. 14 December 1941.  
Jacksonville Airport, Florida, 14 March 1942.  
Chatham Field, Savannah, Georgia, May 1942.  
Tullahoma, Tennessee, c. 8 September 1942.  
Morris Field, North Carolina, North Carolina, November 1942.  
Fort Meyers, Florida, December 1942.  
Morris Field, North Carolina, 2 February 1943.  
Camp Campbell, Kentucky, 3 April 1943.  
Chatham Field, Savannah, Georgia, 23 June 1943.

Guadalcanal, 15 November 1943 (operated through Russell islands, January 1944).  
Sterling Island, 25 January 1944 (operated from Hollandia, 6 August – 14 September 1944).  
Sansapor, New Guinea, 24 August 1944 (operated from Morotai, 22 February – 22 March 1945).  
Palawan, 15 March – November 1945.  
Camp Stoneman, California, 11 December 1945.  
Sumter Smith Field, Birmingham, Alabama, 25 November 1946.  
Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, 5 January 1952.  
Birmingham Municipal Airport, Alabama, 1 January 1953.  
Dreux Air Base, France, November 1961.  
Sheikh Air Base, Bahrain, 24 August 1990.  
Istres, France, June 1995; January 1998; August 2000; March 2001  
Pisa, Italy, November 1995; 1 November – 3 December 1996.  
NAS Keflavik, Iceland, 15 February – 24 March 1996; April 1999.  
Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, March 1999.  
Brize Norton, United Kingdom, 4 May 1999.  
Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, 17 October 2001.

#### Operations:

World War I-aircraft maintenance and repair, France, 1918-1919.  
Domestic support to Alabama Governor-Mine rescue, November 1923.  
Domestic support to Alabama Governor-Flood relief operations, 16-30 March 1929.  
World War Two-antisubmarine patrols, December 1941-March 1942, May – September 1942; combat operations in South and Southwest Pacific, 30 January 1944 – 14 August 1945.  
Korean War call-up, 1 April 1951.  
Berlin Crisis call-up, 1 October 1961.  
Exercise Poncho/Exercise Minutemen Alpha/Exercise Ready-Go, 1963-1964.  
Operation Desert Shield, 24 August 1990.  
Operation Deny Flight, 15 June – 30 July, 1995; 14 November – 13 December 1995.  
Operation Joint Endeavor, 1 November – 3 December 1996  
Operation Viking Thunder, 15 February – 24 March 1996.  
Operation Deliberate Guard, January 1998  
Operation Noble Anvil (Allied Force), 4 May 1999  
Iceland Alert Mission, April 1999.  
Operation Joint Forge, March 1999; August 2000; March 2001  
Operation Deliberate Forge, 31 July – 31 August 2000.  
Operation Noble Eagle, 12 September 2001.  
Operation Enduring Freedom, 17 October 2001.  
Operation Iraqi Freedom, March 2003.  
Hurricane Katrina relief operations, 2005.

Aircraft:	JN-4, JN-6, DH-4, TW-3, PT-1, BT-1, O-2, O-11, O-17. O-38 O-47 O-49, A-20, P-39, P-40 P-43, O-46, L-3, L-4 B-25 A-26B RB-26 RF-84F RF-4C KC-135R	1922 -1933  c. 1933 – 1941 c. 1938 - 1942 1941-1942 1942 1943-1945 May 1946 Feb 1951 May 1957 Feb 1971 June 1994
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Service Streamers: World War I Service Streamer-France, 30 December 1917-11 November 1918.

Campaign Streamers: Antisubmarine campaign, American Theater, 7 December 1941 – 2 September 1945.  
China Defensive, 4 July 1942 – 4 May 1945  
New Guinea, 24 January 1943 – 31 December 1944  
Northern Solomons, 22 February 1943 – 21 November 1944  
Bismarck Archipelago, 15 December 1943 – 27 November 1944  
Western Pacific, 17 April 1944 – 2 September 1945  
Leyte, 17 October 1944 – 1 July 1945  
Luzon, 15 December 1944 – 4 July 1945  
Southern Philippines, 27 February -4 July 1945  
China Offensive, 5 May 1945 – 2 September 1945

Decorations: Presidential Unit Citation: Balikpapan, Borneo, 23-30 June 1945.  
Philippine Presidential Unit Citadel

Awards: Air Force Outstanding Unit Award:  
1 July 1978 – 30 June 1979  
1 April 1983 – 31 March 1985  
1 April 1985 – 31 March 1987  
1 January 1989 -1 January 1991  
24 March 1999 – 10 June 1999

Emblem: On a dark blue shield two gold incised lion's paws in saltire. Unit Motto: SUMMO EST OPPORTUNITAS (There is room at the top). A shield azure, two lions gambes erased in saltire or. Golden orange and ultramarine blue are the colors of the Army Air forces. The crest of the Birmingham family was a pair of crossed lion paws.

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