

Lineage & honors

117th Air Refueling Wing Alabama Air National Guard



- Lineage:** Activated 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Group and allotted to Alabama National Guard, 31 March 1946.
Federally recognized, 26 November 1946.
Activated Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 1 September 1950.
Redesignated Headquarters, 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, 12 May 1952.
Federally recognized, 10 July 1952.
Redesignated 117th Air Refueling Wing, 16 October 1994.
- Assignments:** Tactical Air Command, 1 December 1950
7117th Air Base Wing, 11 November 1961
United States Air Forces Europe, 11 November 1961
9th Air Force. C. 1981
35th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional), 24 August 1990.
117th Reconnaissance Wing, 15 March 1992.
Air Combat Command, 1 June 1992.
21st Air Force, October 1994.
Air Mobility Command, 16 October 1994.
- Stations:** Hamilton Field, California, 12 November 1942.
Municipal Airport, Birmingham, Alabama, 31 March 1946.
Lawson Air Force Base, Georgia, 30 November 1950.
Toule-Rosiere, France, 29 January 1952
Dreux Air Base, France, 5 November 1961.
- Operations:** Korean War call-up, 1 October 1950.
Berlin Crisis call-up, 1 October 1961.

Aircraft:	A-26B	May 1946
	RB-26	Feb 1951
	RF-84F	May 1957
	RF-4C	Feb 1971
	KC-135R	June 1994

Service Streamers: None.

Campaign Streamers: None.

Decorations: None.

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: The saltire is from the Confederate flag and symbolizes the “heart of Dixie.” The globe with the comet is indicative of the striking power of the squadron ready to serve and defend against an aggressor. Unit Motto: DEFEND AND SERVE

Emblem approved 30 November 1953

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