

## Col. Thomas D. Torkelson



### 100th Air Refueling Wing Commander

Colonel Thomas D. Torkelson is the commander of the 100th Air Refueling Wing, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom, supporting four USAF MAJCOM flying programs and more than 16,800 military, civilian, dependent, and retiree personnel. With 15 KC-135 aircraft, the wing is the only permanently assigned air refueling operation in the European and Africa theater.

Colonel Torkelson received his commission in 1992 after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy. As a command pilot, his flying career includes service as an instructor and evaluator in both the KC-135R and the C-21A. Colonel Torkelson deployed to U-Tapao, Thailand, in the immediate aftermath of September 11, 2001, where he participated in the initial air bridge bringing first-strike bombers into the Afghan theater. He also acted as Commander of the 351st Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron during Operation Unified Protector in 2011, standing up NATO's forward operating tanker base at Istres, France.

## CMSgt. Anthony Cruz Munoz



### Command Chief

Chief Master Sergeant Anthony Cruz Munoz serves as the 100th Air Refueling Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Royal Air Force Station Mildenhall, England. As command chief, Chief Cruz Munoz is the senior enlisted leader responsible to the commander for the professional development, military readiness, and mission effectiveness of over 3,000 Airmen. He advises the commander on concerns, attitudes, morale, welfare, and effective utilization of the enlisted force. Chief Cruz Munoz also promotes quality of life initiatives to improve living quarters, dining facilities, and recreational activities for all assigned Airmen and their families.

Chief Cruz Munoz entered the Air Force in September 1990. His background includes diverse duties within the personnel career field serving at the unit, base, Air Force Major Command, Joint Command, and Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center levels. He also served as Superintendent, First Term Airmen Center and Executive Assistant to the Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant and was a First Sergeant for four years with duties at the squadron and group level. Additionally, he was the Senior Enlisted Advisor in Afghanistan for the Defense Contracts Management Agency. His assignments include bases in Florida, England, Texas, Qatar, Turkey, Guam, and Japan, as well as deployments in support of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM to Qatar, Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

## RAF Mildenhall - Fast Facts

### Assigned Aircraft:

KC-135R, MC-130J, CV-22 and RC-135

**Size of Installation:** 1,162 acres

**Length of Runway:** 9,221 Feet

### Population:

About 3,100 U.S. military and 3,000 Family Members

About 800 Civilians (MOD, LNDH, NAF and U.S.)



### Did you know?

In Fiscal Year 2014, the 100th Air Refueling Wing flew 1,575 missions totaling 8,296 hours – which means we were in the air for more than 345 days. During these missions, the 100th ARW refueled 5,463 U.S. and coalition aircraft with 58.2 million pounds of fuel.

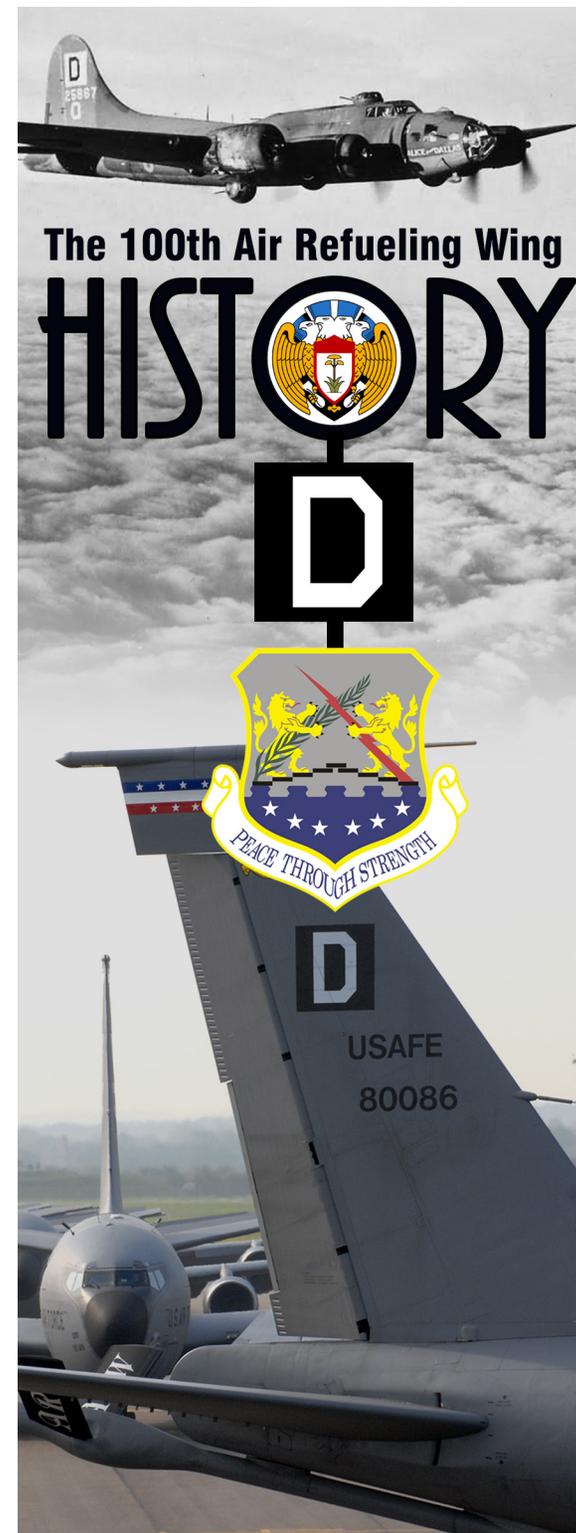
A gas station pump operating for 24 hours wouldn't pump as much fuel as a KC-135R pours through its boom in eight minutes.

Enough material is contained in the tires of the KC-135R landing gear to produce 100 car tires.

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The U.S. Army Air Force activated the 100th Bombardment Group Heavy.



The 100th BG flew against submarine yards at Bremen, Germany. This was also the beginning of the Bloody Hundredth's legacy.



The 100th BG flew its last combat mission.



The official wing emblem changed and the wing motto became "Peace Through Strength."



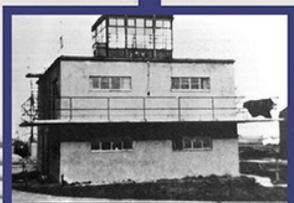
The 100th SRW went through several major changes. The U.S. Air Force moved the wing to Beale Air Force Base, California, and was redesignated the 100th Air Refueling Wing.



The 100th ARW received the first of its own KC-135 Stratotanker.

Jun. 1	Jun. 4	Jun. 25	Oct. 8 to 14	Apr. 20	Jan. 1	Nov. 22	Jun. 25	Sept. 30	Feb. 1	May 22	Jun. 29
1942	1943	1943	1943	1945	1956	1957	1966	1976	1992	1992	1995

The 100th BG moved on to the Army Air Force Station 139 at Thorpe Abbots, England.



The 100th BG endured a difficult period of losses known as "Black Week".



The new independent U.S. Air Force reactivated the unit as the 100th Bombardment Wing (BW) (Medium) at Portsmouth Air Force Base, New Hampshire.



The Air Force redesignated the organization 100th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing.



The unit returned to England after 47 years, as the 100th ARW, when it took command of the European Tanker Task Force.



The 100th ARW proposed U.S. Air Forces in Europe eliminate the ETTF and increase the wing's permanently assigned KC-135s from nine to 15.

