

Lineage and Honors History
of the
461st Air Control Wing (ACC)

Lineage.

Established as 461st Bombardment Wing, Light, on 11 Dec 1953.
Activated on 23 Dec 1953.

Redesignated as 461st Bombardment Wing, Tactical, on 1 Oct 1955.
Inactivated on 1 Apr 1958.

Redesignated as 461st Bombardment Wing, Heavy, and activated, on
15 Nov 1962. Organized on 1 Feb 1963. Discontinued, and
inactivated on 25 Mar 1968.

Redesignated as 461st Air Control Wing on 1 Sep 2011. Activated
on 1 Oct 2011.

Assignments.

Ninth Air Force, 23 Dec 1953-1 Apr 1958 (attached to Nineteenth Air
Force, 15 Apr 1956-1 Apr 1958).

Strategic Air Command, 15 Nov 1962; 22 Strategic Aerospace
Division, 1 Feb 1963;

819th Strategic Aerospace Division, 1 Jul 1964;

Second Air Force, 1 Jul 1965;

19th Air Division, 2 Jul 1966-25 Mar 1968.

Ninth Air Force, 1 Oct 2011-.

Operational Components.

Groups:

461st Bombardment (later, 461 Operations): 23 Dec 1953-8 Jan
1958; 1 Oct 2011-.

Squadrons:

764th Bombardment, 1 Feb 1963-25 Mar 1968.

909th Air Refueling: 1 Apr 1963-25 Jun 1966.

Stations.

Hill AFB, UT, 23 Dec 1953;
Blytheville AFB, AR, 8 Apr 1956-1 Apr 1958.
Amarillo AFB, TX, 1 Feb 1963-25 Mar 1968.
Robins AFB, GA, 1 Oct 2011-.

Commanders.

Lt. Col. Gus Weiser, 23 Dec 1953;
Lt. Col. Thomas R. Ford, 29 Jan 1954-1 Apr 1958.
None (not manned), 15 Nov 1962-31 Jan 1963;
Col. William R. Calhoun Jr., 1 Feb 1963;
Col. John B. Paine, 11 Jun 1965;
Col. Charles D. Lewis, 2 Jul 1965;
Col. John B. Paine, 21 Jul 1967;
Col. William H. Hill, 19 Jan-25 Mar 1968.

Aircraft.

B-26, 1953-1956;
C-47, 1954-1956;
B-57, 1955-1958.
B-52, 1963-1968;
KC-135, 1963-1966.

Operations.

Organized in response to a need for increased air support of ground forces and air interdiction by the close of the Korean War. Although the Air Force envisioned equipping the 461st with B-57s, these were not available at the time of activation so the wing received B-26s. The wing trained for light bombardment and tactical bombardment proficiency. Participated in actual and simulated exercises involving the deployment of aircraft and crews. It also operated Blytheville AFB, AR from 8 Apr 1956 to inactivation in 1958. Activated at Amarillo AFB, TX in 1963 and absorbed the personnel and equipment of the 4128 Strategic Wing. Trained to maintain heavy bombardment proficiency, participating in operational readiness inspections and

actual and simulated exercises. Deployed B-52 aircraft and crews to Anderson AFB, Guam, 18 Jan-4 Jul 1967 for combat operations in Southeast Asia. Maintained combat bombing proficiency until 21 Jan 1968 when the last B-52 departed.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 1 Jul 1966-30 Jun 1967.

Bestowed Honors.

Authorized to display honors earned by the 461st Bombardment Group prior to 23 Dec 1953.

Service Streamers. None.

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:*

Southern France;

Po Valley;

North Apennines;

Rome-Arno;

Normandy;

Northern France;

Central Europe;

Air Combat EAME Theater.

Decorations.

Distinguished Unit Citations: Hungary, 12-13 Apr 1944;

Ploesti, 15 Jul 1944.