

428th FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

The 428th FS "Buccaneers" is the U.S. flagged flying squadron of the Peace Carvin V program, a long-term partnership with the Republic of Singapore. The squadron is dedicated to the training of Singaporean aircrew in the F-15SG, the country's newest fighter platform. The combined efforts of this program help ensure a strong U.S. relationship with Singapore, a critical partner in the region, while helping Singapore project airpower into the next generation.

LINEAGE

428th Fighter Squadron constituted, 26 May 1943
Activated, 1 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 5 Dec 1945
Redesignated 428th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 25 Jun 1952
Activated, 10 Jul 1952
Redesignated 428th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jul 1958
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1989
Redesignated 428th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 20 Mar 1990
Activated, 2 Apr 1990
Redesignated 428th Fighter Squadron, 1 Nov 1991
Inactivated, 12 Oct 1995
Activated, 15 Sep 1998
Inactivated on 5 Jul 2005
Activated on 18 May 2009

STATIONS

Glendale, CA, 1 Aug 1943
Van Nuys Metropolitan Arpt, CA, 11 Oct 1943
Palmdale AAFld, CA, 2 Jan-6 Feb 1944

Moreton, England, 12 Mar 1944
Neuilly, France, 6 Aug 1944
St Marceau, France, 2 Sep 1944
Peronne, France, 12 Sep 1944
Florennes, Belgium, 2 Oct 1944
Strassfeld, Germany, 30 Mar 1945
Langensalza, Germany, 22 Apr 1945
Schweinfurt, Germany, 16 Jun 1945
Stuttgart, Germany, 25 Oct-21 Nov 1945
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 4-5 Dec 1945
Misawa AB, Japan, 10 Jul 1952
Kunsan AB, South Korea, 10 Jul 1952
Taegu AB, South Korea, 1 Apr 1953-22 Nov 1954
Clovis (later, Cannon) AFB, NM, 13 Dec 1954
Nellis AFB, NV, 20 Jan 1968-29 Jul 1973
Takhli Royal Thai AB, Thailand, 30 Jul 1973
Nellis AFB, NV, 30 Jul 1973-14 Jul 1974
Korat Royal Thai AB, Thailand, 13 Jul 1974-15 Jun 1975
Nellis AFB, NV, 15 Jun 1975-30 Jun 1989
Cannon AFB, NM, 2 Apr 1990-12 Oct 1995
Cannon AFB, NM, 15 Sep 1998-5 Jul 2005
Mountain Home AFB, ID, 18 May 2009

DEPLOYED STATIONS

Toul-Rosieres AB, France, 1 Apr-28 Sep 1957
Incirlik AB, Turkey, 16 Feb-19 Jun 1959
Kadena AB, Okinawa, 31 May-23 Jun 1960
Incirlik AB, Turkey, 2 Oct 1961-15 Feb 1962
Incirlik AB, Turkey, 9 Jan-14 Apr 1963
Aviano, Italy, 12 Feb-8 May 1964
Da Nang AB, South Vietnam, 24 Nov 1964-13 Mar 1965
Takhli Royal Thai AB, Thailand, 8 Jan-29 Jul 1973
Ramstein AB, Germany, 27 Aug-26 Sep 1987

ASSIGNMENTS

474th Fighter Group, 1 Aug 1943-5 Dec 1945
474th Fighter Bomber Group, 10 Jul 1952
474th Fighter Bomber (later, 474 Tactical Fighter) Wing, 8 Oct 1957
347th Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Jul 1973
474th Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Jun 1975-30 Jun 1989
27th Tactical Fighter (later, 27 Fighter) Wing, 2 Apr 1990
27th Operations Group, 1 Nov 1991-12 Oct 1995
27th Operations Group, 15 Sep 1998-5 Jul 2005
366 Operations Group, 18 May 2009

ATTACHMENTS

58th Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Apr 1953-24 Nov 1954

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38, 1943-1945

F-84, 1952-1954

F-86, 1955-1957

F-100, 1957-1965

F-111, 1968-1977

T-33, 1968, 1970-1971, 1977

F-4, 1977-1980

F-16, 1980-1989

F-111A, 1990-1995

F-16C

F-16D

F-16, 1998-2005

F-84E

P-38F

P-38G

P-38J

P-38L

COMMANDERS

Cpt Robert W. Holmes, 1 Aug 1943

1Lt Ernest B. Nuckols Jr., 29 Sep 1943

Maj Earle C. Hedlund, 8 Oct 1943

Maj Ernest B. Nuckols Jr., 17 Oct 1944

Maj Arvis L. Hilpert, 3 Jan 1945

Maj John E. Hatch Jr., 4 May 1945-unkn 1945

Maj Robert S. Knapp, 10 Jul 1952

LTC Jack D. Stevens, 21 Oct 1952

Col Charles W. Reed, c. Apr 1953

Maj Jack A. Webster, May 1953-unkn

LTC John H. Brown, unkn-1955

Maj Richard J. Condrick, 1955

LTC Warren R. Lewis, 11 Aug 1955

Maj William K. Pope, 2 Jul 1956

Maj Jack O. Flack, by Nov 1958

Maj William K. Pope, by Dec 1959

LTC Archie W. Chatterley, by Jun 1961

LTC Wendell D. Brady, 16 Jul 1962

LTC Benjamin H. Clayton, 20 Aug 1963

Cpt Albert N. Nishihara, 14 Jul-c. Sep 1965

None (not manned), 15 Sep 1965-Jan 1967
Maj Robert C. Autry Jr., 30 Jan 1967
None (not manned), c. 30 Jun 1967-19 Jan 1968
LTC Benjamin C. Murph, 20 Jan 1968
LTC William E. Dougherty, 28 May 1968
LTC Benjamin C. Murph, c. 22 Nov 1968
LTC Maurice E. Seaver Jr., 1 Dec 1969
LTC William F. Palmer, 19 Jun 1970
LTC Warren C. Pearce, 30 Jun 1972
LTC Guy A. Hummon II, 27 Jun 1973
LTC Gordon M. Amsler, 29 Dec 1973
LTC Owen O. McIntyre, 18 May 1974
LTC Lester G. Frazier, 14 Sep 1974
LTC Donald G. Waltman, 18 Jun 1975
LTC George H. Peacock, 22 Mar 1976
LTC David L. Burney, 1 Jun 1977
LTC Robert H. Scible III, 9 Mar 1978
LTC Ben Nelson Jr., by Jun 1979
LTC William F. Looke, 15 Jun 1981
LTC Jerry K. Sharp, 12 Jul 1982
LTC Richard H. White, 20 Jul 1984
LTC Burr L. Crittenden, 11 Mar 1986
LTC Randy G. Holdman, 10 Nov 1987-30 Jun 1989
None (not manned), 2-30 Apr 1990
LTC Mark F. Richardson, 1 May 1990
LTC John L. Carnduff Jr., 15 Jun 1992
LTC Charles M. McGee, c. 18 Mar 1994-12 Oct 1995
LTC Charles M. McGee, c. 18 Mar 1994-12 Oct 1995
LTC David J. Lewis, 15 Sep 1998
LTC Robert K. Simm Jr., 14 Apr 2000
LTC Preston B. Thompson, 12 Oct 2001

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe
Air Combat, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Korea
Korea, Summer-Fall, 1952
Third Korean Winter
Korea, Summer, 1953

Vietnam
Vietnam Advisory
Vietnam Defensive
Vietnam Ceasefire

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
France, 23 Aug 1944
Korea, 1 Dec 1952-30 Apr 1953

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with the Combat "V" Device
[24] Nov 1964-15 Feb 1965
30 Jul 1973-15 May 1975

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
9 Mar 1961-9 Mar 1962
1 Jun 1987-31 May 1989
1 Apr 1992-31 Apr 1993
1 Apr 1992-31 Apr 1993
1 Jun 2002-31 May 2004

Citations in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army
6 Jun-30 Sep 1944
16 Dec 1944-25 Jan 1945

Belgian Fourragere

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
10 Jul 1952-30 Mar 1953

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
17-28 Jan 1973

EMBLEM



428th Fighter Squadron emblem



On a light blue disc, the figurehead of a bold buccaneer, wearing a three cornered hat black, charged with a skull and crossbones white, banded at the forehead white and black, a black patch over his right eye, his face flesh tones, with large open mouth, lips red, upper teeth showing, and heavily bearded black. (Approved, 3 Jun 1954)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Buccaneers

OPERATIONS

The 428th Fighter Squadron was constituted on May 26, 1943 and was first stationed at Glendale, California, flying the P-38. During World War II, the unit saw action in Europe. The 428th Fighter Squadron was initially stationed at Warmwell Airdrome, England, from which it conducted fighter sweeps over Normandy and Brittany. In August 1944, the squadron moved to the continent where it supported ground forces during the Battle of the Bulge and protected Remagen bridgehead over the Rhine. The squadron saw its last combat mission in Europe on May 8, 1945 and returned to the United States to be inactivated in December 1945.

The squadron was redesignated a fighter-bomber squadron and was reactivated for the Korean War in July 1952, flying the F-84. It returned from Korea in 1954 and moved to Clovis (later Cannon) AFB in 1955 to operate the F-86.

The 474th FBG received orders on 22 October 1955 to participate in Operation Sagebrush. The group would be the aggressor during the exercise, which carried through December. Difficulties were encountered due to lack of adequate equipment to enable involved units to be truly mobile. Scoring by "umpires" was problematic with higher echelon umpires calling the play when lower level umpires could better determine the results of the exercise's activities. This was an operational suitability test of the Mk. 12 nuclear weapon on the F-86H. Responsibility for conducting the program was assigned to the 428th FBS, which in the spring of 1955 was still in the process of transitioning to the F-86H. The squadron wasn't prepared for such an assignment but immediately took steps to correct deficiencies. On 14 July, after considerable preparatory work had been done, the 428th received a practice alert Operations Order. That the unit's preparations hadn't been carried out in vain became clear as the operation was carried out quite successfully and much was learned from the experience. Initially, it had been planned to carry out "Shortstuff" in August, but delays caused by training requirements and equipment deficiencies caused the program to be postponed until February 1956.

In 1957, the squadron received the F-100 aircraft and became a tactical fighter squadron. The squadron deployed to Europe to support NATO tasking several times in the 1950s and 1960s.

The 428th Fighter Squadron returned to Cannon AFB in March 1965, but remained unmanned and unequipped until it was moved to Nellis AFB, Nevada, to accept and train in the F-111. The squadron sent a detachment to Thailand for March to November 1968 to test the F-11 in combat.

In January 1973, the 428 FS deployed to Thailand, flying combat missions in North Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

F-111 68-0078 was lost on the first night of bombing raids -September 28; 67-0066 was lost on October 17; 67-0063 on November 8; 67-0092 on November 21; 67-0099 on December 18; and 67-0068 on December 27.

F-111 67-0071 and 67-0098 were involved in a mid-air collision on February 17, 1973, while changing lead and acting as pathfinders for a flight of F-4s.

The squadron returned to Nellis in June 1975.

In 1977, the squadron received F-4Ds, but retained them only 3 years before transitioning to the F-16. The squadron received combat-ready status with F-16s in April 1981 and deployed to a variety of exercise taskings before inactivation in June 1989.

The 428th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron activated at Cannon AFB in April 1990. In June, the squadron received the first F-111Gs, a modified version of the FB-111.

F-111 68-0040 While assigned to the 27th TFW at Cannon AFB, New Mexico, 68-0040 became the last F-111E loss when it crashed on February 16, 1995. It was on final approach to Cannon AFB, practicing a single engine approach with retracted flaps, when the "good" engine failed. The pilot immediately applied power to the simulated lost engine, but the engine was not able to spool up in time to prevent the aircraft from contacting the ground. The crew ejected, with the capsule hitting the ground after one swing from the main parachute. The aircraft burned on impact. The crew, pilot Ed "Fig" Newton and WSO 1LT Randolph Winge, received only minor injuries.

Conducted continuation training of Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) personnel in rapid deployment and tactical employment of F-16 aircraft, 1998-2005.

U.S. government and Republic of Singapore officials celebrated their partnership during the Peace Carvin V inauguration of the F-15SG fighter detachment Nov. 19 here. The ceremony honored the Peace Carvin V F-15 detachment known as the 428th Fighter Squadron, which will operate up to 12 F-15SG at the base, and feature Singapore and American airmen working side-by-side. The detachment of approximately 16 Airmen, 250 Republic of Singapore air force personnel, and 95 contractors to include pilots, weapons system officers and ground crew members, will implement air-to-air and air-to-ground training and development programs.

A core group of fully qualified F-15SG air and ground crew will bring the F-15SG fighter aircraft up to full operational capability by 2012. "While our relationship with the Republic of Singapore and its air force has been strong in the past, I know the partnership here will bring us even closer together," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley. "We look forward to working toward our common objectives and increasing our interoperability, so that when necessary, our two air forces can stand shoulder-to-shoulder in defense of our mutual interests."

Members of the 428th FS will also participate in Air Force exercises such as Cope Tiger in Thailand and Red Flag at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., to hone their professional skills and

enhance their combat readiness. The partnership builds mutual cooperation both commercially and militarily, and strengthens the bonds between the two countries. "These exercises foster mutual understanding and enhance interoperability between our armed forces," said Teo Chee Hean, Republic of Singapore deputy prime minister and minister for defence. "They allow us to operate seamlessly together when called upon to do so, such as in multinational operations in Iraq, as well as in relief operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina."

According to Secretary Donley, Singapore's men and women have been steadfast and reliable partners in combating maritime piracy, violent extremism, the transit of weapons of mass destruction, and human suffering caused by natural and man-made disasters. The long-term goals of the partnership are to build lasting relationships between the two militaries and personnel, and elevate the partnership between both nations.

The Peace Carvin V detachment was established in October 2008. "In the last 12 months, we've gone a long way to make this a reality, and it's happened through our consistent diplomacy, consensus and teamwork," said Col. John Bird, the 366th Fighter Wing commander. The short-term goal of Peace Carvin V is to help the Republic of Singapore air force train enough pilots, weapons systems operators, ground control intercept officers, and maintainers to be able to operate its new fleet of F-15SG at Mountain Home AFB and in Singapore.

After this initial training cycle is complete, the primary training will transition to Singapore, and the Peace Carvin V program will function as a high-end training squadron. "This merging of U.S. and Singapore training will help develop commonality between the air forces and assist in future operations," said Lt. Col. Keith Gibson, the 428th FS commander.

The deputy prime minister said the Republic of Singapore air force detachments in the United States, "have provided realistic, rigorous and demanding training for our airmen to build up their combat readiness. "They have also seen countless friendships forged between the airmen and crews of our two air forces," he said. "They are a reflection of the longstanding defense relationship between Singapore and the United States." The Peace Carvin program has a history spanning 21 years with detachments at four other locations in the United States. 2009

Air Force Order of Battle

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