

## 329<sup>th</sup> ARMAMENT SYSTEMS GROUP



### MISSION

#### LINEAGE

329<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group established, 24 Jun 1942

Activated, 10 Jul 1942

Redesignated 329<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group (Twin-Engine), 17 Sep 1942

Disestablished, 31 Mar 1944

Reestablished and redesignated 329<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group (Air Defense), 20 Jun 1955

Activated, 18 Aug 1955

Inactivated, 1 Aug 1959

Redesignated 329<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Group, 31 Jul 1985

Air Combat Support Systems Group established, 23 Nov 2004

Activated, 27 Jan 2005

329<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Group and Air Combat Support Systems Group consolidated, 3 May 2006

Redesignated 329<sup>th</sup> Armament Systems Group, 15 May 2006

#### STATIONS

Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Jul 1942

Paine Field, WA, 14 Jul 1942

Glendale, CA, 11 Sep 1942-31 Mar 1944

Stewart AFB, NY, 18 Aug 1955-1 Aug 1959

Eglin AFB, FL, 27 Jan 2005

#### ASSIGNMENTS

IV Fighter Command, 10 Jul 1942

Los Angeles Air Defense (later, Los Angeles Fighter) Wing, 12 Apr 1943  
Fourth Air Force, 1-31 Mar 1944  
4709<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Wing, 18 Aug 1955  
4707<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Wing, 8 Jul 1956  
4622<sup>nd</sup> Air Defense Wing (later, Boston Air Defense Sector), 18 Oct 1956-1 Aug 1959  
Air Armament Center, 27 Jan 2005

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P-38, 1942-1944  
F-86, 1955-1959

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Ernest W. Keating, 12 Jul 1942  
Maj Harold E. Kofahl, 8 Nov 1942  
Maj Leo F. Dusard, 18 Dec 1942  
LTC Paul W. Blanchard, 14 Feb 1943  
LTC Leo F. Dusard, 11 May 1943  
LTC John P. Randolph, 26 Oct 1943-31 Mar 1944  
Col Emil L. Sluga, 1955  
Col William C. Clark, by 1 Jan 1958  
Unkn, Jul 1958-Aug 1959

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

WWII American Theater

### **Campaign Streamers**

None

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

None

### **Decorations**

None

## **EMBLEM**

The sky Proper, a sinister arm embowed fesswise issuing from sinister, habited Azure, with a leather falconer's glove Proper, a falcon Or, wings extended, perched for flight, all within a diminished bordure Yellow. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "329TH ARMAMENT SYSTEMS GROUP" in Blue letters.  
**SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The falcon signifies the unit's warfighter who does not rest until the mission is complete. The falconer's gloved arm represents the support in armament systems

and close ties associated between the two. (Approved, 25 Jul 1957)

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

Used P-38's to train replacement pilots. Also provided cadres for fighter groups and provided air defense for the west coast, 1942-1944.

Performed air defense of the northeastern U.S., 1955-1959.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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