

Welcome to Pittsburgh – Home of the 171st Air Refueling Wing. The 171st ARW, located at the Pittsburgh International Airport, is the Pennsylvania Air National Guard's largest unit. It is one of only three "super tanker" units in the entire United States. Equipped with 16 KC-135R Stratotankers, aerial refueling aircraft, the Wing conducts training and operational missions throughout the world.

Throughout its five-decade history, the 171st Air Refueling Wing has flown fighter, transport and tanker aircraft. Since it earned its federal recognition in January of 1947, the Wing has been called to federal service numerous times, including duty during the Vietnam Conflict, Operations Desert Storm, Allied Force, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle.

On any given day, at least three 171st ARW tankers and crews can be found almost anywhere on the globe. The Wing forges an outstanding reliability rate and safety record of more than 200,000 hours of accident-free flying. We rank in the top 5% worldwide when it comes to safety of flight! In addition to providing a defense force for our nation, the unit also fosters educated, well-traveled and productive citizens, who value their responsibilities of service to our Commonwealth and duty to our country.

Our population attempts to mirror the diversity of the community. To reward their volunteerism and patriotism, members can qualify for civilian tuition assistance and extra pay.

The 171st Air Refueling Wing, in the tradition of the Minuteman, is a true partner in its community. Volunteer efforts of unit members have positively impacted the Pittsburgh area. Involvement in worthwhile causes such as the Combined Federal Campaign, United Way, youth charities and programs for the disabled are a few examples of our commitment to our neighbors. Members spend hundreds of hours in scouting, church and civic activities.

Economically, the presence of the wing is felt throughout the area. There are approximately 1,500 traditional and full-time Guard members, with an annual payroll that exceeds \$44 million. The base has an economic impact of nearly \$80 million.

The 171st Air Refueling Wing is committed to being the best in the Air National Guard. We are an organization dedicated to excellence in readiness, training, volunteerism, quality of life and achievement of goals through empowered involvement, communication and enlightened leadership.